

Spain has the highest hearing testing rate but one of the lowest hearing device adoption rates.

However, 46% of the Spanish population with hearing loss don't believe in a correlation with other health issues.

Evidence proves that hearing loss is linked to other health conditions:



- Dementia
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Falls
- Heart Disease
- Renal Failure
- Premature Death



34% of Spanish people with hearing loss have a hearing device. With this, Spain is below the European average.

Among those Spanish individuals with hearing loss without a hearing device, almost half of Ear, Nose, Throat specialists refrained from recommending any additional steps or interventions.



HEARING LOSS IN SPAIN



38% of Spanish people over the age of 74 are affected by some degree of hearing loss.



50% of Spanish people with hearing loss had a hearing test during the last 5 years. With this, Spain ranks the highest compared to the other European EuroTrak countries.



98% of Spanish hearing device users find their quality of life improved.



Almost 10 out of 10 working hearing aid users state their hearing device is useful for their job.

71% of Spanish hearing aid users think they should have gotten hearing treatment sooner.



The WHO recommends regular hearing screenings:

- 50+ years > every 5 years
- 65+ years > every 1-3 years



Policy Recommendations

- Raise awareness of the importance of hearing health, the impact of hearing loss and the benefits of hearing loss treatment among the public and healthcare professionals.
- Promote the need for national hearing health strategies including diagnosis, rehabilitation, service, and maintenance.
- Introduce national Newborn and Over-55 Hearing Screening Programmes.
- Acknowledge access to professional hearing care as a right.
- Promote access to effective treatments including hearing aids, bone conduction devices, and cochlear implants.
- Share best practices among EU Member States.