

MAKING LIBRARIES ACCESSIBLE FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING COMMUNITY



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Labels & Identities



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- **Deaf (or deaf)**
 - <https://accessibe.com/glossary/deaf-vs-deaf>
- **Deaf Blind**
 - <https://www.nationaldb.org/info-center/deaf-blindness-overview/>
- **Deaf Disabled**
 - Hearing loss over 35db and other physical disabilities present
- **Late-Deafened**
 - <https://mn.gov/deaf-hard-of-hearing/hearing-loss/adults/late-deafened/>
- **Hard of Hearing**
 - aka Hearing Impaired, but this is considered to be an insensitive label.
 - It means this person has a tested 35db or greater loss of hearing.
- **CODA/SODA**
 - Child of Deaf Adults and/or Sibling of Deaf Adults
- **Find out more on deaf culture and identity at:**
 - <https://www.nad.org/resources/american-sign-language/community-and-culture-frequently-asked-questions/>
 - <https://www.lifeprint.com/asl101/topics/labels-deaf-community.htm>

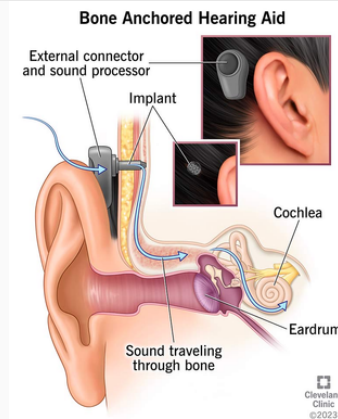


Assistive Equipment & Tech

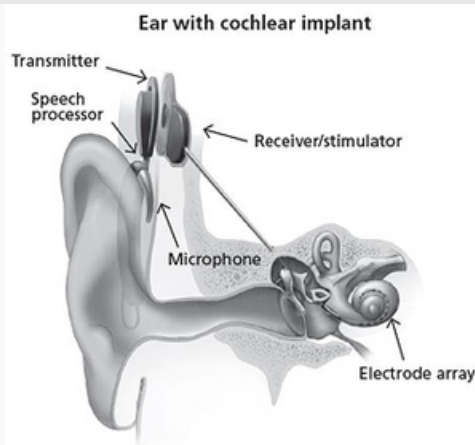
Hearing Aids



Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA) OR Bone Anchored Implant (BAI)



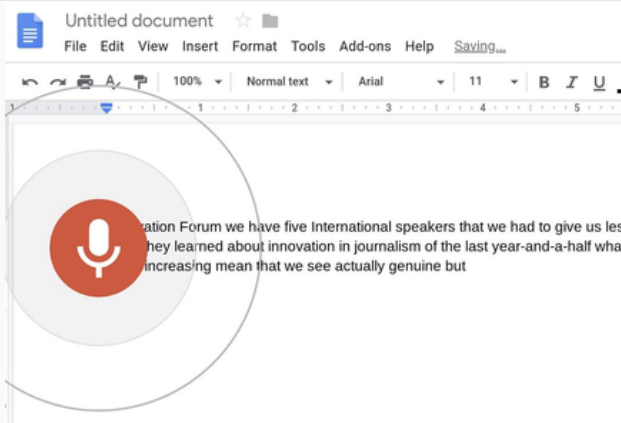
Cochlear Implant



TTY Device



Speech to Text



Listening Loop (aka Induction Loop)



Interpreter

State of Michigan Resources



Hearing Loss Association of America - Michigan State Association

<https://www.hearingloss-mi.org/resources/>

Library Management System: Request BVI Assistive Technology

<https://lms.mdelio.org/bvi-assistive-technology>

Michigan Deaf Association

<https://michdeaf.org>

Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Division on Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdcr/divisions/doddbhh>

Michigan Department of Education Resource for Blind/Low Vision and Deaf/Hard of Hearing

<https://mdelio.org/deaf-hard-of-hearing>

Michigan Department of Health & Human Service: Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/mentalhealth/mentalhealth/d-dd-hh>

Michigan Hands and Voices

<https://www.mihandsandvoices.org/resources>

Michigan Public Service Commission: Michigan Relay Service

<https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/consumer/telecommunications/michigan-relay>

Michigan Qualified Interpreter Program

<https://www.michigan.gov/en/lara/bureau-list/bchs/Qualified-Interpreter>

<https://mdelio.org/deaf-hard-of-hearing>

<https://lms.mdelio.org/bvi-assistive-technology>

Related Useful Websites and Services



- HandTalk
 - <https://www.handtalk.me/en/app/>
- The ASL App
 - <https://theaslapp.com/>
- Otter
 - <https://otter.ai/>
- Innocaption
 - <https://www.innocaption.com/>
- Live Transcribe App (Android only)
- VLC
 - <https://www.videolan.org>
 - Media player with AI live transcription w/100's of languages
- ASL Deafined
 - <https://www.asldeafined.com/>
- Sign Translate
 - <https://sign.mt>
- Spread the Sign
 - <https://spreadthesign.com/>
- WeCapable
 - <https://wecapable.com/>
- Hamilton Relay Services
 - <https://hamiltonrelay.com/michigan/services.html>
- Hearing Loss Resources
 - <https://www.hearingloss-mi.org/resources/>
- Paws with a Cause Hearing Dog
 - <https://www.pawswithacause.org/what-we-do/assistance-dogs/hearing-dogs/>
- Bright Sign Glove
 - <https://shop.brightsignglove.com/en-us>
- Hearing Aid Feedback Sample Video
 - <https://youtube.com/shorts/N4bxwRxUfWI?feature=shared>



Learning Resources

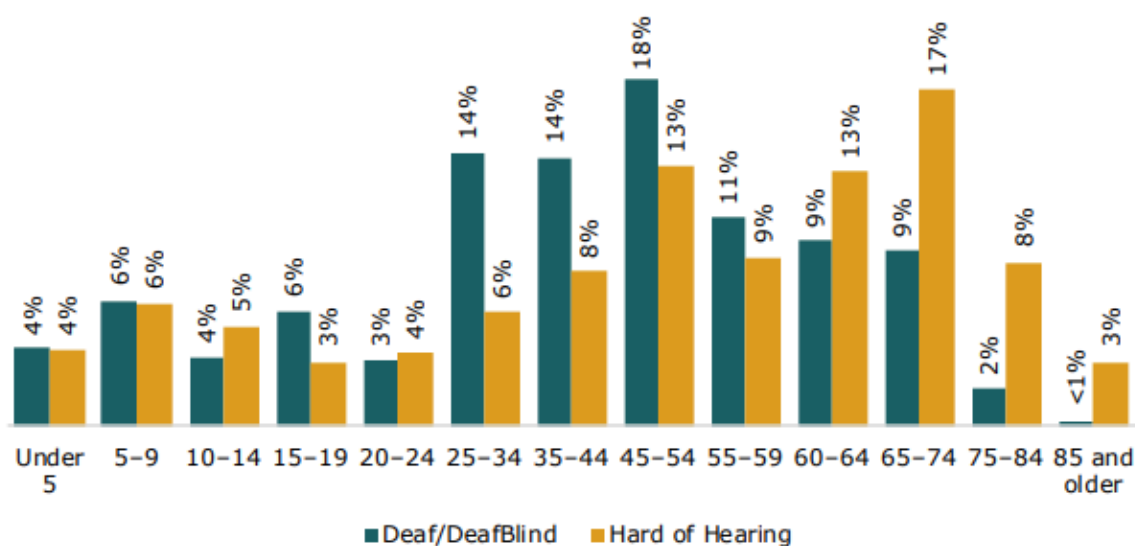


- 10 Library Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Patrons
 - <https://deafvibes.com/living-with-hearing-loss/>
 - library-services-for-the-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing/
- Library Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (LSDHH)
 - <https://library.nashville.org/deaf-services>
- Nation Association for the Deaf (NAD)
 - <https://www.nad.org>
- DeafTech (RIT)
 - <https://deaftec.org/>
- ClercCenter Resources (Galludet)
 - <https://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/resources/>

Statistics of Note

- 8% of Michigan Population is Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- 30% of everyone you meet has some level of hearing loss
- Deaf or HoH people are less likely to be gainfully employed
 - <https://www.goldenstepsaba.com/resources/hearing-loss-statistics>
- Number of deaf increasing (2022 Census Report)
 - <https://nationaldeafcenter.org/news-items/a-new-look-at-2022-census-data-about-deaf-people/>
- Not Without Us 2019 Viewbook chart on Age Distribution of Survey Respondents by Hearing Level Identity - below (<https://nvillelib.org/4nWL6ZK>)

Exhibit 5. Age Distribution of Survey Respondents by Hearing Level Identity



Age	Deaf/deaf and DeafBlind	Hard of Hearing
Under 5	4%	4%
5-9	6%	6%
10-14	4%	5%
15-19	6%	3%
20-24	3%	4%
25-34	14%	6%
35-44	14%	8%
45-54	18%	13%
55-59	11%	9%
60-64	9%	13%
65-74	9%	17%
75-84	2%	8%
85 and older	Less than 1%	3%

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