
This circular contains summary data on children fitted with hearing aids or cochlear implants in Australia, who were under the age of 21 years at 31 December 2010 and who were provided with audiological and hearing aid or speech processor support services through Australian Hearing.

The data provides information at national and State / Territory level and has been collated from Australian Hearing's electronic client and record management system databases (as a "snapshot") and includes:

- Number of hearing impaired children
- Number of newly fitted children in the 2010 calendar year
- Number of children by hearing loss groups
- Prevalence of hearing impairment.

The methodology and presentation of data in this report is similar to last year's report, with the exception of reporting of hearing loss categories. Previous reports grouped hearing loss in the better ear according to the following categories: 0 – 30dBHL; 31 – 60 dBHL; 61 – 90 dBHL and 91+dBHL. This year the hearing loss groupings have been changed to reflect the fact that newborn hearing screening aims to detect losses of moderate or greater degree: 0 – 40 dBHL, 41 – 60 dBHL; 61 – 90 dBHL and 91+dBHL. National data have been presented using both old and new hearing loss categories in order to facilitate comparison with previous years' data.

Differences in other data and calculations shown for similar birth years in previous reports prior to 2007 are due to the timing of the "snapshot" nature of the report (data were previously collated on 31 March each year) – i.e. the dynamics of the child population characteristics and demography in the database, updated information and calculation rounding at the time the report was compiled. In particular, actions across the organization that have taken place to review and update the information on all aided child clients in the database, have also affected the "snapshot" counts and calculations. Care should be taken when comparing information from previous reports, and particularly prior to 2007, due to their differing parameters.

The major characteristics of the report show:

- All aided and implanted children up to 21 years of age at 31 December 2010 who are identified as being 'current and active' as at 31 December 2010
- Data on children who were first fitted with hearing aids from 1 January to 31 December 2010.

Taking the above comments into account this report shows

- The highest number of aided children shown for this type of snapshot report (16,096)
- The highest number of children fitted for the first time in the calendar year (2,068)
- Consistent with recent years and with the national rollout of Universal Newborn Hearing Screening, children born in the most recent birth year comprise the highest proportion of children fitted for the first time in the calendar year.
- continuing high numbers of children fitted for the first time in calendar year being at initial school entry ages
- the number of Indigenous children has increased slightly over the past 12 months (1,612)
- 217 Indigenous children were fitted for the first time in the calendar year

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Australian Hearing

Summary of demographic details of persons under the age of 21 years with a hearing impairment who are fitted with a hearing aid or cochlear implant at 31 December 2010

National Distribution.

Australian Hearing provides services to 16,096 children under the age of 21 years who were fitted with hearing aids and/or cochlear implants at the end of 2010. The distribution of these children by state/territory is shown below.

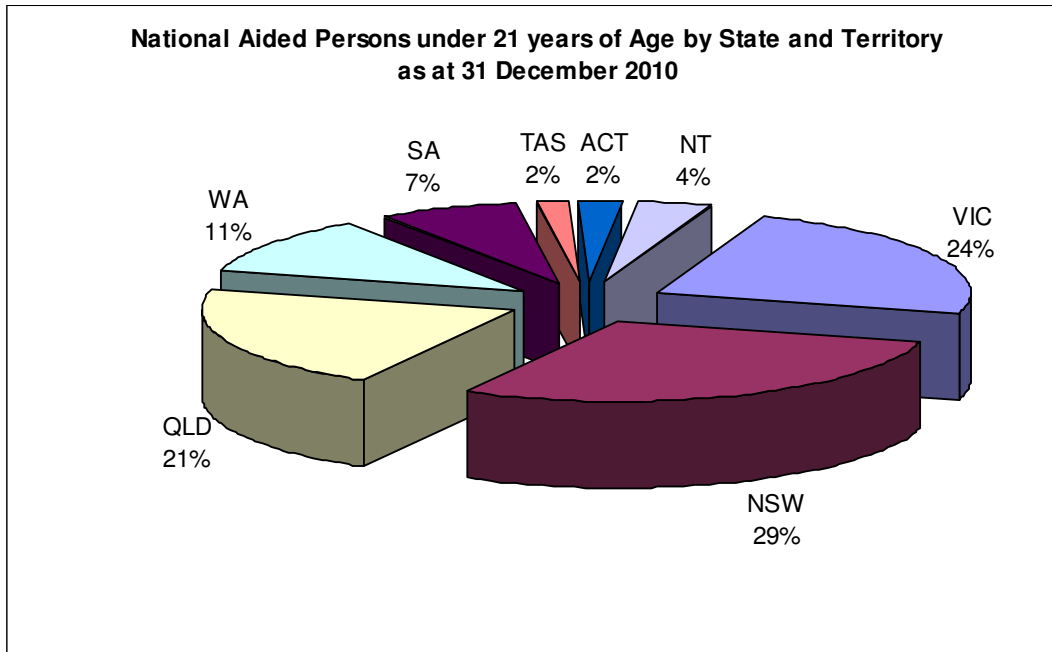


Figure 1: National Aided Persons under 21 years of Age by State and Territory as at 31 December 2010

NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	National
4,667	3,798	3,386	1,845	1,135	273	362	630	16,096
29.0%	23.6%	21.0%	11.5%	7.1%	1.7%	2.2%	3.9%	100%

Table 1 – Total Children Fitted with Hearing Aids (2010)

Age distribution of aided children

The number of children in each birth year is shown with greater detail in the information tables at the end of this document. The tables reflect a relatively lower count for older children (earlier birth years) in the database. The reduced count is considered to be primarily as a consequence of actions in reviewing details of children on the database, their response to our continuing contact efforts and their use of services from Australian Hearing, including resumption or cessation of hearing aid usage. As shown in Figure 1 the proportion of children who use hearing aids and who have a 3FAHL of 40dBHL or less in their better ear peaks at 9 years of age and thereafter reduces with increasing age. On the other hand, older children with more severe hearing losses maintain or remain active in seeking services. The data should not be interpreted to mean that the prevalence of hearing loss is increasing.

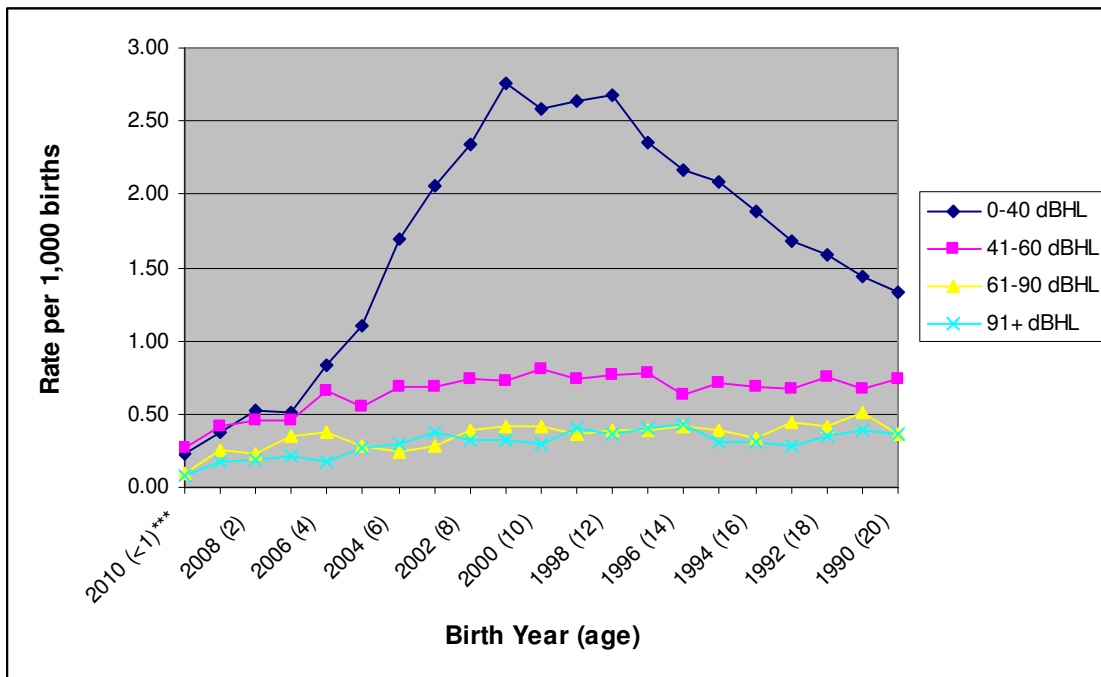


Figure 2. Distribution of hearing loss, as a proportion of births, amongst current aided persons < 21 years of age

Age of first hearing aid fitting

In 2010 calendar year 2068 children nationally were fitted with hearing aids for the first time, representing 12.8% of the total aided child client base. This is the greatest number of children fitted with hearing aids for the first time, continuing an increase that has been shown in recent years. Distribution of new fittings across states and territories is shown in Table 2.

NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	National
532	422	464	298	162	34	42	114	2,068
25.7%	20.4%	22.4%	14.4%	7.8%	1.6%	2.0%	5.5%	100%

Table 2. Children first fitted with hearing aids in 2010.

Figure 2 shows the number of children first fitted in 2010 according to their birth year and age. The greatest numbers of children fitted for the first time were born in 2010, which reflects the impact of the rollout of Universal Newborn Hearing Screening around the country and increasing birth rates in recent years. However another significant peak in first fittings occurs around school entry age.

Over time, as early identification and fittings continue, the proportion of children being fitted for the first time in later birth years may reduce to a certain degree. However, children with late onset and/or deteriorating hearing losses or with other reasons for later aid fitting will continue to be fitted for the first time at older ages.

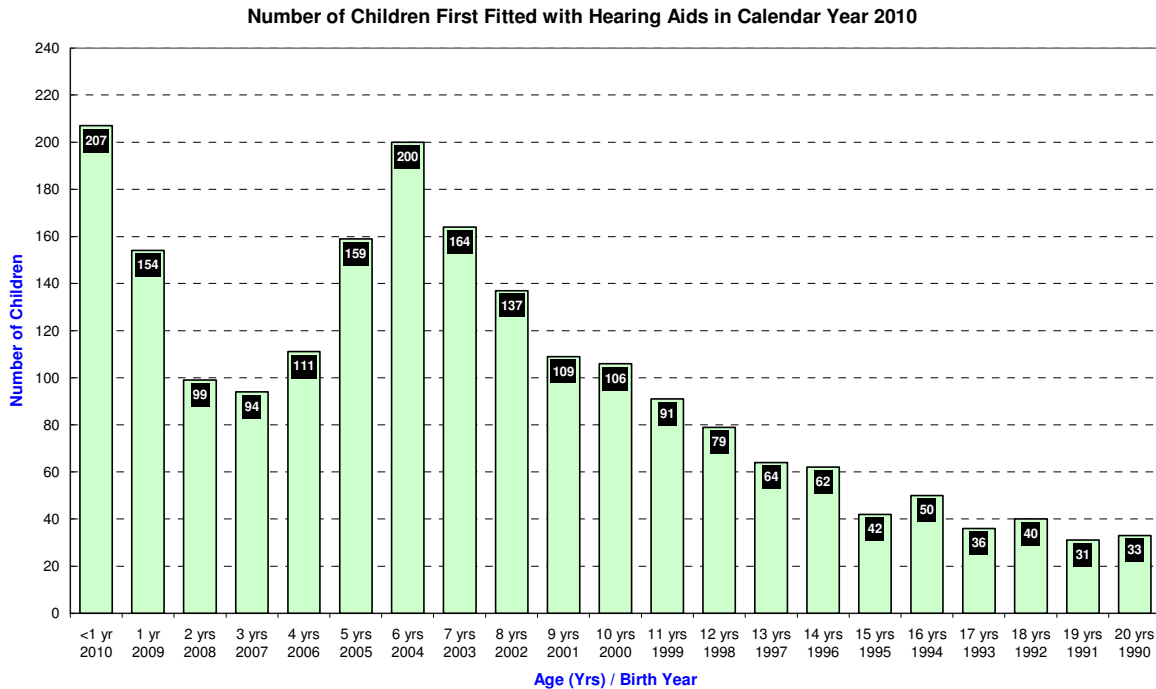


Figure 3. Number of children first fitted with hearing aids in Calendar Year 2010.

Indigenous children

There are many factors concerning the self identification of Indigenous clients and their recording on the database. This report has taken an approach of consolidating all aided children who have self-identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

Using this approach, 1612 children under 21 years of age were identified, representing 10% of the total aided child client base. From ABS Census 2006 population data, about 4% of all children under 21 years nationally are Indigenous. Indigenous children have a higher incidence of chronic middle ear disease and therefore potential for hearing aid fitting, than non-Indigenous children; as a result it is reasonable to expect that Indigenous children will form a higher proportion of the aided child client base than they do of the general population.

271 Indigenous children were fitted with hearing aids for the first time in 2010, which represents 13% of the total number of children who were fitted for the first time in 2010 and 16.8% of the total number of aided Indigenous children. The distribution of aided Indigenous children by state and territory is shown in Table 3.

NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
141	44	528	299	92	1	1	506	1,612

Table 3. Indigenous Children <21 years of age fitted as at 31 December 2010

Figure 3 shows a comparison of the age distribution of children first fitted in 2010 for Indigenous and non-Indigenous children. While a small proportion of newly aided Indigenous children were under 12 months of age, the vast majority of new fittings were to children who are in early primary school. This is likely to reflect the fact that many Indigenous hearing programs are conducted within a school setting. Australian Hearing continues to focus on improving access to services and amplification for pre-school children.

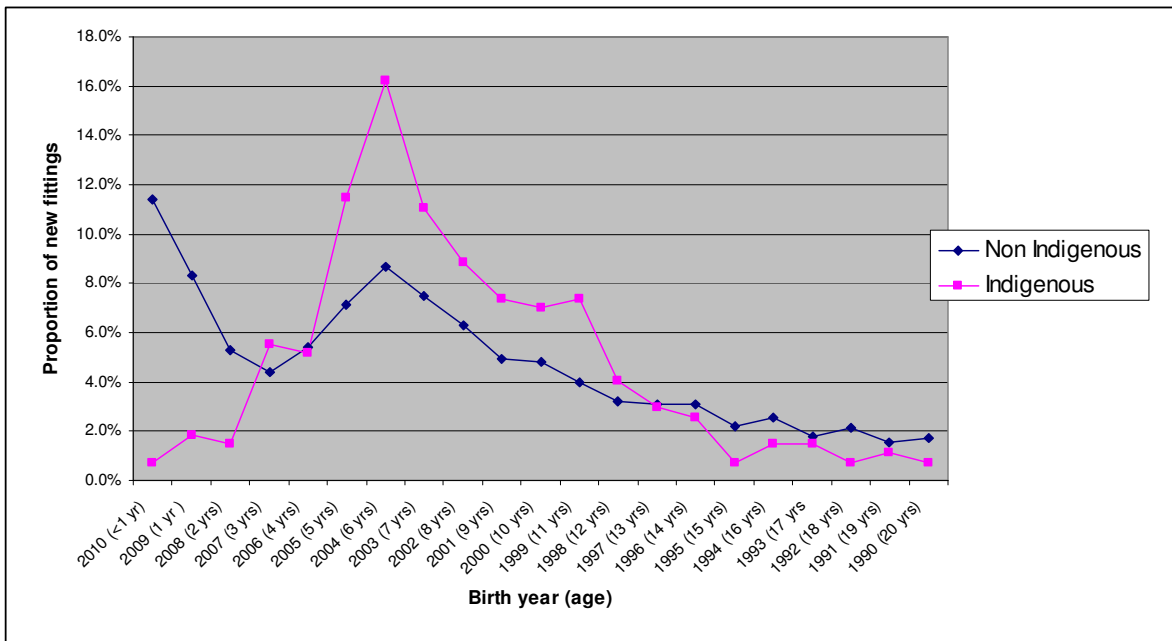


Figure 4. _Age at first fitting for Indigenous and Non-Indigenous children, shown as a proportion of the number of new fittings for the client category.

Table 4 shows a profile of Indigenous children under 21 years of age who were first fitted in 2010, by state and territory.

Age YRS / Birth Year	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
<1 yr 2010	1							1	2
1 yr 2009	2			3					5
2 yrs 2008			2	1				1	4
3 yrs 2007	2	1	3	2	1			6	15
4 yrs 2006	1		4	4	1			4	14
5 yrs 2005	1		4	13	1			12	31
6 yrs 2004	2	1	16	10	3			12	44
7 yrs 2003			9	5	6			10	30
8 yrs 2002	3	1	8	5	1			6	24
9 yrs 2001	2		3	7	2	1		5	20
10 yrs 2000	1	2	3	6	1			6	19
11 yrs 1999	5		3	6			1	5	20
12 yrs 1998	3		2					6	11
13 yrs 1997	2			3	2			1	8
14 yrs 1996			1	4				2	7
15 yrs 1995				1				1	2
16 yrs 1994	1		2	1					4
17 yrs 1993	1		1					2	4
18 yrs 1992		1						1	2
19 yrs 1991			1					2	3
20 yrs 1990								2	2
Total	27	6	62	71	18	1	1	85	271

Table 4. Indigenous Children <21 years of age fitted for the first time in calendar year 2010

Impact of Universal Newborn Hearing Screening

Early detection and intervention for hearing loss have been shown to provide the best outcomes for congenitally hearing impaired children. Approximately 1 to 1.2 children in every thousand born

are expected to have a bilateral, permanent hearing loss of >40dBHL. The aim of Universal Newborn Hearing Screening programs is to enable the detection of congenital hearing loss so that intervention can occur before 6 months of age. In determining the impact of Universal Newborn Hearing Screening it is useful to consider the proportion of the expected number of children with congenital hearing loss, who were fitted in the first 6 and 12 months of life.

Figure 4 and tables 5 to 13 show the numbers of children expected to be born with hearing loss in each state and territory, and the proportion of those who were fitted by 6 and 12 months of age. The data shows the impact of the progressive rollout of UNHS around Australia starting with NSW in December 2002, with increasing numbers of children fitted with hearing aids in the first six months of life. Note that 2010 birth year figures are influenced by the first fitting ascertainment period. Not all children who were born in 2010 and fitted before 6 and 12 months of age will have received their hearing aids before 31 December 2010.

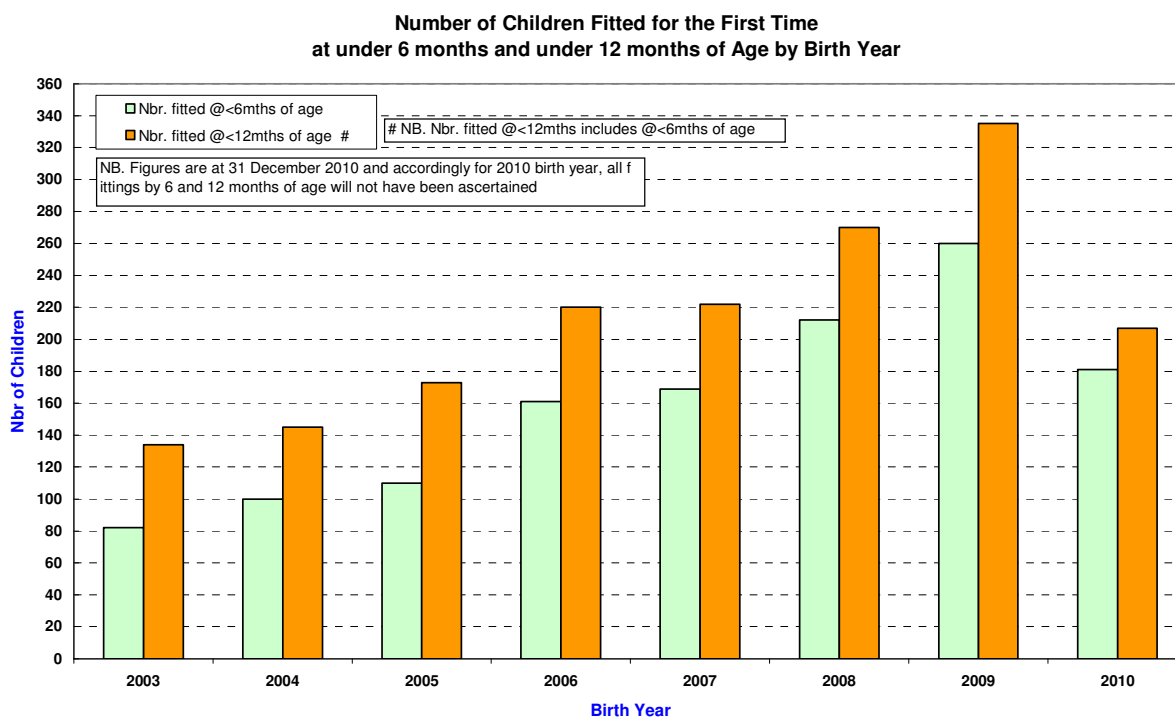


Figure 5: Children first fitted at under 6 months and under 12 months of age by Birth Year

Expected and Actual numbers of children fitted @ <6 and <12 months of age, by birth year.

AUSTRALIA

Birth Year	No. Expected @ rate of 1.2 per '000 births	No. fitted @<6mths of age	No. fitted @<12mths of age #	% fitted of Expected (<6mths of age)	% fitted of Expected (<12mths of age) #
2003	301	82	134	27.2%	44.5%
2004	305	100	145	32.8%	47.5%
2005	311	110	173	35.4%	55.6%
2006	319	161	220	50.5%	69.0%
2007	342	169	222	49.4%	64.9%
2008	355	212	270	59.7%	76.1%
2009	355	260	335	73.2%	94.4%
2010 *	355	181	207	51.0%	58.3%

* No. of Births for 2010 is an estimate

includes <6mths of age

Table 5. Expected and Actual numbers of children fitted @ <6 and <12 months of age National

NEW SOUTH WALES

Birth Year	No. Expected @ rate of 1.2 per '000 births	No. fitted @<6mths of age	No. fitted @<12mths of age #	% fitted of Expected (<6mths of age)	% fitted of Expected (<12mths of age) #
2003	103	44	56	42.7%	54.4%
2004	103	44	59	42.7%	57.3%
2005	104	49	68	47.1%	65.4%
2006	105	73	95	69.5%	90.5%
2007	107	53	72	49.5%	67.3%
2008	113	83	99	73.5%	87.6%
2009	111	82	99	73.9%	89.2%
2010 *	111	58	62	52.3%	55.9%

* No. of Births for 2010 is an estimate

includes <6mths of age

Table 6. Expected and Actual numbers of children fitted @ <6 and <12 months of age NSW

VICTORIA

Birth Year	No. Expected @ rate of 1.2 per '000 births	No. fitted @<6mths of age	No. fitted @<12mths of age #	% fitted of Expected (<6mths of age)	% fitted of Expected (<12mths of age) #
2003	73	15	36	20.5%	49.3%
2004	75	27	42	36.0%	56.0%
2005	76	26	48	34.2%	63.2%
2006	78	36	52	46.2%	66.7%
2007	84	50	62	59.5%	73.8%
2008	85	42	62	49.4%	72.9%
2009	85	55	86	64.7%	101.2%
2010 *	85	43	52	50.6%	61.2%

* No. of Births for 2010 is an estimate

includes <6mths of age

Table 7. Expected and Actual numbers of children fitted @ <6 and <12 months of age Victoria

QUEENSLAND

Birth Year	No. Expected @ rate of 1.2 per '000 births	No. fitted @<6mths of age	No. fitted @<12mths of age #	% fitted of Expected (<6mths of age)	% fitted of Expected (<12mths of age) #
2003	58	7	17	12.1%	29.3%
2004	60	16	25	26.7%	41.7%
2005	62	20	32	32.3%	51.6%
2006	63	35	46	55.6%	73.0%
2007	73	34	51	46.6%	69.9%
2008	76	56	66	73.7%	86.8%
2009	79	66	78	83.5%	98.7%
2010 *	79	53	62	67.1%	78.5%

* No. of Births for 2010 is an estimate

includes <6mths of age

Table 8. Expected and Actual numbers of children fitted @ <6 and <12 months of age QLD

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Birth Year	No. Expected @ rate of 1.2 per '000 births	No. fitted @<6mths of age	No. fitted @<12mths of age #	% fitted of Expected (<6mths of age)	% fitted of Expected (<12mths of age) #
2003	29	7	11	24.1%	37.9%
2004	30	8	8	26.7%	26.7%
2005	31	7	11	22.6%	35.5%
2006	33	3	6	9.1%	18.2%
2007	35	9	10	25.7%	28.6%
2008	38	11	15	28.9%	39.5%
2009	37	21	27	56.8%	73.0%
2010 *	37	10	12	27.0%	32.4%

* No. of Births for 2010 is an estimate

includes <6mths of age

Table 9. Expected and Actual numbers of children fitted @ <6 and <12 months of age WA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Birth Year	No. Expected @ rate of 1.2 per '000 births	No. fitted @<6mths of age	No. fitted @<12mths of age #	% fitted of Expected (<6mths of age)	% fitted of Expected (<12mths of age) #
2003	21	6	10	28.6%	47.6%
2004	21	4	8	19.0%	38.1%
2005	21	4	7	19.0%	33.3%
2006	21	9	13	42.9%	61.9%
2007	23	8	11	34.8%	47.8%
2008	24	13	17	54.2%	70.8%
2009	24	21	27	87.5%	112.5%
2010 *	24	12	13	50.0%	54.2%

* No. of Births for 2010 is an estimate

includes <6mths of age

Table 10. Expected and Actual numbers of children fitted @ <6 and <12 months of age SA

TASMANIA

Birth Year	No. Expected @ rate of 1.2 per '000 births	No. fitted @<6mths of age	No. fitted @<12mths of age #	% fitted of Expected (<6mths of age)	% fitted of Expected (<12mths of age) #
2003	7	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
2004	7	1	1	14.3%	14.3%
2005	7	1	2	14.3%	28.6%
2006	8	1	2	12.5%	25.0%
2007	8	5	5	62.5%	62.5%
2008	8	3	4	37.5%	50.0%
2009	8	7	10	87.5%	125.0%
2010 *	8	1	2	12.5%	25.0%

* No. of Births for 2010 is an estimate

includes <6mths of age

Table 11. Expected and Actual numbers of children fitted @ <6 and <12 months of age TAS

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Birth Year	No. Expected @ rate of 1.2 per '000 births	No. fitted @<6mths of age	No. fitted @<12mths of age #	% fitted of Expected (<6mths of age)	% fitted of Expected (<12mths of age) #
2003	5	2	3	40.0%	60.0%
2004	5	0	2	0.0%	40.0%
2005	5	3	5	60.0%	100.0%
2006	5	4	6	80.0%	120.0%
2007	6	9	10	150.0%	166.7%
2008	6	3	5	50.0%	83.3%
2009	6	8	8	133.3%	133.3%
2010 *	6	3	3	50.0%	50.0%

* No. of Births for 2010 is an estimate

includes <6mths of age

Table 12. Expected and Actual numbers of children fitted @ <6 and <12 months of age ACT

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Birth Year	No. Expected @ rate of 1.2 per '000 births	No. fitted @<6mths of age	No. fitted @<12mths of age #	% fitted of Expected (<6mths of age)	% fitted of Expected (<12mths of age) #
2003	4	1	1	25.0%	25.0%
2004	4	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
2005	4	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
2006	4	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
2007	5	1	1	20.0%	20.0%
2008	5	1	2	20.0%	40.0%
2009	5	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
2010 *	5	1	1	20.0%	20.0%

* No. of Births for 2010 is an estimate

includes <6mths of age

Table 13. Expected and Actual numbers of children fitted @ <6 and <12 months of age NT

Hearing Loss Distribution

Hearing loss is described according to the Three-Frequency-Average hearing loss (3FAHL) in the better ear, that is, the average of hearing thresholds at 500 Hz, 1000 Hz and 2000Hz in the better-hearing ear in dBHL. In past years the 3FAHL groupings have been: 0-30dBHL, 31-60dBHL; 61-90dBHL and 91+dBHL. This year the hearing loss groupings have been changed to reflect the fact that newborn hearing screening aims to detect losses of moderate or greater degree: 0 – 40 dBHL, 41 – 60 dBHL; 61 – 90 dBHL and 91+dBHL. National data have been presented using both old and new hearing loss categories in order to facilitate comparison with previous years' data.

The majority of aided young persons under 21 years of age have a hearing loss of moderate or lesser degree in the better ear. Figure 6, Tables 14 and 15 show the hearing loss distribution according to the most recently-recorded 3FAHL in the better ear according to the new hearing loss categories; Tables 16 and 17 show the same data according to the hearing loss categories used in previous years, to enable comparison with past data.

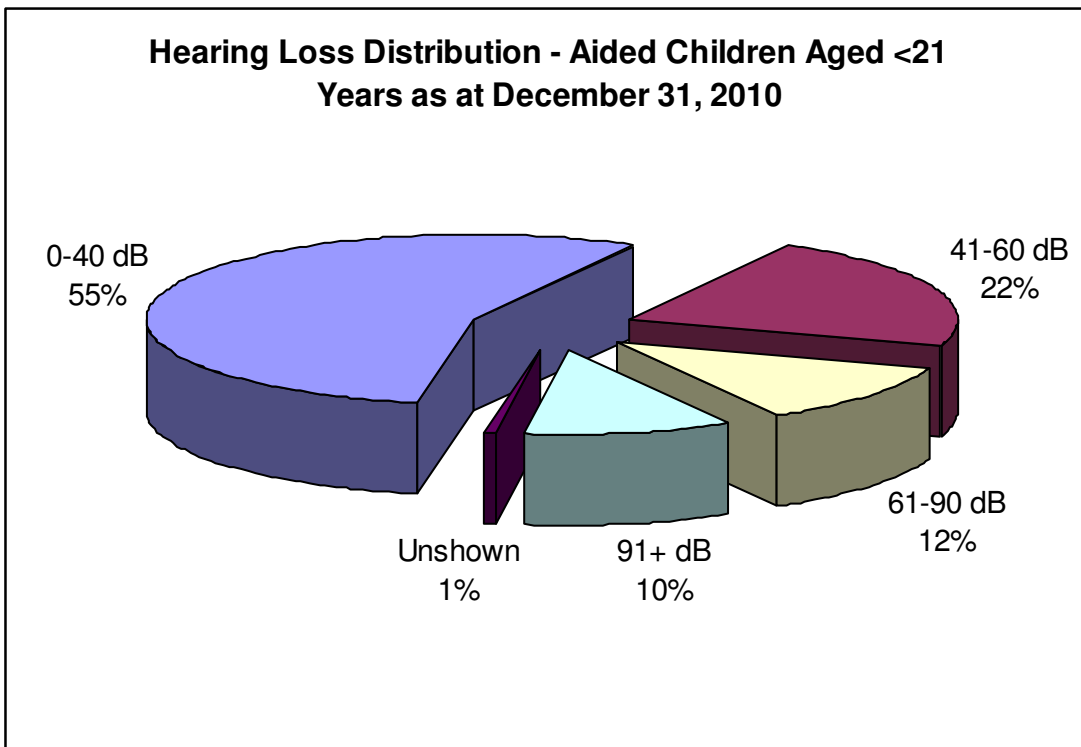


Figure 6: Distribution of all aided children and young adults by 3-FAHL Better Ear as at 31 December 2010.

NUMBER	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	National
0-40 dB	2,255	2,084	1,964	1,192	667	126	194	429	8,911
41-60 dB	1,188	776	736	314	235	70	89	129	3,537
61-90 dB	699	463	352	170	122	41	42	24	1,913
91+ dB	512	463	319	150	109	36	36	12	1,637
Unshown	13	12	15	19	2		1	36	98
Total	4,667	3,798	3,386	1,845	1,135	273	362	630	16,096

Table 14: Children and young adults <21 yrs of age by latest 3-FAHL Better Ear Group by State/Territory

PERCENTAGE	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	National
<40 dB	48.3%	54.9%	58.0%	64.6%	58.8%	46.2%	53.6%	68.1%	55.4%
41-60 dB	25.5%	20.4%	21.7%	17.0%	20.7%	25.6%	24.6%	20.5%	22.0%
61-90 dB	15.0%	12.2%	10.4%	9.2%	10.7%	15.0%	11.6%	3.8%	11.9%
91+ dB	11.0%	12.2%	9.4%	8.1%	9.6%	13.2%	9.9%	1.9%	10.2%
Unshown	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	1.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	5.7%	0.6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 15: Children and young adults <21 yrs of age, proportional distribution by latest 3-FAHL Better Ear Group by State/Territory

NUMBER	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	National
0-30	1,576	1,510	1,462	886	487	86	145	289	6,441
31-60	1,867	1,350	1,238	620	415	110	138	269	6,007
61-90	699	463	352	170	122	41	42	24	1,913
91+	512	463	319	150	109	36	36	12	1,637
Unshown	13	12	15	19	2		1	36	98
Total	4,667	3,798	3,386	1,845	1,135	273	362	630	16,096

Table 16: Children and young adults <21 yrs of age, proportional distribution by latest 3-FAHL Better Ear Group by State ("Traditional" categories)

PERCENTAGE	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	National
0-30	33.8%	39.8%	43.2%	48.0%	42.9%	31.5%	40.1%	45.9%	40.0%
31-60	40.0%	35.5%	36.6%	33.6%	36.6%	40.3%	38.1%	42.7%	37.3%
61-90	15.0%	12.2%	10.4%	9.2%	10.7%	15.0%	11.6%	3.8%	11.9%
91+	11.0%	12.2%	9.4%	8.1%	9.6%	13.2%	9.9%	1.9%	10.2%
Unshown	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	1.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	5.7%	0.6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 17: Children and young adults <21 yrs of age, proportional distribution by latest 3-FAHL Better Ear Group by State ("Traditional" categories).

As shown in Figure 7 and Table 18, 71% of children and young adults <21 years of age who were first fitted in 2010 had a mild or lesser degree (0-40dBHL) of hearing loss in their better ear.

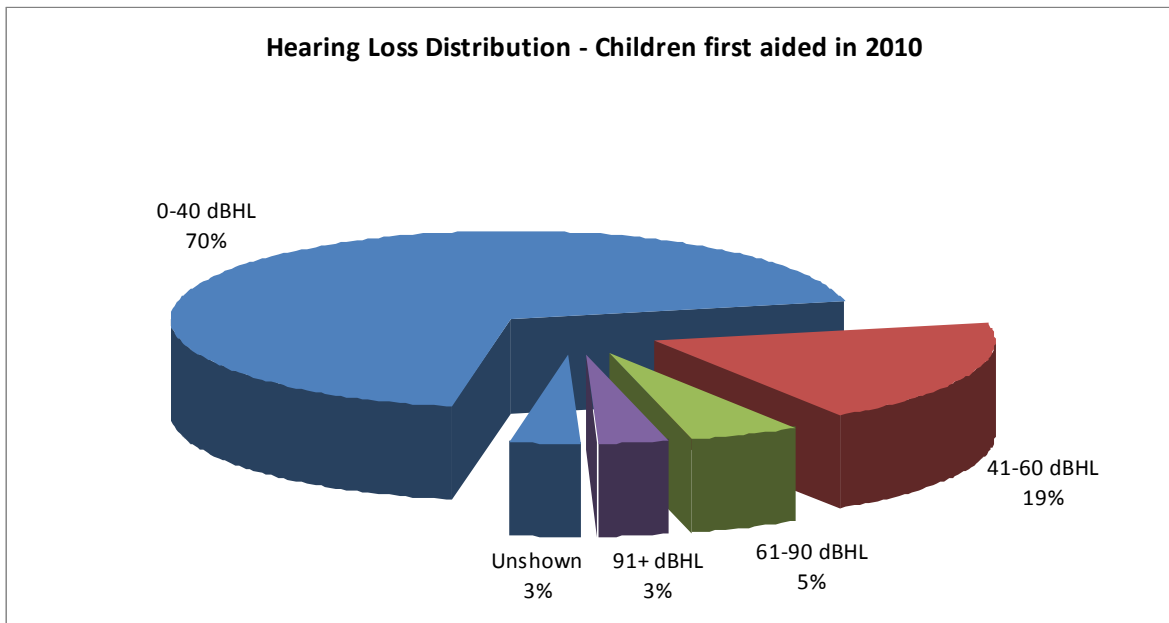


Figure 7. Hearing loss profile of clients <21 yrs old and first fitted with hearing aids in 2010 by 3FAHL Better Ear Group.

Birth Year	0-40	41-60	61-90	91+	Unshown	Total	Percentage
1990	28	4			1	33	1.6%
1991	24	6		1		31	1.5%
1992	30	8			2	40	1.9%
1993	29	5			2	36	1.7%
1994	41	6	3			50	2.4%
1995	34	4	1	3		42	2.0%
1996	53	5	1	1	2	62	3.0%
1997	53	8	2	1		64	3.1%
1998	57	16	3	3		79	3.8%
1999	73	13	3		2	91	4.4%
2000	92	8	2	1	3	106	5.1%
2001	91	13	1		4	109	5.3%
2002	117	13	4		3	137	6.6%
2003	134	22	3	3	2	164	7.9%
2004	161	27	1	1	10	200	9.7%
2005	114	26	5	2	12	159	7.7%
2006	74	28	8		1	111	5.4%
2007	47	23	13	1	10	94	4.5%
2008	51	29	10	8	1	99	4.8%
2009	56	51	25	17	5	154	7.4%
2010	66	79	27	25	10	207	10.0%
Total	1,425	394	112	67	70	2,068	100%

Table 18: Children <21 yrs old, and First Fitted with hearing aids in 2010, by 3FAHL Better Ear Group and Birth Year

The majority of children who received their first hearing aids at school age or older had a mild hearing loss in the better ear (Figure 8).

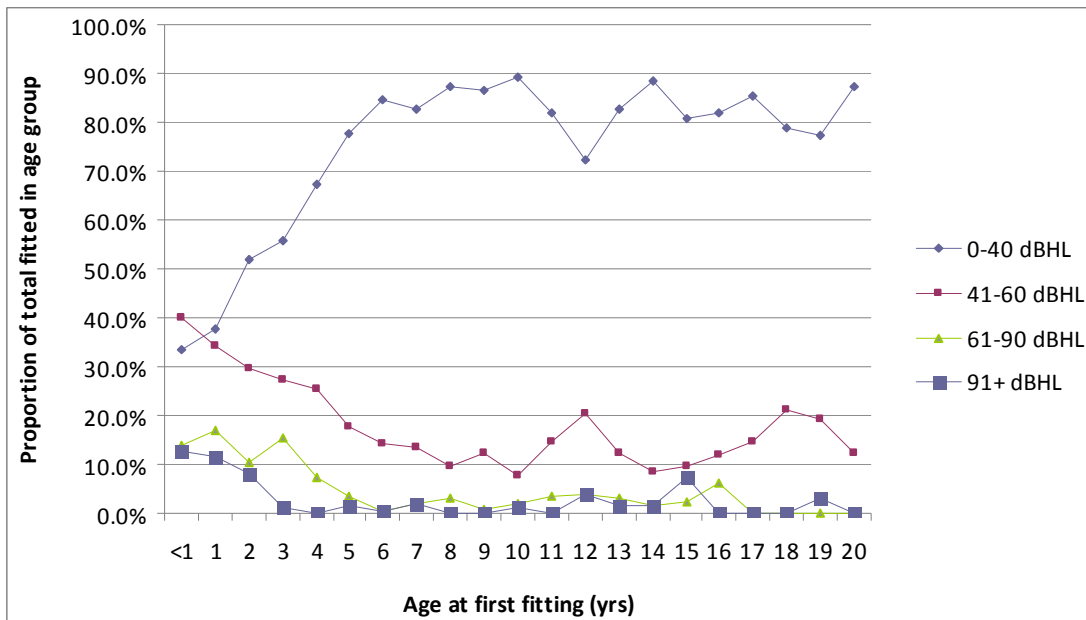


Figure 8: Hearing loss distribution as a proportion of children first fitted in age group.

Gender

Males comprise a slightly higher proportion of the aided child & young adult client base.

Gender	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
Female	44.6%	45.6%	43.2%	47.1%	46.6%	36.6%	50.3%	48.3%	45.1%
Male	53.8%	51.4%	50.8%	50.7%	49.4%	59.7%	44.8%	51.1%	51.7%
Unshown	1.6%	3.0%	6.0%	2.2%	4.0%	3.7%	5.0%	0.6%	3.2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 19: Percentage Gender of Children <21 years old (National total 16,096)

Children <21 years old with hearing aids - National Summary by State / Territory and Birth Year

Birth Year	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
1990	229	180	142	66	50	15	25	30	737
1991	256	181	166	64	52	23	21	15	778
1992	263	207	153	88	60	12	16	23	822
1993	250	222	140	77	55	15	21	25	805
1994	265	203	172	90	58	14	14	16	832
1995	255	221	191	101	71	17	15	29	900
1996	265	216	190	118	70	14	22	34	929
1997	271	220	217	120	76	21	20	45	990
1998	316	233	222	116	67	16	21	55	1,046
1999	292	233	219	127	64	18	24	57	1,034
2000	280	210	237	147	59	10	17	73	1,033
2001	282	237	212	134	93	14	19	57	1,048
2002	267	216	209	123	58	16	22	47	958
2003	216	192	169	121	88	11	19	46	862
2004	198	184	166	94	51	13	21	27	754
2005	153	143	122	89	36	6	19	19	587
2006	184	132	111	56	27	10	12	14	546
2007	130	118	102	39	28	9	11	11	448
2008	127	107	98	34	27	7	11	6	417
2009	106	91	86	29	32	10	9		363
2010	62	52	62	12	13	2	3	1	207
Total	4,667	3,798	3,386	1,845	1,135	273	362	630	16,096

Children <21 yrs old, and First Fitted with hearing aids in 2010, National Summary by State or Territory and Birth Year

Birth Year	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
1990	9	10	6	1	2	1	2	2	33
1991	7	9	3	2	7		1	2	31
1992	10	7	8	6	5		2	2	40
1993	11	9	6	4	2		2	2	36
1994	18	7	11	6	6	1		1	50
1995	15	8	10	5	1	2		1	42
1996	16	13	12	11	5		1	4	62
1997	18	11	17	7	7	2	1	1	64
1998	29	16	12	8	4	1	1	8	79
1999	24	12	20	17	5	2	3	8	91
2000	23	17	25	20	8	3	2	8	106
2001	33	13	29	16	11	2		5	109
2002	43	18	25	25	11	5	2	8	137
2003	42	25	38	21	22		2	14	164
2004	37	42	57	34	13	1	4	12	200
2005	30	27	29	40	10	1	6	16	159
2006	21	29	18	28	5	1	1	8	111
2007	25	19	23	11	5	1	1	9	94
2008	17	34	19	11	9	3	4	2	99
2009	42	44	34	13	11	6	4		154
2010	62	52	62	12	13	2	3	1	207
Total	532	422	464	298	162	34	42	114	2,068

Children under 21 years of Age with Hearing Aids by Calendar Year First Fitted and Birth Year

Birth Year	Calendar Year First Fitted																				Total	
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991		1990
2010	207																					207
2009	154	209																				363
2008	99	134	184																			417
2007	94	85	117	152																		448
2006	111	92	80	132	131																	546
2005	159	112	64	46	98	108																587
2004	200	146	96	54	73	102	83															754
2003	164	181	137	75	61	74	101	69														862
2002	137	165	155	104	95	71	75	115	41													958
2001	109	156	149	145	123	86	65	72	104	39												1,048
2000	106	108	120	100	129	109	70	62	93	95	41											1,033
1999	91	76	100	105	121	109	97	66	70	68	105	26										1,034
1998	79	85	82	85	102	86	95	103	75	64	74	85	31									1,046
1997	64	70	61	54	68	67	84	104	77	62	75	85	89	30								990
1996	62	55	61	38	55	60	58	65	69	85	62	56	84	92	27							929
1995	42	48	46	51	48	42	55	63	58	73	79	66	48	79	87	15						900
1994	50	51	37	33	43	39	35	36	34	64	57	66	60	48	74	83	22					832
1993	36	43	31	36	31	30	23	34	38	31	59	72	73	68	47	50	83	20				805
1992	40	43	43	25	33	27	42	29	29	32	43	56	54	58	57	52	67	79	13			822
1991	31	32	36	28	29	34	16	24	17	25	28	25	39	51	63	59	50	90	82	19		778
1990	33	23	27	23	33	17	19	22	12	26	29	24	23	45	48	51	51	51	70	89	21	737
Total	2,068	1,914	1,626	1,286	1,273	1,061	918	864	717	664	652	561	501	471	403	310	273	240	165	108	21	16,096

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Summary Tables - Age at first fitting and 3 Frequency average HL details (TRADITIONAL 3FAHL Groups)

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AUSTRALIA

Birth Year	No. of Births	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total Fitted	Rate per '000 Births	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
		<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+			0-30	31-60	61-90	91+	Unshown
1990	262,648	2	17	36	65	33	584	737	2.81	237	308	94	97	1
1991	257,247	2	15	33	54	44	630	778	3.02	243	301	133	101	
1992	264,151	1	13	32	54	31	691	822	3.11	302	318	109	91	2
1993	260,192	4	14	35	49	25	678	805	3.09	293	322	115	72	3
1994	258,007	6	12	34	47	44	689	832	3.22	358	305	88	80	1
1995	256,150	2	15	36	50	41	756	900	3.51	379	340	101	79	1
1996	253,771	4	18	39	54	46	768	929	3.66	421	289	106	110	3
1997	251,794	6	22	49	42	45	826	990	3.93	443	346	97	102	2
1998	249,581	5	22	45	52	28	894	1,046	4.19	521	336	99	89	1
1999	248,830	10	21	43	67	23	870	1,034	4.16	487	355	91	99	2
2000	249,595	16	18	57	48	52	842	1,033	4.14	497	352	105	75	4
2001	246,355	15	27	46	53	43	864	1,048	4.25	518	341	104	78	7
2002	250,937	20	32	52	55	32	767	958	3.82	443	329	99	82	5
2003	251,130	31	51	52	40	35	653	862	3.43	393	296	72	96	5
2004	254,220	38	62	45	42	37	530	754	2.97	303	302	62	74	13
2005	259,763	56	54	63	28	28	358	587	2.26	198	232	72	71	14
2006	265,923	84	77	59	42	41	243	546	2.05	132	264	101	46	3
2007	285,192	87	82	53	46	43	137	448	1.57	83	192	98	63	12
2008	296,591	110	102	58	43	45	59	417	1.41	85	207	66	57	2
2009	295,715	115	145	75	23	5		363	1.23	68	164	74	50	7
2010 ***	295,400	86	95	26				207	0.70	37	108	27	25	10
	5,513,192	700	914	968	954	721	11,839	16,096	2.92	6,441	6,007	1,913	1,637	98

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AUSTRALIA

Birth Year	No. of Births	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total Fitted	Rate per '000 Births	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
		<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+			0-40	41-60	61-90	91+	Unshown
1990	262,648	2	17	36	65	33	584	737	2.81	349	196	94	97	1
1991	257,247	2	15	33	54	44	630	778	3.02	372	172	133	101	
1992	264,151	1	13	32	54	31	691	822	3.11	421	199	109	91	2
1993	260,192	4	14	35	49	25	678	805	3.09	439	176	115	72	3
1994	258,007	6	12	34	47	44	689	832	3.22	485	178	88	80	1
1995	256,150	2	15	36	50	41	756	900	3.51	535	184	101	79	1
1996	253,771	4	18	39	54	46	768	929	3.66	550	160	106	110	3
1997	251,794	6	22	49	42	45	826	990	3.93	593	196	97	102	2
1998	249,581	5	22	45	52	28	894	1,046	4.19	667	190	99	89	1
1999	248,830	10	21	43	67	23	870	1,034	4.16	657	185	91	99	2
2000	249,595	16	18	57	48	52	842	1,033	4.14	646	203	105	75	4
2001	246,355	15	27	46	53	43	864	1,048	4.25	680	179	104	78	7
2002	250,937	20	32	52	55	32	767	958	3.82	588	184	99	82	5
2003	251,130	31	51	52	40	35	653	862	3.43	516	173	72	96	5
2004	254,220	38	62	45	42	37	530	754	2.97	431	174	62	74	13
2005	259,763	56	54	63	28	28	358	587	2.26	285	145	72	71	14
2006	265,923	84	77	59	42	41	243	546	2.05	221	175	101	46	3
2007	285,192	87	82	53	46	43	137	448	1.57	144	131	98	63	12
2008	296,591	110	102	58	43	45	59	417	1.41	156	136	66	57	2
2009	295,715	115	145	75	23	5		363	1.23	110	122	74	50	7
2010 ***	295,400	86	95	26				207	0.70	66	79	27	25	10
	5,513,192	700	914	968	954	721	11,839	16,096	2.92	8,911	3,537	1,913	1,637	98

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NEW SOUTH WALES

Birth Year	No. of Births	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total Fitted	Rate per '000 Births	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
		<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+			0-40	41-60	61-90	90+	Unshown
1990	90,534	1	6	6	23	7	186	229	2.53	104	71	27	27	
1991	87,367	1	7	8	21	19	200	256	2.93	102	69	51	34	
1992	92,585		6	10	18	17	212	263	2.84	121	55	53	33	1
1993	89,354		5	10	17	11	207	250	2.80	128	57	39	26	
1994	87,977	2	7	10	16	18	212	265	3.01	131	65	32	37	
1995	87,849			15	19	17	204	255	2.90	136	52	40	27	
1996	86,595	2	4	14	24	20	201	265	3.06	126	58	39	42	
1997	87,156	3	9	16	12	14	217	271	3.11	141	67	34	29	
1998	85,499	1	9	17	17	14	258	316	3.70	180	64	42	30	
1999	86,784	4	5	14	15	15	239	292	3.36	169	57	29	37	
2000	86,752	5	3	20	12	21	219	280	3.23	147	73	33	27	
2001	84,578	3	6	10	18	20	225	282	3.33	155	68	32	26	1
2002	86,583	11	7	13	17	10	209	267	3.08	151	54	37	25	
2003	86,344	22	22	12	9	8	143	216	2.50	115	48	25	27	1
2004	85,894	21	23	15	13	7	119	198	2.31	100	51	25	22	
2005	86,589	32	17	19	7	4	74	153	1.77	68	46	20	19	
2006	87,336	44	29	22	10	15	64	184	2.11	66	63	45	10	
2007	89,495	30	23	19	7	16	35	130	1.45	35	47	38	9	1
2008	94,684	51	32	16	8	10	10	127	1.34	43	47	23	14	
2009	92,783	40	42	17	6	1		106	1.14	20	47	26	8	5
2010 ***	92,800	39	19	4				62	0.67	17	29	9	3	4
	1,855,538	312	281	287	289	264	3,234	4,667	2.52	2,255	1,188	699	512	13

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VICTORIA

Birth Year	No. of Births	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total Fitted	Rate per '000 Births	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
		<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+			0-40	41-60	61-90	90+	Un shown
1990	66,970		1	14	18	13	134	180	2.69	89	47	21	23	
1991	65,438	1	1	10	12	8	149	181	2.77	103	31	25	22	
1992	65,766	1	4	12	17	4	169	207	3.15	116	39	22	30	
1993	64,049	2	7	16	17	5	175	222	3.47	118	51	28	24	1
1994	63,974	3	2	14	19	12	153	203	3.17	111	44	28	20	
1995	62,591	1	8	10	19	8	175	221	3.53	131	47	19	23	1
1996	61,143	1	9	12	17	9	168	216	3.53	122	28	33	31	2
1997	60,732	3	5	20	7	15	170	220	3.62	128	42	23	26	1
1998	60,492	2	6	14	19	10	182	233	3.85	144	34	24	31	
1999	58,875	5	6	15	23	5	179	233	3.96	150	32	27	24	
2000	59,171	4	10	20	16	12	148	210	3.55	124	38	28	19	1
2001	58,626	4	14	16	15	10	178	237	4.04	150	43	26	18	
2002	61,478		14	20	24	9	149	216	3.51	126	39	23	27	1
2003	61,058		15	21	12	7	137	192	3.14	119	32	18	22	1
2004	62,417	5	22	15	13	9	120	184	2.95	106	44	12	22	
2005	63,287	10	16	22	10	11	74	143	2.26	63	32	22	26	
2006	65,236	15	21	16	9	12	59	132	2.02	53	42	23	13	1
2007	70,313	18	32	12	17	6	33	118	1.68	42	28	20	28	
2008	71,175	14	28	20	13	11	21	107	1.50	44	31	18	14	
2009	70,920	22	33	31	4	1		91	1.28	32	31	15	13	
2010 ***	70,900	11	32	9				52	0.73	13	21	8	7	3
	1,344,611	122	286	339	301	177	2,573	3,798	2.82	2,084	776	463	463	12

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QUEENSLAND

Birth Year	No. of Births	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total Fitted	Rate per '000 Births	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
		<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+			0-40	41-60	61-90	90+	Un shown
1990	44,868		3	9	12	7	111	142	3.16	60	31	24	27	
1991	44,160		3	7	9	6	141	166	3.76	85	37	23	21	
1992	46,240			7	11	6	129	153	3.31	75	38	19	21	
1993	46,778	1	1	6	6	3	123	140	2.99	78	25	26	11	
1994	46,578		2	7	5	6	152	172	3.69	111	37	15	9	
1995	46,484	1	5	8	3	6	168	191	4.11	122	37	22	10	
1996	47,769	1	2	10	6	7	164	190	3.98	121	33	15	21	
1997	46,965		6	3	12	9	187	217	4.62	142	37	18	20	
1998	47,046	1	2	6	9	1	203	222	4.72	153	42	15	12	
1999	46,503	1	9	7	13	1	188	219	4.71	134	49	14	20	2
2000	47,278	1	3	11	12	10	200	237	5.01	157	44	21	14	1
2001	47,678	3	3	10	5	6	185	212	4.45	155	24	18	15	
2002	47,771	6	5	10	6	6	176	209	4.38	133	41	18	16	1
2003	48,342	1	6	10	7	5	140	169	3.50	100	41	10	17	1
2004	49,940	8	8	9	7	9	125	166	3.32	100	41	11	13	1
2005	51,661	8	12	12	6	7	77	122	2.36	54	38	14	13	3
2006	52,665	17	18	11	13	9	43	111	2.11	46	35	19	11	
2007	61,249	22	12	17	12	7	32	102	1.67	41	27	13	18	3
2008	63,132	33	23	10	10	8	14	98	1.55	37	37	10	14	
2009	66,097	28	38	12	7	1		86	1.30	35	22	19	8	2
2010 ***	66,000	20	33	9				62	0.94	25	20	8	8	1
	1,065,204	152	194	191	171	120	2,558	3,386	3.18	1,964	736	352	319	15

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Birth Year	No. of Births	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total Fitted	Rate per '000 Births	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
		<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+			0-40	41-60	61-90	90+	Un shown
1990	25,356	1	2	4	7	4	48	66	2.60	32	18	8	8	
1991	25,417		1	3	6	2	52	64	2.52	32	9	14	9	
1992	25,073		3	2	2	1	80	88	3.51	50	26	8	3	1
1993	25,081	1		1	3	1	71	77	3.07	42	17	13	5	
1994	25,138		1	2	4	4	79	90	3.58	67	11	4	8	
1995	25,139		1		4	5	91	101	4.02	65	20	8	8	
1996	24,793		2	2	2	4	108	118	4.76	88	14	6	10	
1997	24,776		1	5	6	3	105	120	4.84	85	14	9	11	1
1998	24,717	1	2	4	2	1	106	116	4.69	80	18	10	7	1
1999	24,849		1	1	4	1	120	127	5.11	96	15	9	7	
2000	25,093	4		2	5	5	131	147	5.86	106	15	16	8	2
2001	24,002	3	2	2	5	2	120	134	5.58	98	18	9	7	2
2002	23,601		4	2	3	1	113	123	5.21	84	26	9	4	
2003	24,273	3	4	4	3	8	99	121	4.98	81	15	11	14	
2004	25,295	3	5		5	5	76	94	3.72	59	17	5	9	4
2005	26,253	2	5	4	1	2	75	89	3.39	57	15	6	5	6
2006	27,776	1	2	3	3	1	46	56	2.02	29	15	4	7	1
2007	29,164	6	3	1	4	7	18	39	1.34	13	11	11	3	1
2008	31,850	5	6	4	7	7	5	34	1.07	18	5	6	5	
2009	30,878	9	12	6	1	1		29	0.94	4	11	4	10	
2010 ***	30,800	5	5	2				12	0.39	6	4		2	
	549,324	44	62	54	77	65	1,543	1,845	3.36	1,192	314	170	150	19

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Birth Year	No. of Births	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total Fitted	Rate per '000 Births	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
		<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+			0-40	41-60	61-90	90+	Unshown
1990	19,863		4	3	2		41	50	2.52	25	8	7	10	
1991	19,640		1	2	3	5	41	52	2.65	26	7	11	8	
1992	19,311			1	2	2	55	60	3.11	26	26	4	4	
1993	20,078				4	4	47	55	2.74	31	14	6	4	
1994	19,409				2	2	54	58	2.99	37	12	7	2	
1995	19,336			2	2	5	62	71	3.67	43	16	7	5	
1996	19,056		1		3	1	65	70	3.67	49	11	4	5	1
1997	18,362		1	2	4	3	66	76	4.14	41	16	10	9	
1998	18,226		3	2	2	2	58	67	3.68	44	11	7	5	
1999	17,958			2	5	1	56	64	3.56	42	10	6	6	
2000	17,859	1	2	2		2	52	59	3.30	39	14	4	2	
2001	17,281	2	1	6	8	2	74	93	5.38	66	9	12	6	
2002	17,665	1	1	4	4	1	47	58	3.28	39	10	4	5	
2003	17,443	3	3	4	5	4	69	88	5.05	56	17	5	10	
2004	17,140	1	3	4	1	3	39	51	2.98	31	11	3	5	1
2005	17,800	2	2	3	1		28	36	2.02	24	6	4	2	
2006	18,260	4	5	4		1	13	27	1.48	12	10	3	2	
2007	19,662	4	4	3	4	6	7	28	1.42	11	9	6	2	
2008	20,229	4	9	4	2	3	5	27	1.33	7	8	3	9	
2009	19,734	8	13	6	4	1		32	1.62	14	7	7	4	
2010 ***	19,700	9	3	1				13	0.66	4	3	2	4	
	394,012	39	56	55	58	48	879	1,135	2.88	667	235	122	109	2

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TASMANIA

Birth Year	No. of Births	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total Fitted	Rate per '000 Births	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
		<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+			0-40	41-60	61-90	90+	Un shown
1990	7,043		1		1		13	15	2.13	6	7	1	1	
1991	6,870				3	1	19	23	3.35	10	7	2	4	
1992	6,987				2		10	12	1.72	8	3	1		
1993	6,835			2	1		12	15	2.19	10	3	1	1	
1994	6,844				1	1	12	14	2.05	8	5		1	
1995	6,570				3		14	17	2.59	8	5	3	1	
1996	6,457					2	12	14	2.17	6	5	3		
1997	6,007			2			19	21	3.50	12	5	1	3	
1998	5,978				1		15	16	2.68	7	7	1	1	
1999	6,032			2	2		14	18	2.98	8	5	2	3	
2000	5,692				1	2	7	10	1.76	7	2		1	
2001	6,430			1		1	12	14	2.18	7	1	3	3	
2002	6,003			1		3	12	16	2.67	11		4	1	
2003	5,752				3	1	7	11	1.91	5	3	1	2	
2004	5,809		1		1	1	10	13	2.24	4	3	4	2	
2005	6,308	1		1	1		3	6	0.95		2	2	2	
2006	6,475		1	1	3	1	4	10	1.54	3	3	3	1	
2007	6,662	2	3		2		2	9	1.35	1	1	4	3	
2008	6,775	1	2	1		1	2	7	1.03	3		3	1	
2009	6,626	3	4	3				10	1.51	2	2	2	4	
2010 ***	6,600		1	1				2	0.30		1		1	
	134,755	7	13	15	25	14	199	273	2.03	126	70	41	36	

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Birth Year	No. of Births	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total Fitted	Rate per '000 Births	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
		<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+			0-40	41-60	61-90	90+	Un shown
1990	4,457				2	1	22	25	5.61	15	4	5	1	
1991	4,756		2	2			2	15	21	4.42	7	7	5	2
1992	4,447				1			15	16	3.60	8	7	1	
1993	4,414		1		1	1		18	21	4.76	14	6		1
1994	4,461	1		1		1		11	14	3.14	7	2	2	3
1995	4,415			1				14	15	3.40	9	3		3
1996	4,396			1	1	3		17	22	5.00	15	4	3	
1997	4,208				1	1		18	20	4.75	13	3	1	3
1998	3,982			1	2			18	21	5.27	12	8		1
1999	4,253			2	5			17	24	5.64	13	6	3	2
2000	4,065	1		2	1			13	17	4.18	9	4	2	2
2001	3,938		1	1		1		16	19	4.82	11	3	2	3
2002	4,112	2		2	1	2		15	22	5.35	12	4	2	4
2003	4,128	1	1	1	1	2		13	19	4.60	11	5		3
2004	4,174			2	1	2		16	21	5.03	17	3	1	
2005	4,206	1	2	2	1	3		10	19	4.52	10	2	3	4
2006	4,479	3	1	2	3	1		2	12	2.68	5	4	2	1
2007	4,753	5	4	1				1	11	2.31		5	6	
2008	4,804	1	2	2	1	4		1	11	2.29	2	6	3	
2009	4,858	5	3		1				9	1.85	3	2	1	3
2010 ***	4,800	2	1						3	0.63	1	1		1
	92,106	22	18	23	23	24	252	362	3.93	194	89	42	36	1

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NORTHERN TERRITORY

Birth Year	No. of Births	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total Fitted	Rate per '000 Births	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
		<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+			0-40	41-60	61-90	90+	Unshown
1990	3,557					1	29	30	8.43	18	10	1		1
1991	3,599			1		1	13	15	4.17	7	5	2	1	
1992	3,742				1	1	21	23	6.15	17	5	1		
1993	3,603						25	25	6.94	18	3	2		2
1994	3,626						16	16	4.41	13	2			1
1995	3,766		1				28	29	7.70	21	4	2	2	
1996	3,562				1		33	34	9.55	23	7	3	1	
1997	3,588			1			44	45	12.54	31	12	1	1	
1998	3,641			1			54	55	15.11	47	6		2	
1999	3,576						57	57	15.94	45	11	1		
2000	3,685				1		72	73	19.81	57	13	1	2	
2001	3,822				2	1	54	57	14.91	38	13	2		4
2002	3,724		1				46	47	12.62	32	10	2		3
2003	3,790	1					45	46	12.14	29	12	2	1	2
2004	3,551				1	1	25	27	7.60	14	4	1	1	7
2005	3,659				1	1	17	19	5.19	9	4	1		5
2006	3,696				1	1	12	14	3.79	7	3	2	1	1
2007	3,894		1			1	9	11	2.82	1	3			7
2008	3,942	1		1	2	1	1	6	1.52	2	2			2
2009	3,819								0.00					
2010 ***	3,800		1					1	0.26					1
	77,642	2	4	4	10	9	601	630	8.11	429	129	24	12	36

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Children under 21 years of Age of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background with hearing aids

Indigenous Aided Children under 21 years of age by State/Territory, Age at First Fitting and 3FAHL (TRADITIONAL 3FAHL)

State	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
	<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+		0-30	31-60	61-90	90+	Un shown
NSW	2	6	8	7	8	110	141	69	42	21	9	
VIC			1	1	4	38	44	21	20	1	2	
QLD	2	5	9	2	3	507	528	297	193	12	25	1
WA	2	3	3	2	4	285	299	133	119	20	12	15
SA		2	2		2	86	92	41	44	3	3	1
TAS						1	1	1				
ACT						1	1		1			
NT		3	2	7	3	491	506	224	225	16	8	33
Total	6	19	25	19	24	1,519	1,612	786	644	73	59	50

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Indigenous Aided Children under 21 years of age by State/Territory, Age at First Fitting and 3FAHL (NEW 3FAHL)

State	Age at First Fitting in Months						Total	3 Frequency Average Hearing Level in the Better Ear				
	<3	3 to <6	6 to <12	12 to <18	18 to <24	24+		0-40	41-60	61-90	91+	Un shown
NSW	2	6	8	7	8	110	141	88	23	21	9	
VIC			1	1	4	38	44	30	11	1	2	
QLD	2	5	9	2	3	507	528	396	94	12	25	1
WA	2	3	3	2	4	285	299	205	47	20	12	15
SA		2	2		2	86	92	65	20	3	3	1
TAS						1	1	1				
ACT						1	1		1			
NT		3	2	7	3	491	506	342	107	16	8	33
Total	6	19	25	19	24	1,519	1,612	1,127	303	73	59	50

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Indigenous Aided Children by State/Territory and Birth Year

State	Birth Year																				Total	
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		2010
NSW	3	8	6	5	7	1	13	10	12	15	11	11	8	4	7	4	3	6	3	3	1	141
VIC	2	4	5	3	3	2	2	1	5	1	3	3	3	2	3			1	1			44
QLD	18	29	30	35	31	32	28	36	41	38	41	39	37	28	31	11	9	9	5			528
WA	4	7	10	11	13	13	18	13	18	21	32	29	20	22	25	23	8	5	4	3		299
SA	4	4	4	3	5	6	9	12	3	3	9	8	4	10	4	1	1	1		1		92
TAS												1										1
ACT										1												1
NT	23	9	17	18	10	25	28	40	47	46	58	50	40	39	24	13	8	7	3		1	506
Total	54	61	72	75	69	79	98	112	126	125	154	141	112	105	94	52	29	29	16	7	2	1,612