

10 Communication Health STATISTICS

1. The cost of hearing loss to the Canadian economy is estimated to be in the **tens of billions of dollars**.
2. 47% of Canadians between the ages of 15 and 64 who have a hearing limitation **report being unemployed**.
3. **Only 53% of people** who would benefit from a hearing aid actually has one.
4. Over **5% of the world's population** has disabling hearing loss.
5. Every \$1 spent on early childhood health and development saves up to \$9 in future health, social and justice services. **Return on investment (ROI) = 800%**
6. A UK study found that approximately 36% of 11 year olds with specific language impairment (SLI) were at **risk of being bullied**.
7. In Canada, boys with language impairment have **higher rates of arrests and convictions** than boys who do not.
8. A Canadian study found that young adults (between the ages of 18 and 24 years old) who had a history of language impairment had one of the **highest rates of psychiatric disorders** in the community: 37%
9. A study comparing individuals with untreated hearing loss to those using hearing aids found that those with untreated hearing loss were **36% more likely to have suffered** from depression in the last 12 months.
10. Infants with hearing loss who are identified and receiving intervention by the age of six months perform **20 % to 40% better on school-related language measures** than children who are only identified later.