

Basic Facts About Hearing Loss Statistics

- About 17 percent of adults in the United States, 48 million, report some degree of hearing loss.
- An estimated 3 million Florida residents have hearing loss, about 140,000 in Jacksonville.
- At age 65, one out of three people has a hearing loss.
- 60 percent of the people with hearing loss are either in the work force or in educational settings.
- While people in the workplace with the mildest hearing losses show little or no drop in income compared to their normal hearing peers, as the hearing loss increases, so does the reduction in compensation.
- About 2-3 of every 1,000 children are hard of hearing or deaf
- It is estimated that 30 school children per 1,000 have a hearing loss.
- Hearing Loss is the #1 reported injury among military veterans.
- It is estimated that over 22 million workers are exposed to hazardous noise on the job.
- Only 1 out of every 5 people who would benefit from a hearing aid actually wears one.
- Approximately 5% of American children 18 years of age and younger suffer from a hearing loss.

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**Yes, I want to know about your
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Jacksonville (HLA-Jax) mailing list to
receive meeting announcements and
the newsletter, *The Communicator***

Email:

The Communicator.jax@gmail.com

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CHARGE TO OUR MONTHLY
MEETINGS. BRING YOUR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS.**

**Are you a veteran with hearing loss and a
Florida resident?**

The Hearing Loss Association of Florida (HLA-FL) would like to give you a gift of one-year membership with no strings attached.

To qualify for this offer, it is required that:

- You are a legal resident of Florida
- You are a veteran of any war or conflict beginning with the current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan going as far back as WW2
- You have a hearing loss
- You want the necessary information to help you adjust to your hearing loss
- You have not previously been a member of Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

For information: www.hla-fl.org



Education • Support Advocacy

**The only chapter of the Hearing
Loss Association of America
(HLAA) serving Duval, Clay, St.
John's and Nassau Counties.
Founded February 2006**

***Meets third Tuesday of the
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HLAAJacksonvilleChapter](http://www.facebook.com/HLAAJacksonvilleChapter)
Twitter: twitter.com/hlaajaxflorida***

IMPORTANT LINKS

• **Hearing Loss Association of America, Jacksonville Chapter**

www.hla-jax.org

• **The Communicator, Newsletter for the Hearing Loss Association of America, Jacksonville Chapter**

<http://hla-jax.org/index.php/the-communicator/>

• **HLA-Jax Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/HLAAJacksonvilleChapter>

• **Hearing Loss Association of Florida**

www.hla-fl.org

• **Jacksonville Walk4Hearing Facebook**

www.facebook.com/Walk4HearingJacksonville

• **HLA-FL Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/HLAAFlorida>

• **Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)**

www.hearingloss.org

• **Become an HLAA member**

www.hearingloss.org/membership/index.asp

• **HLAA chapters in Florida**

www.hearingloss.org/chapters/index.asp

• **Hearing Loss Association of America Community Forum and Chat Room**

www.myhearingloss.org/forum/

• **Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

www.fcdhh.org

• **Accessible Movie Theaters in Florida**

www.captionfish.com

• **Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI)**

www.ftri.org/

• **Florida Academy of Audiology (FLAA)**

www.floridaaudiology.org



We discuss all subjects:

- Hearing aid questions and problems
- Your Legal Rights (the ADA)
- Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs)
- Cochlear Implants
- Bone Conduction Implants
- Emergency Preparedness
- Advocacy and legislation
- Telephone strategies
- Workplace Accommodations
- Employment strategies
- Communication Accessibility
- Travel with a hearing loss
- Assertiveness
- Hearing Service dogs
- Coping strategies
- Closed Captioning - TV
- Accessible Movie Theaters
- Helping our families and friends understand us
- Families and friends of people with hearing loss
- Parents of children with hearing loss
- Middle Ear Implants
- Tinnitus
- Newborn Screening
- Support
- Advocacy
- Education

Please support our major fund-raising activities:

Walk4Hearing

www.walk4hearing.org

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Birdies for Charity

www.birdiesforcharity.playerschampionship.com/

Who We Are

The Hearing Loss Association of America, (HLAA), is the largest consumer organization of people with hearing loss in the United States. For \$35 a year you may become a national member. There are no dues for our local Jacksonville Chapter.

www.hearingloss.org

Benefits of joining HLAA

- Six copies a year of Hearing Loss Magazine with many informative articles written by people like you.
- A chance to be a voice for the hard of hearing before legislative bodies.
- The opportunity to network with other people who have hearing loss.
- A place to learn the latest about hearing aids and cochlear implants.
- A place to find people who experience the same problems you do.
- Links to the best information on assistive listening devices (ALDs).
- A subscription to our award-winning state newsletter, *Hear Ye, Hear Ye*.
- **Discounts through cooperating companies**
- SoundAid Warranties provides a 10% discount on annual warranty premiums to all HLAA members.
- Harris Communications HLAA members get a 20% discount on most items in our store.
- Avis gives members \$20 off a weekly car rental in addition to a possible 25% discount.
- Teltext, Inc., provides HLAA members a 20% discount off selected items.
- ClearSounds Communications gives a 20% discount at checkout to HLAA members.
- HITEC gives a 20% discount for assistive listening devices.
- HLAA Travel is a full-featured travel website.
- and more: www.hearingloss.org/content/member-benefits