

The Bad News

- **Approximately 30 million** Americans are affected by hearing loss. **50 million** have tinnitus: an early indicator of hearing loss.
- **5.2 million 6-19 year olds** have hearing loss directly related to noise exposure. (3rd National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, Niskar et al. 2000)
- "... over the last 10 years, the percentage of 2nd graders with hearing loss has increased 2.8 times; hearing loss in **8th graders** has increased over 4 times." (Montgomery and Fujukawa 1992)

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