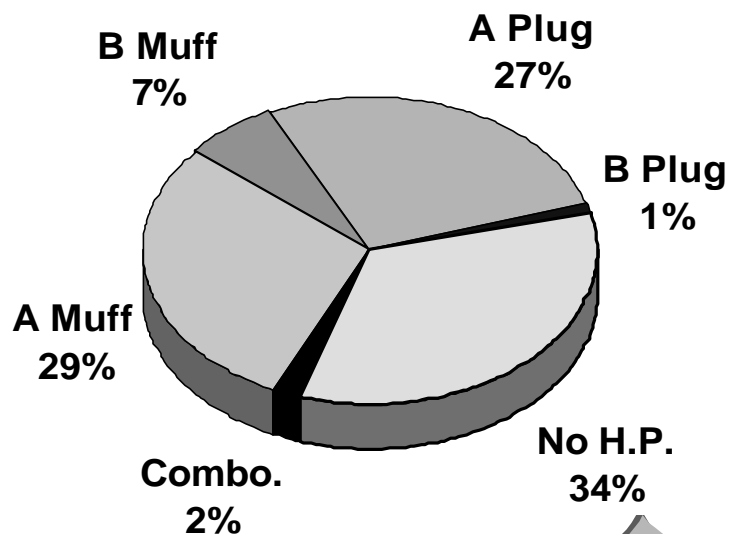
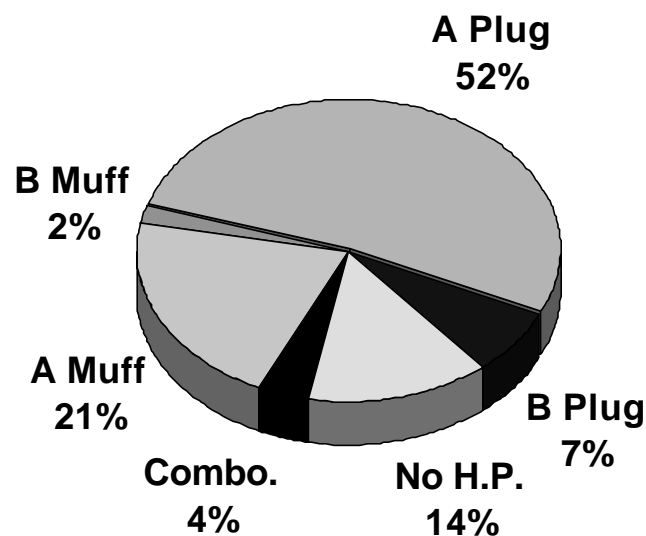


# *Hearing Protection Use--All Industry*

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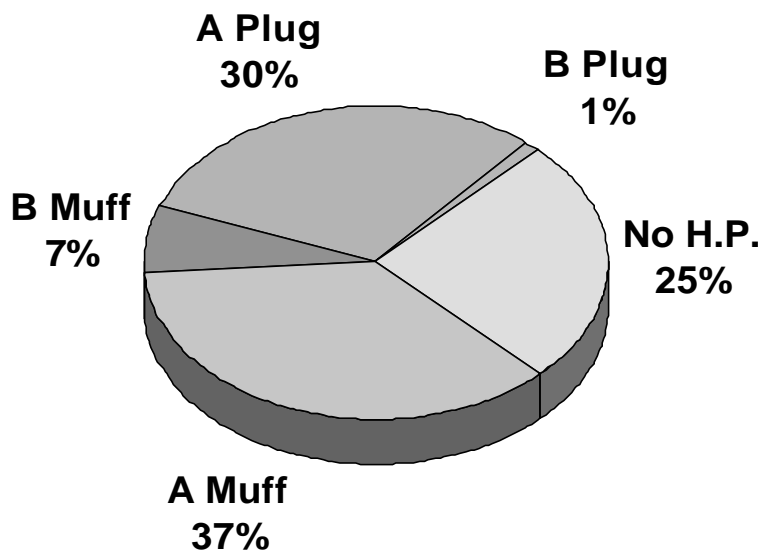


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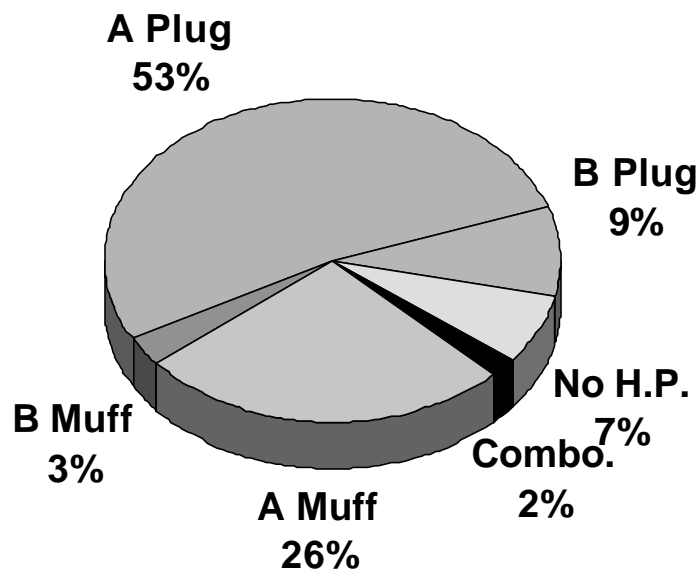


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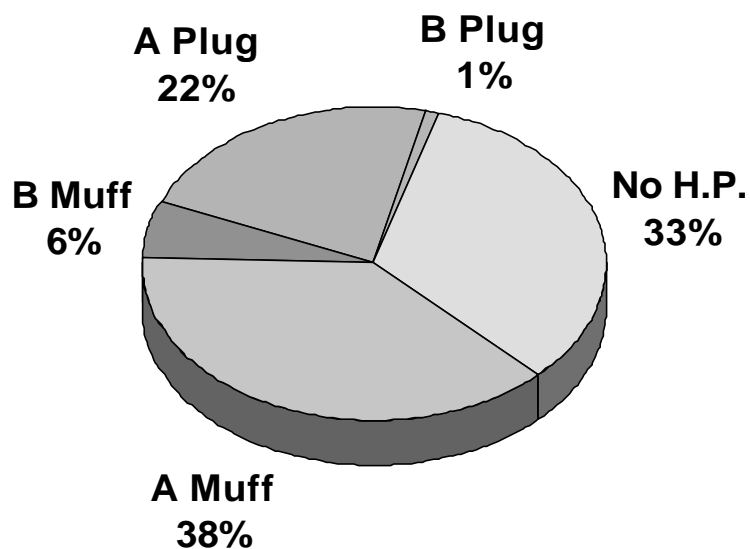
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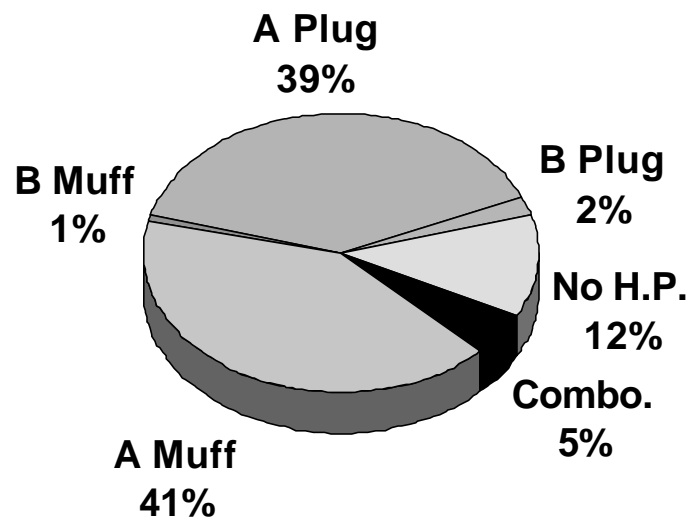
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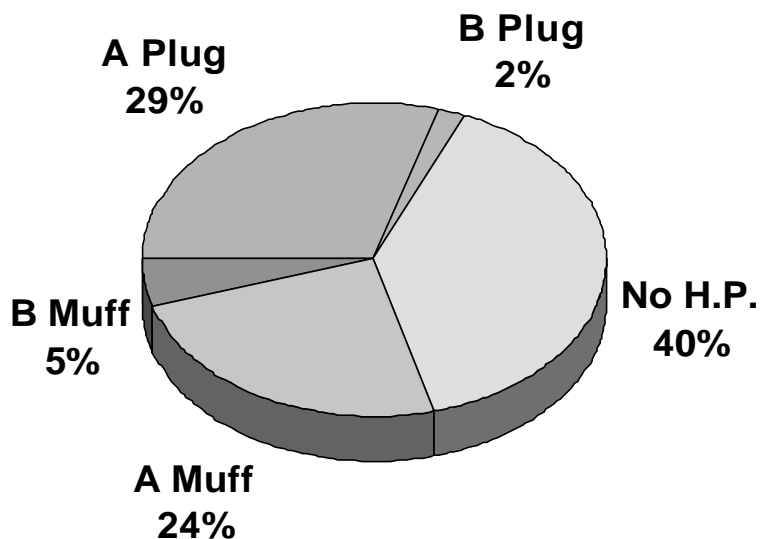


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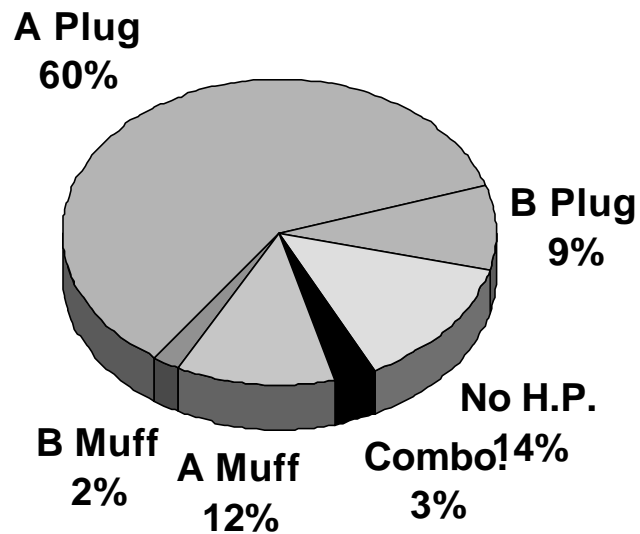


# *Hearing Protection Use-- Manufacturing*

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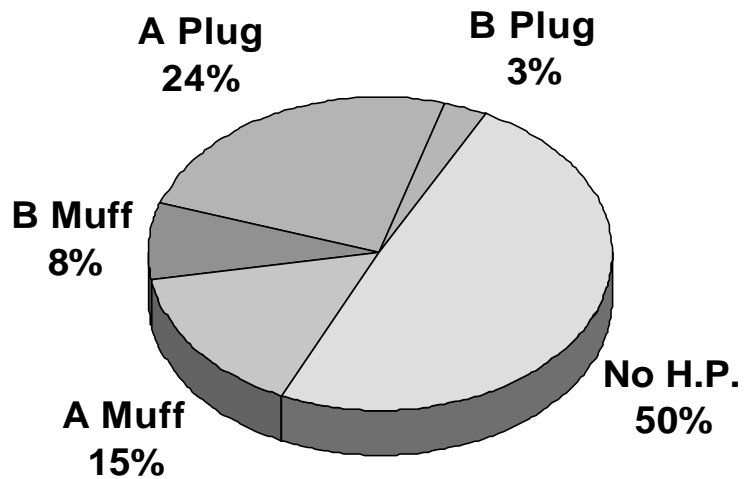
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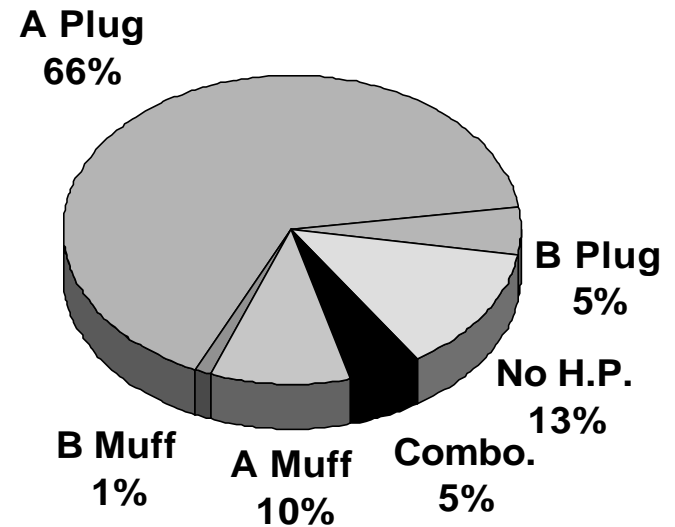
# *Hearing Protection Use-- Construction*

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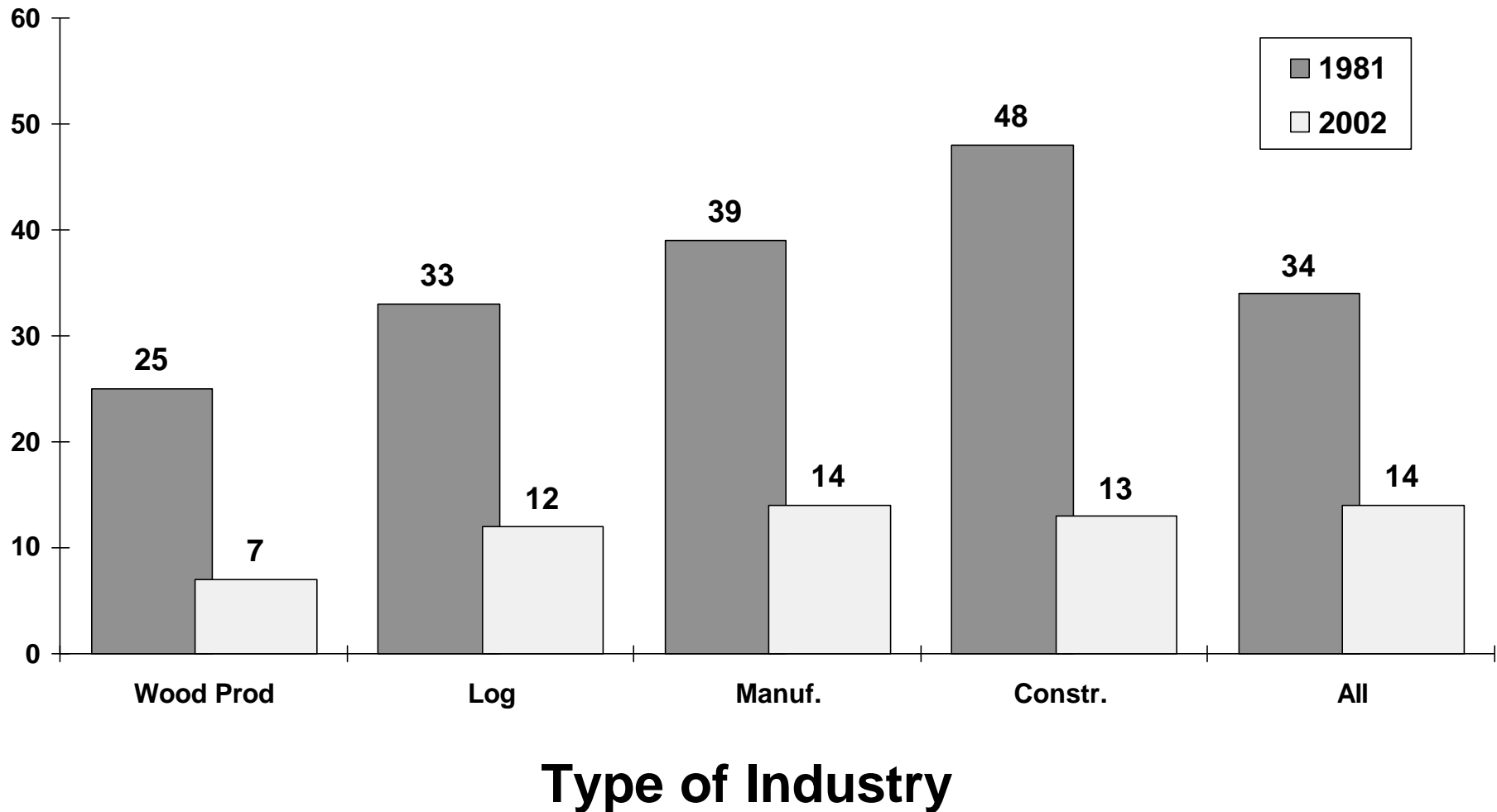


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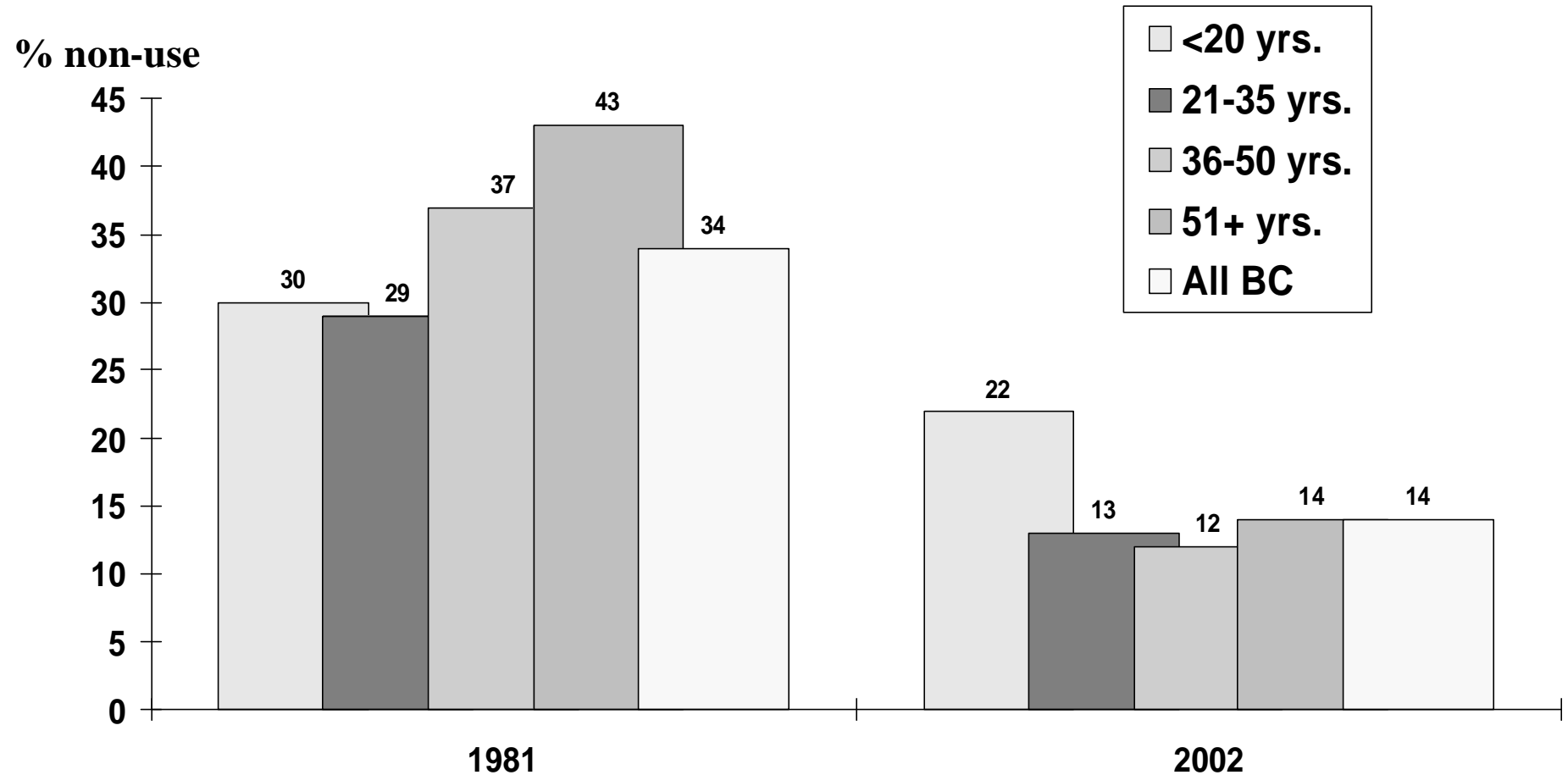


# *Hearing Protection Non-use-- 1981 vs. 2002*

% non-use

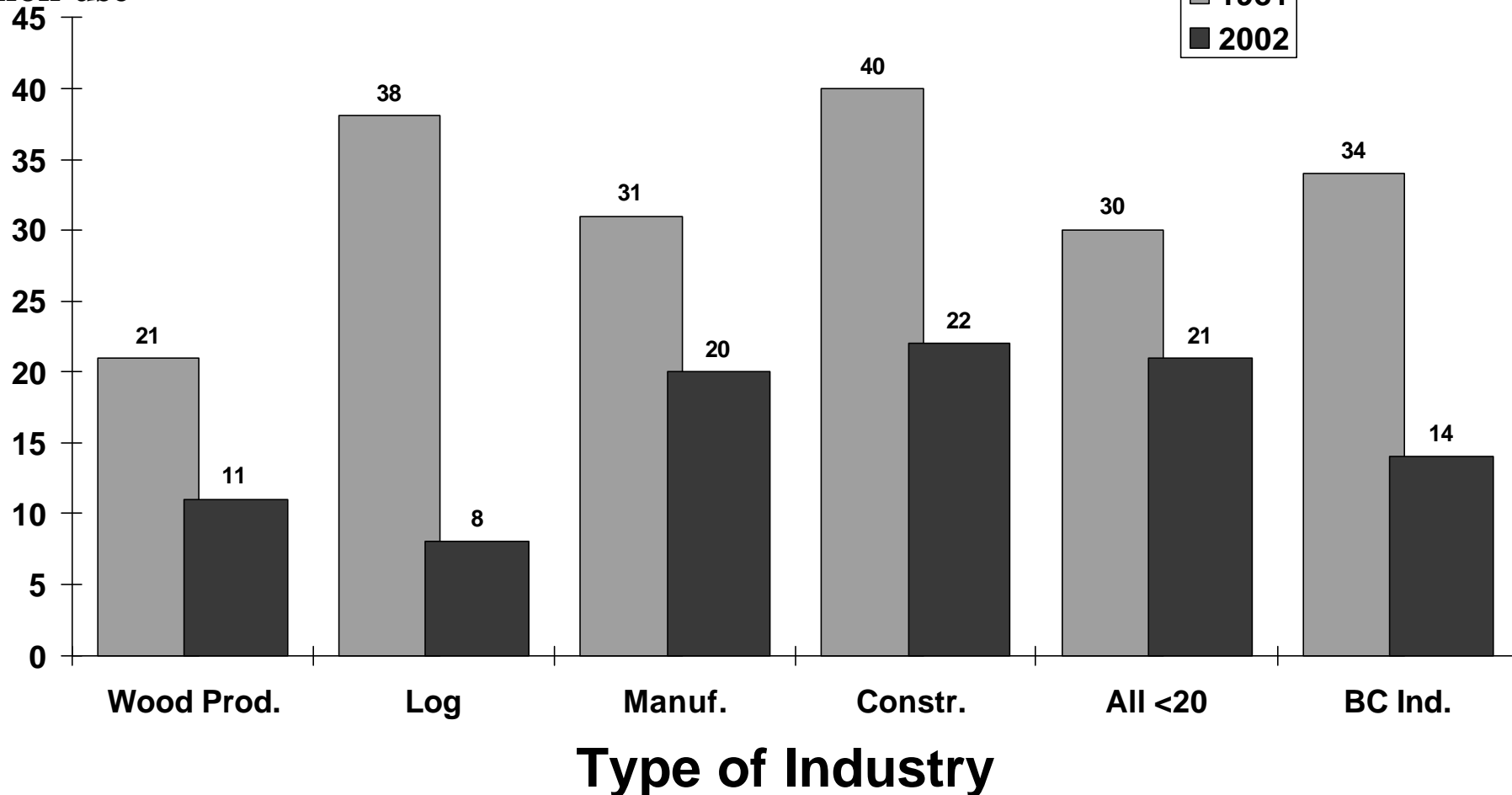


## *No Hearing Protection--by Age*



# *Hearing Protection Non-use-- Age <20 yrs.*

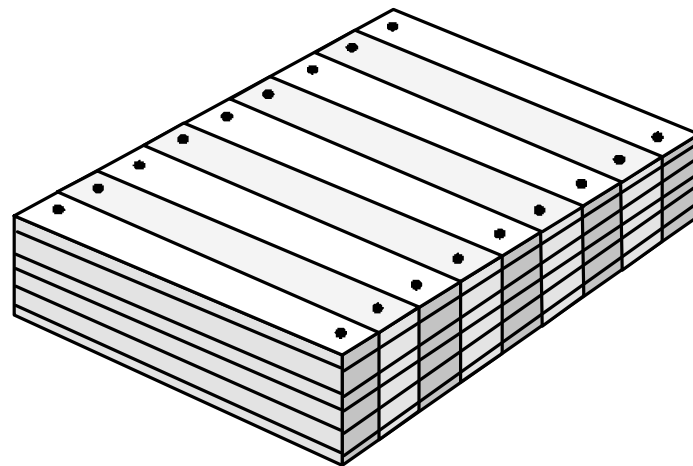
% non-use



# *General Statistics 2002*

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- **143,099 workers tested**
- **284 active I.A.T.s**
- **86 in-house programs**
- **24 mobile contractors**
- **22 fixed contractors**



# *Hearing Conservation Statistics 2002--Selected Classes*

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<u>Classification Unit</u>	<u># of Periodics</u>	<u>%EWC</u>
Logging	5973	9.7
Wood Products Man.	31000	8.5
Heavy Manufacturing	13514	8.7
General Construction	24484	11.5
Heavy Construction	852	11.9
Road Construction	3791	10.6
Municipalities	9300	8.0
Public School/Colleges	2544	9.7

# *Hearing Conservation Program 2002- All Industry*

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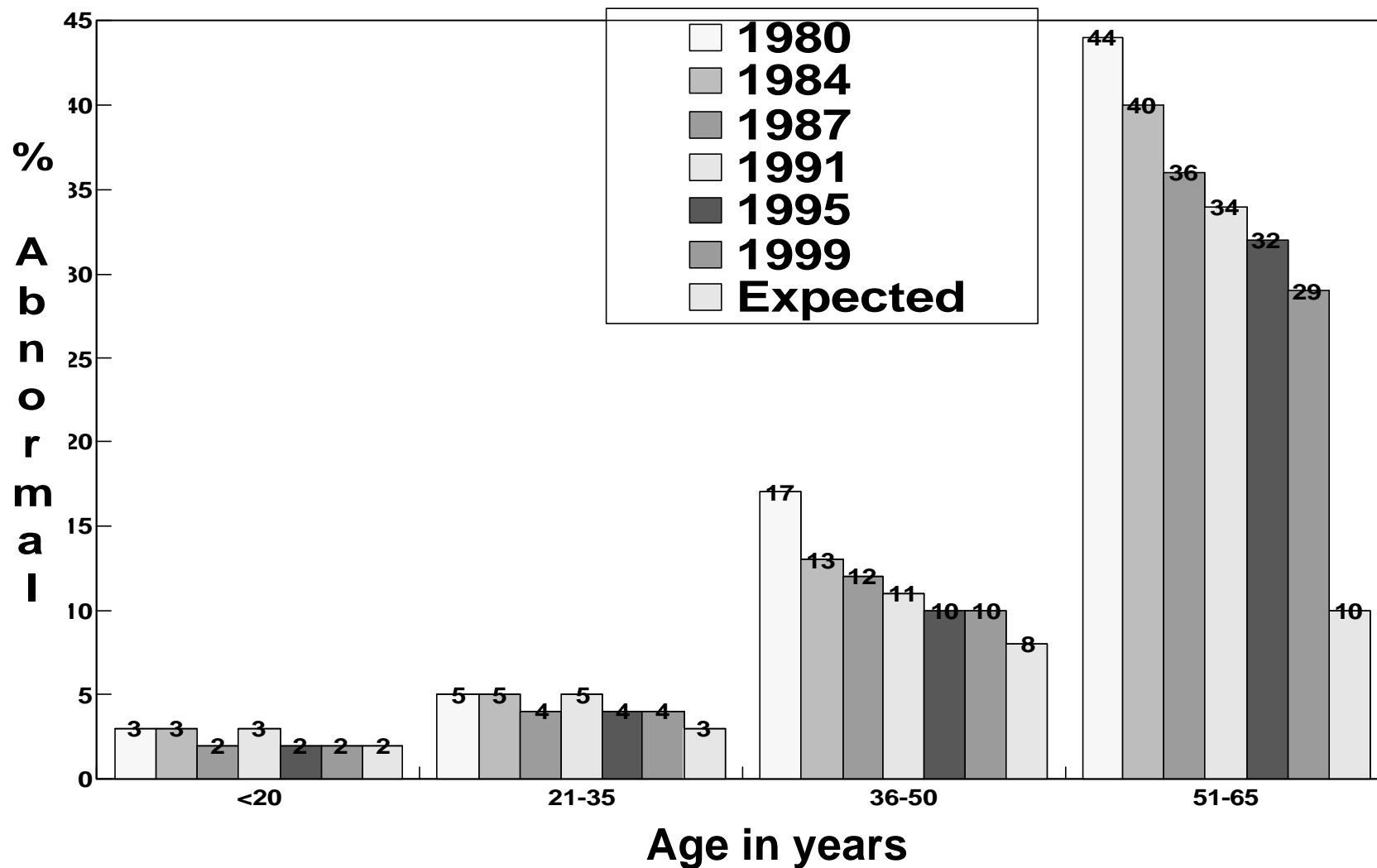
	Normal		Early Warning		Abnormal		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
<b>First Timers</b>	<b>2436</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>3384</b>
<b>Baseline</b>	<b>10719</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>4932</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>1331</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>16982</b>

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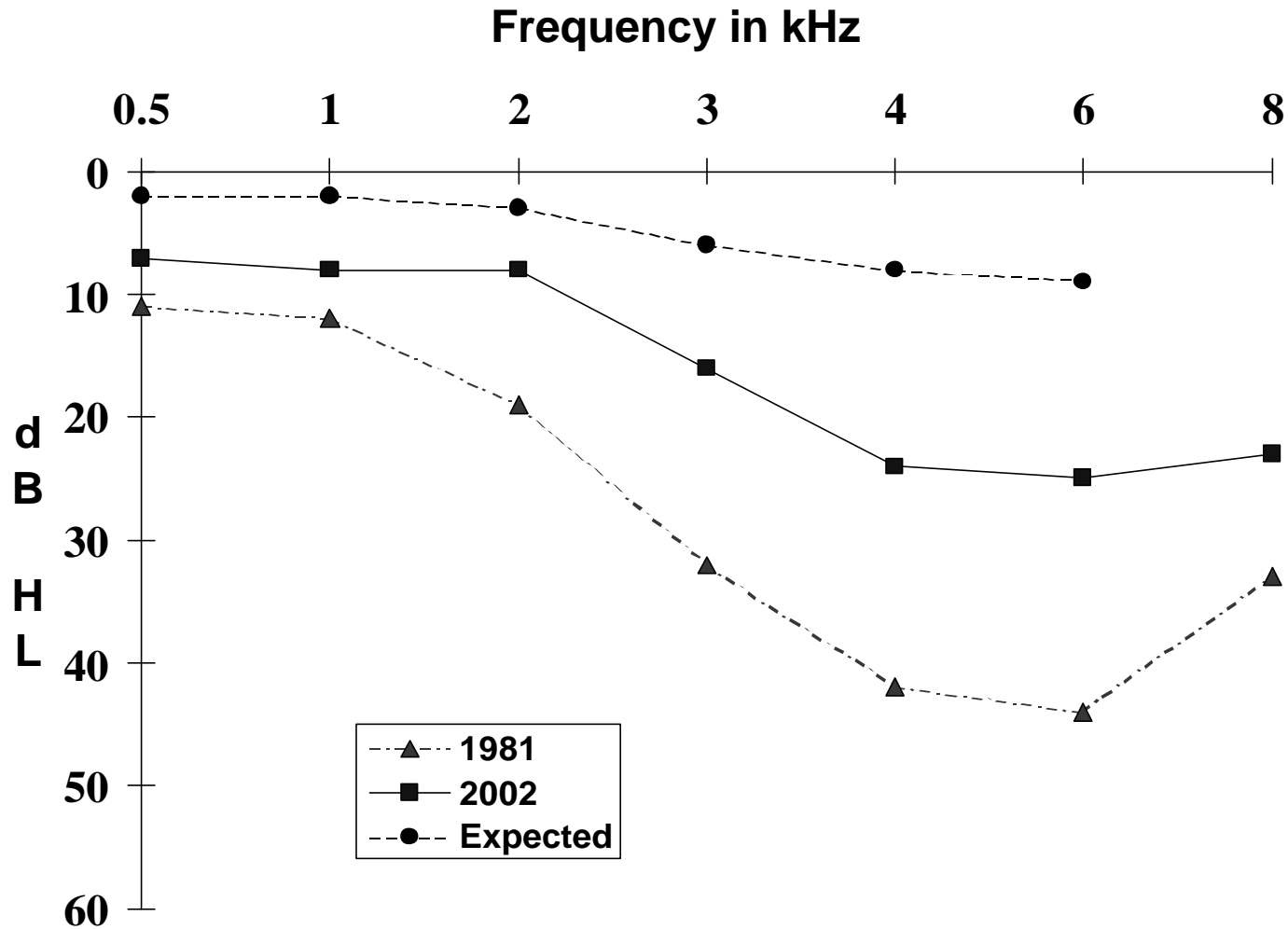
	N.Change		E.W. Change		A. Change		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
<b>Periodic</b>	<b>107806</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>11109</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>3818</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>122733</b>

***Total tested in B.C.                      143,099***

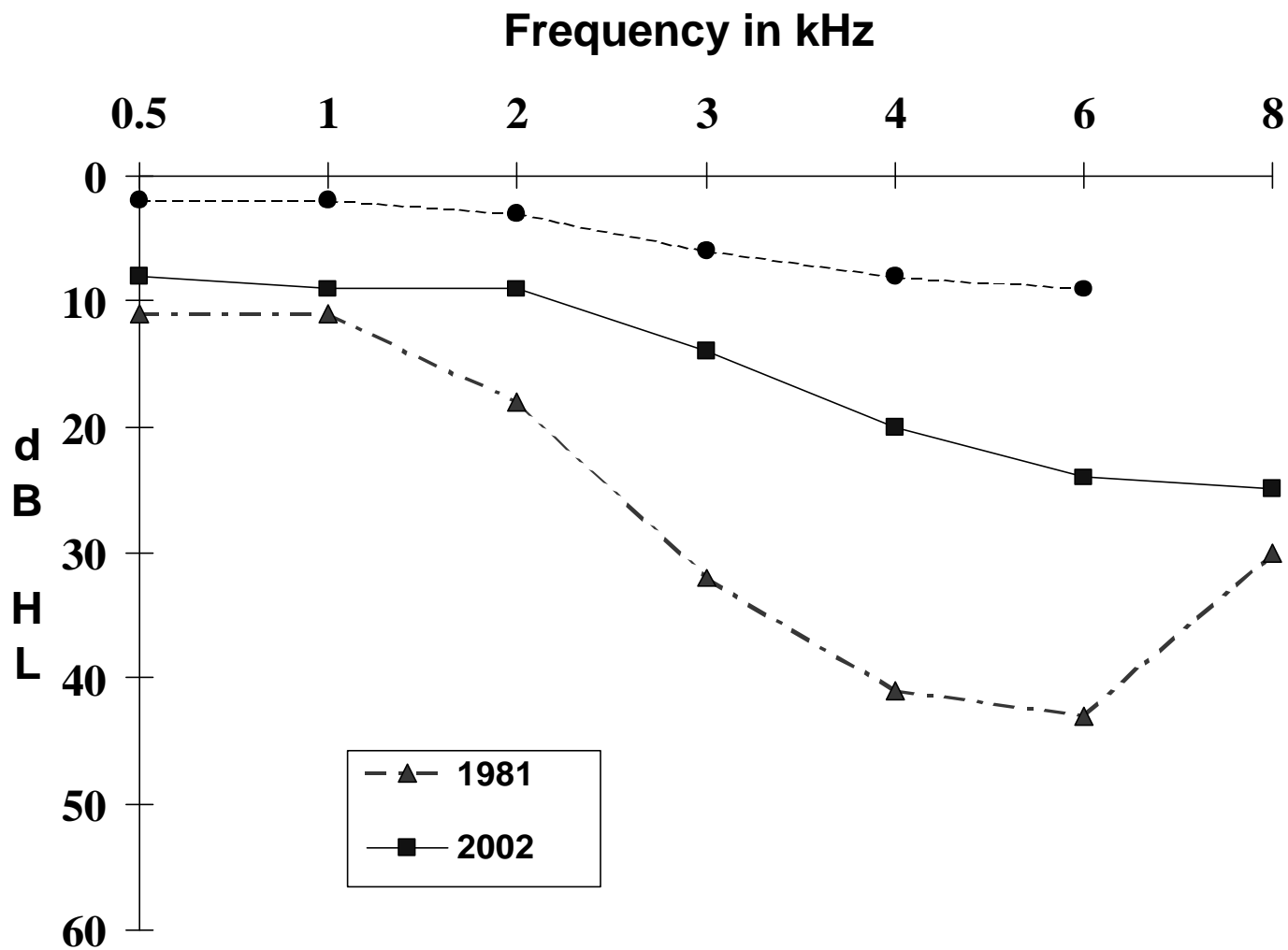
# *Abnormal Hearing in B.C. Workers*



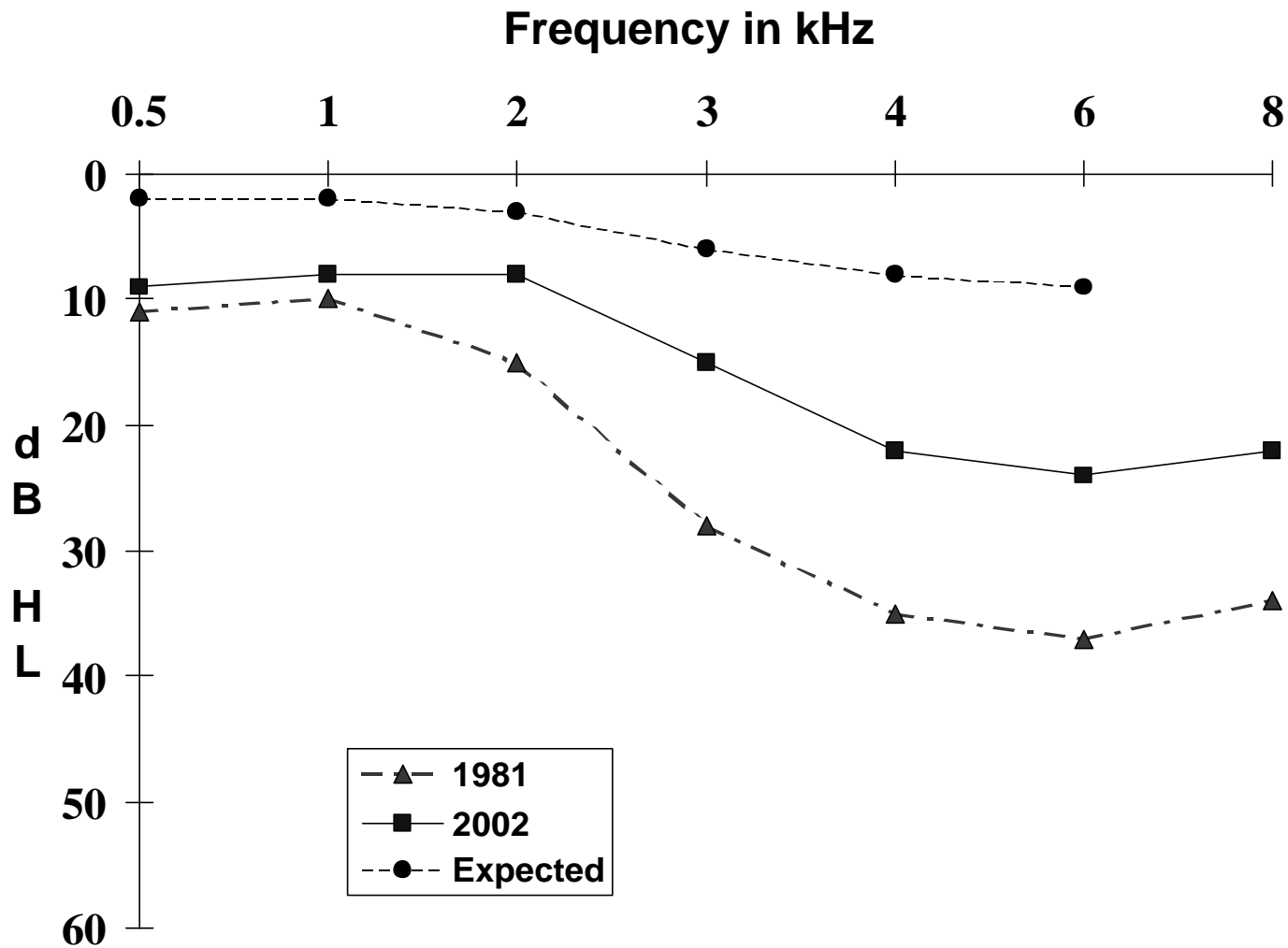
# *Fallers 1981 vs. 2002*



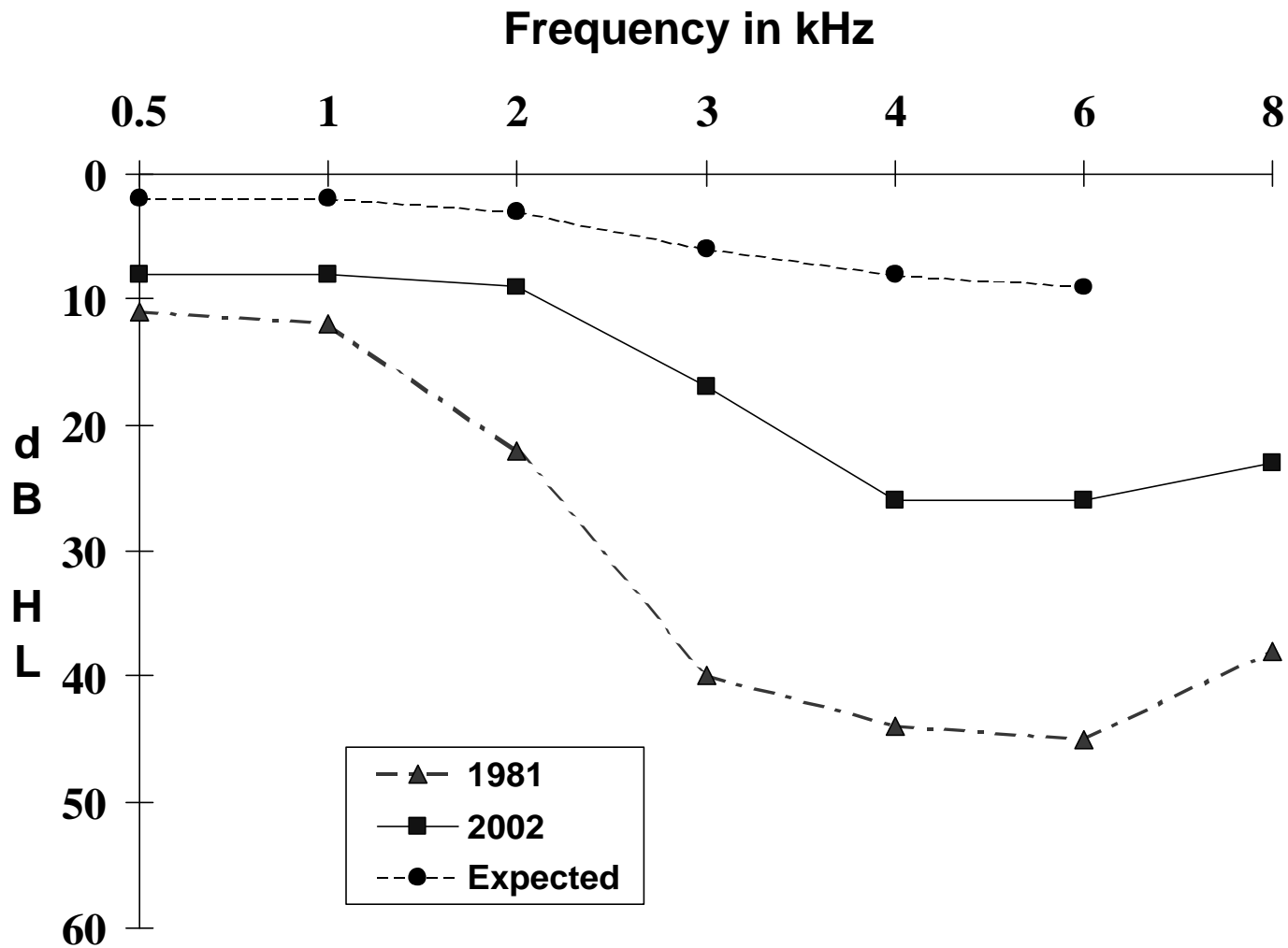
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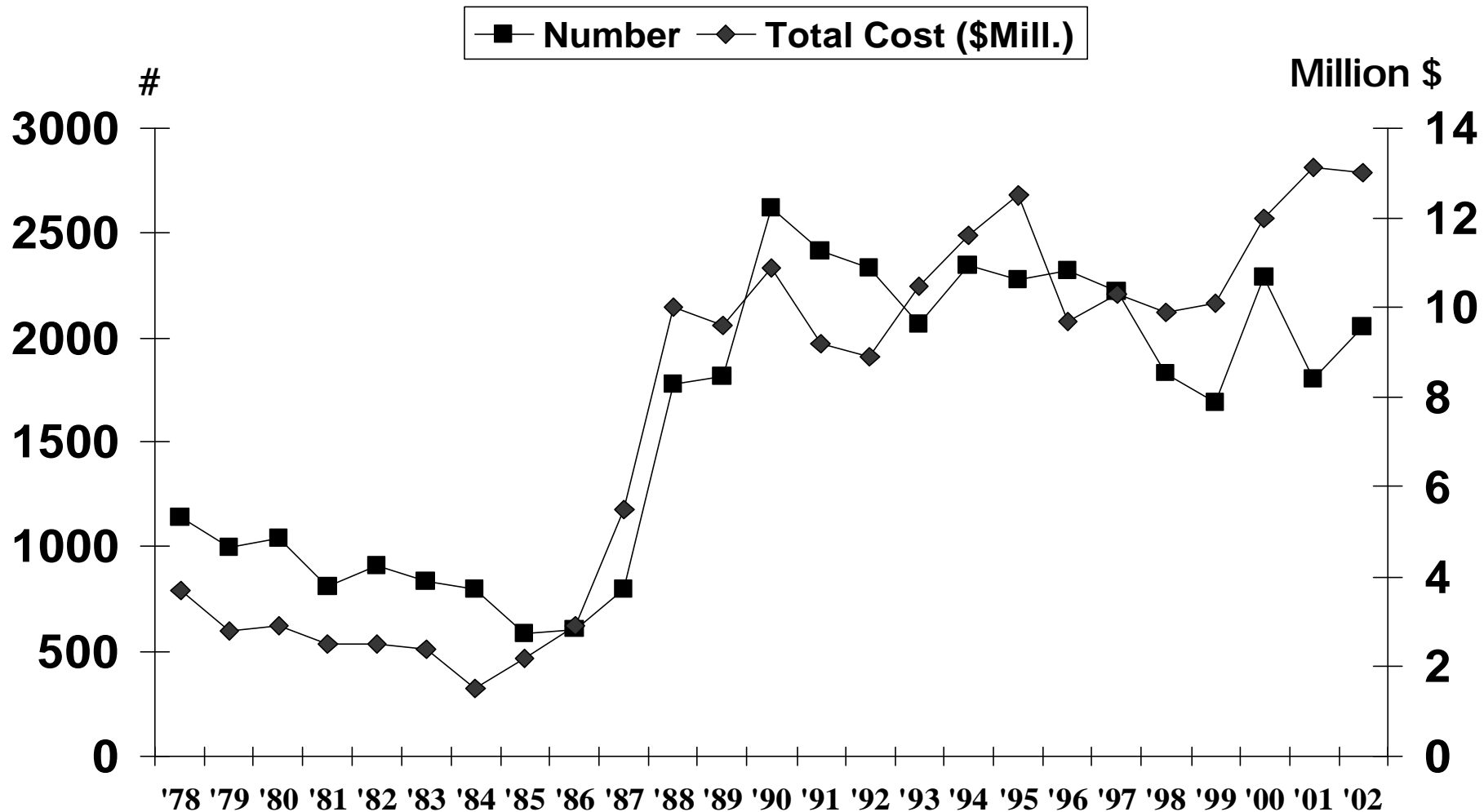
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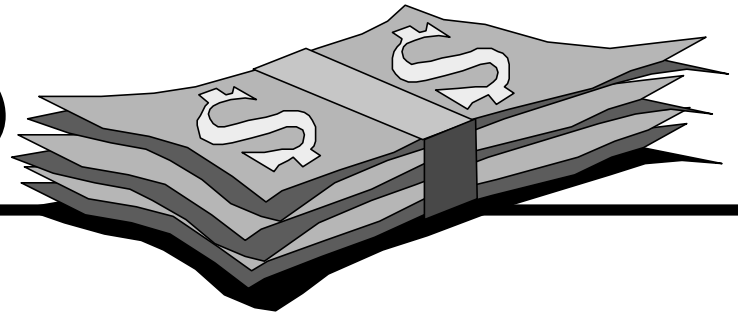
# *Welders 1981 vs. 2002*



# *New Noise Induced Hearing Loss Claims*



# *Claims Costs (Awards)*



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<b>Year</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Total (million\$)</b>	<b>Average\$ per claim</b>
<b>1977</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>5260</b>
<b>1982</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>4565</b>
<b>1987</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>7590</b>
<b>1992</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>5996</b>
<b>1997</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>5872</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>5347*</b>

**\* multiply by .336 to convert to 1977 \$s = \$1796/ claim**