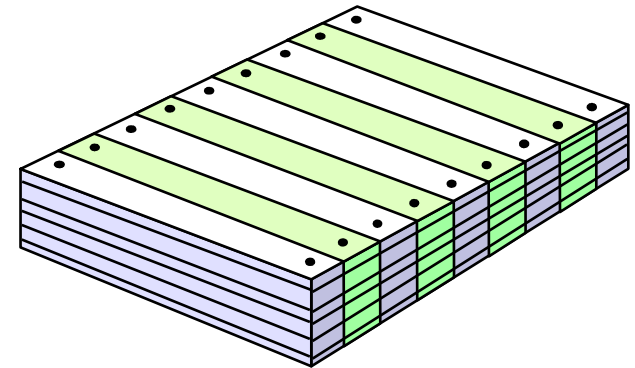


Hearing Loss Prevention Annual Statistics--2004

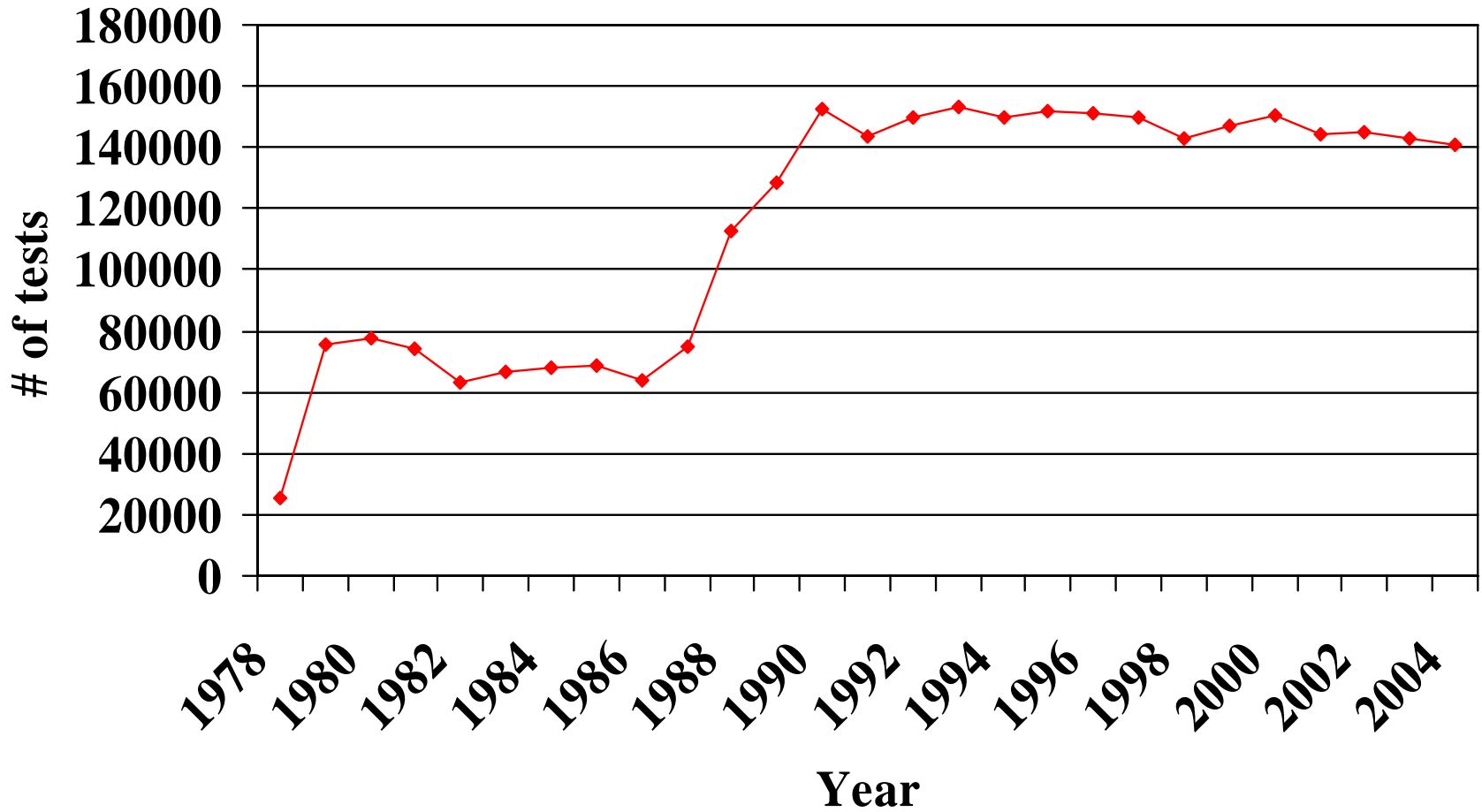
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General Statistics 2004

- 140,554 workers tested
- 284 active Industrial Audiometric Technicians
- 86 in-house programs
- 20 mobile contractors
- 23 fixed contractors



Number of Hearing Tests 1978-2004



Summary Statistics All Industry

	Normal		Early Warning		Abnormal		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
First Timers	2,735	72.9	844	23.5	171	4.6	3750
Baseline	12,190	65.1	5,174	27.6	1,374	7.3	18,738

	N.Change		E.W. Change		A. Change		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Periodic	102,419	86.7	<u>11,309</u>	<u>9.6</u>	4,338	3.7	118,066

Total tested in B.C. 140,554

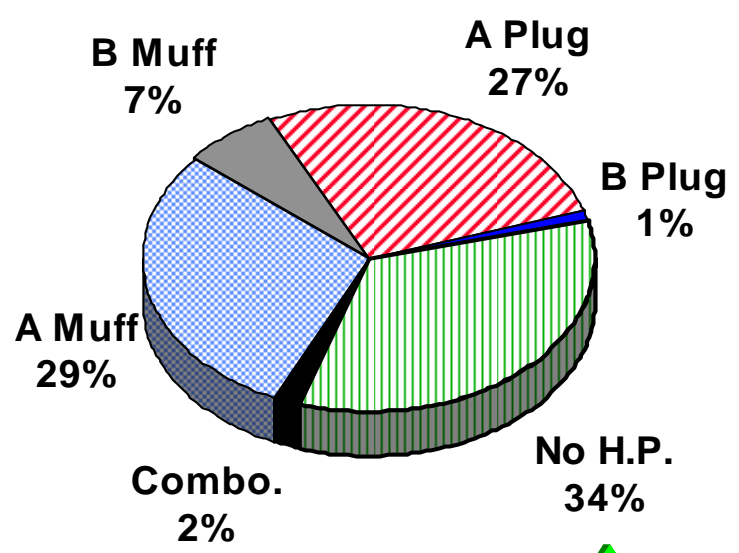
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Selected Industries

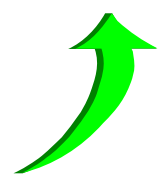
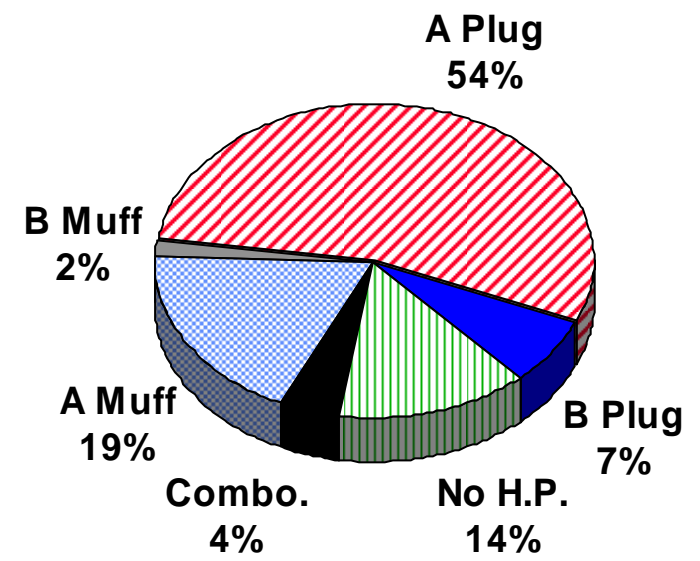
<u>Classification Unit</u>	<u># of Periodics</u>	<u>%EWC</u>
Logging	5,284	8.6
Wood Products Man.	29,333	6.9
Heavy Manufacturing	11,878	8.6
General Construction	18,872	9.4
Heavy Construction	835	10.5
Road Building	2,999	8.5
Municipalities	9,757	8.7
Public School/Colleges	3,048	8.2

Hearing Protection Use--All Industry

1981



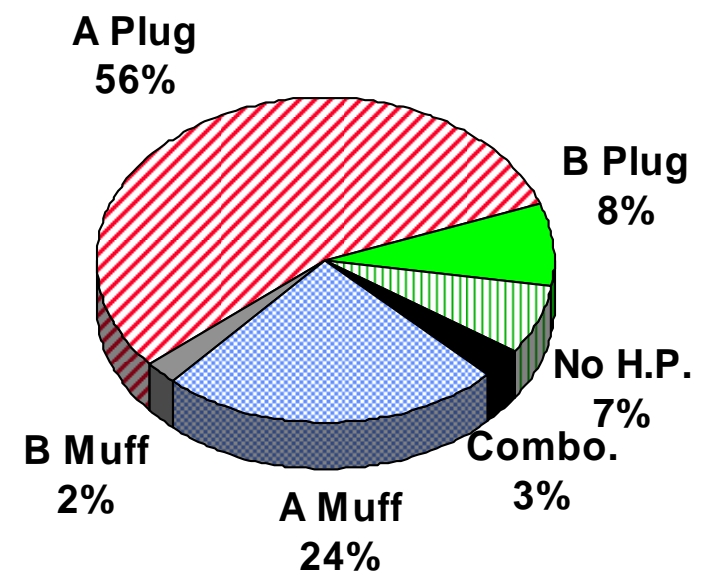
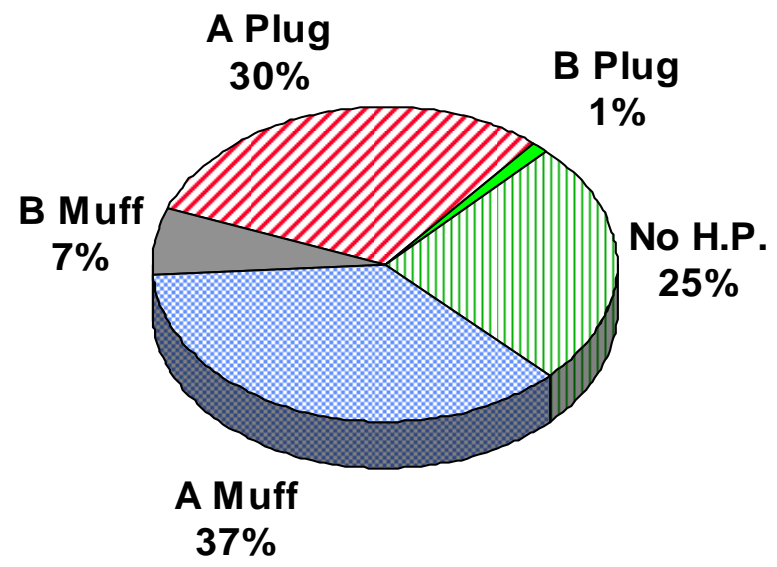
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Hearing Protection Use-- Wood Products Manufacturing

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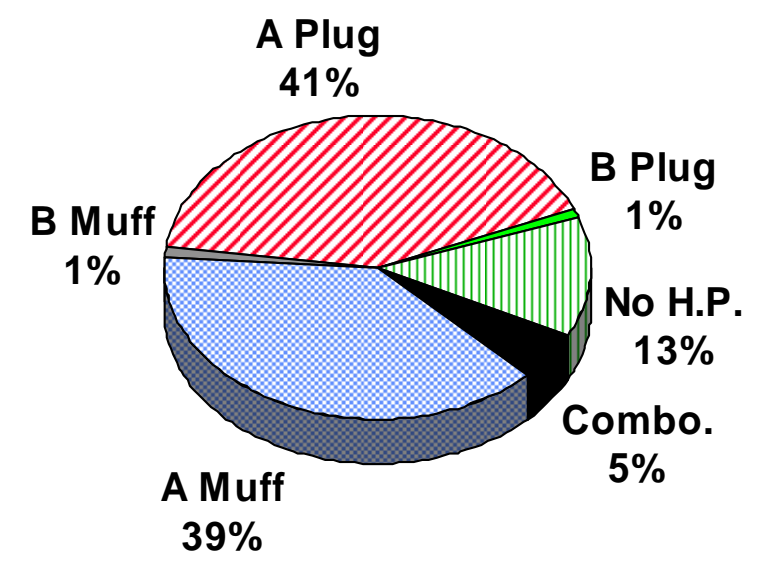
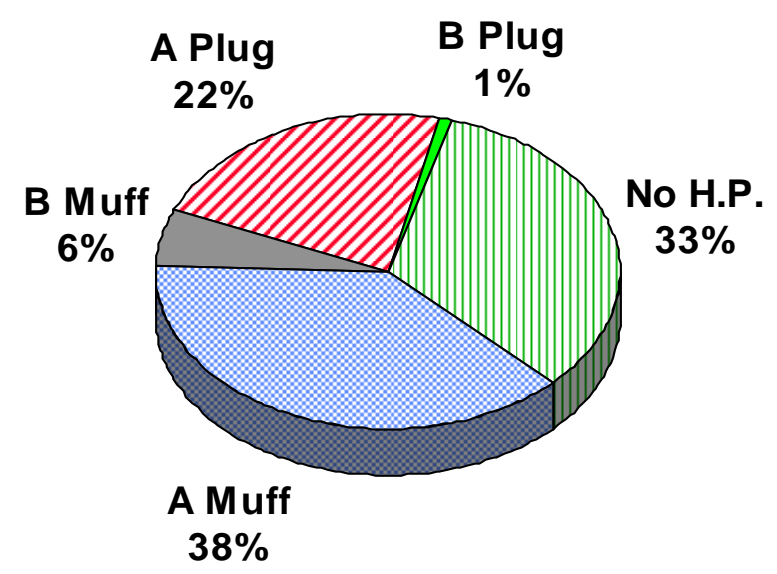
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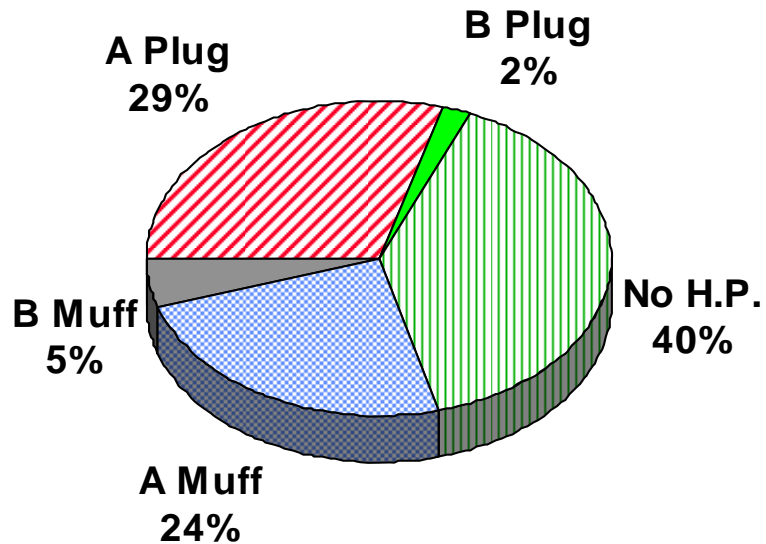
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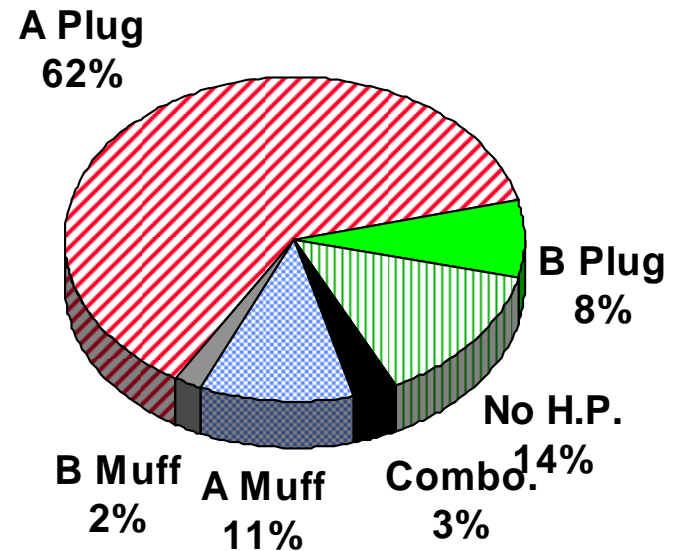


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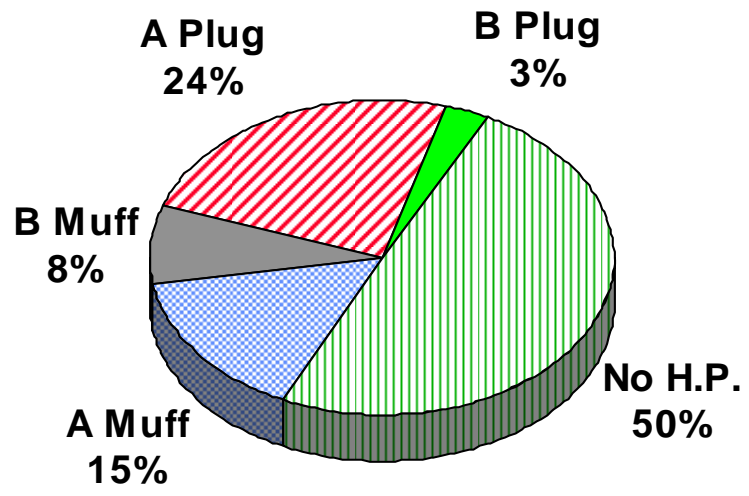


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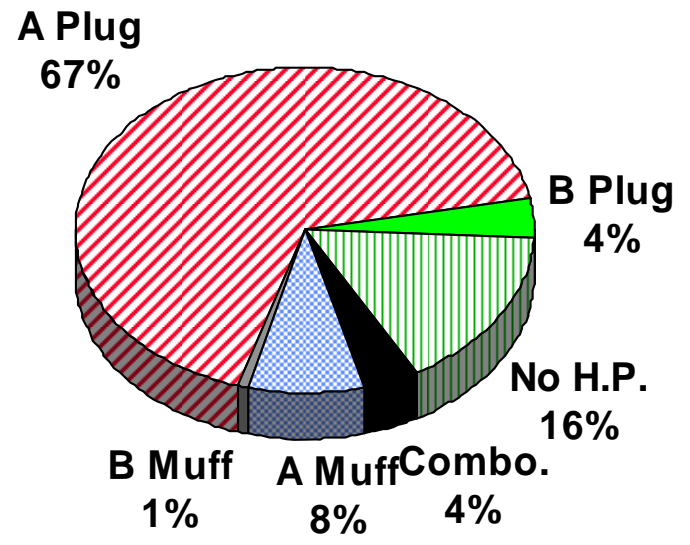


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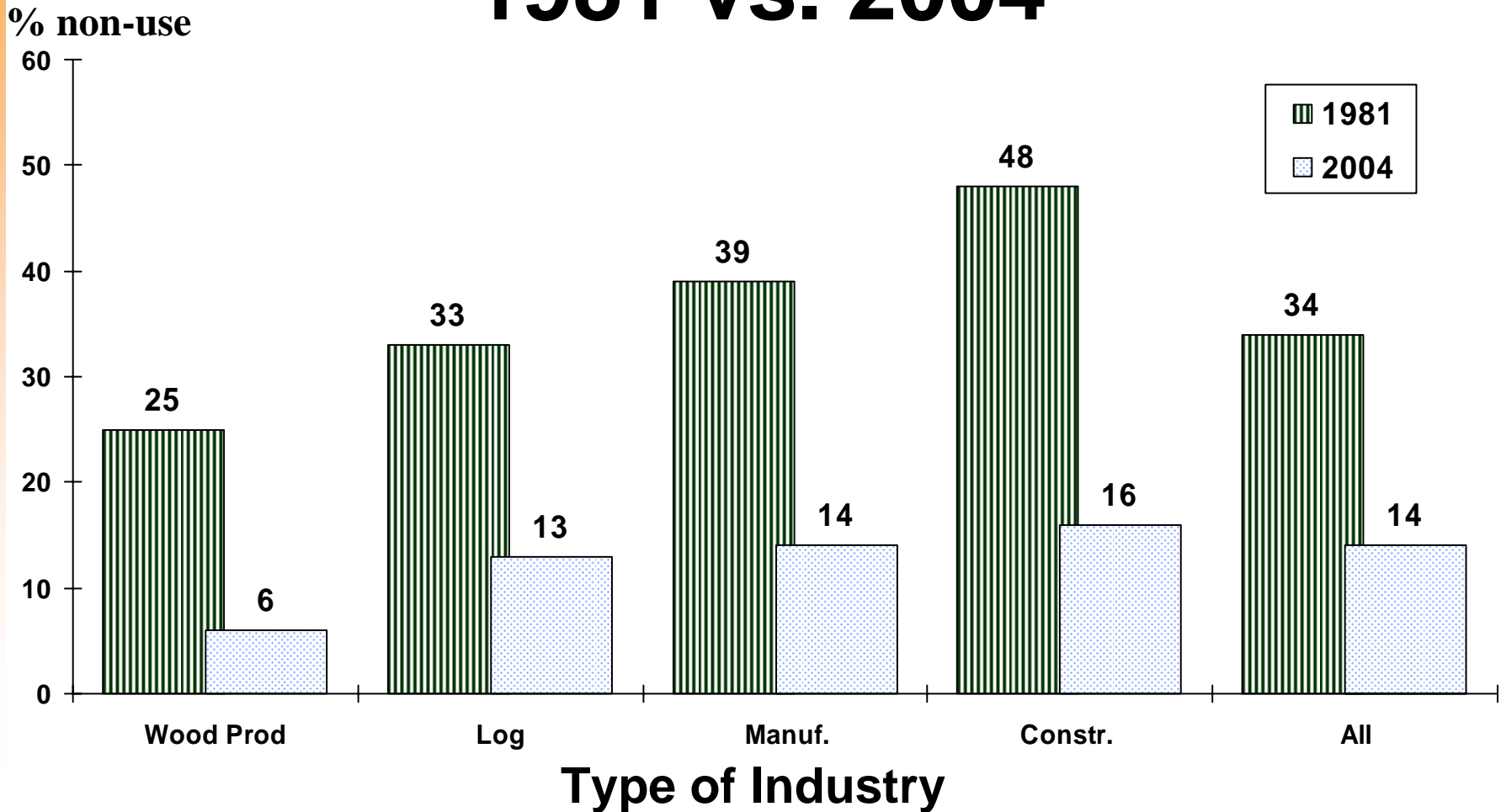
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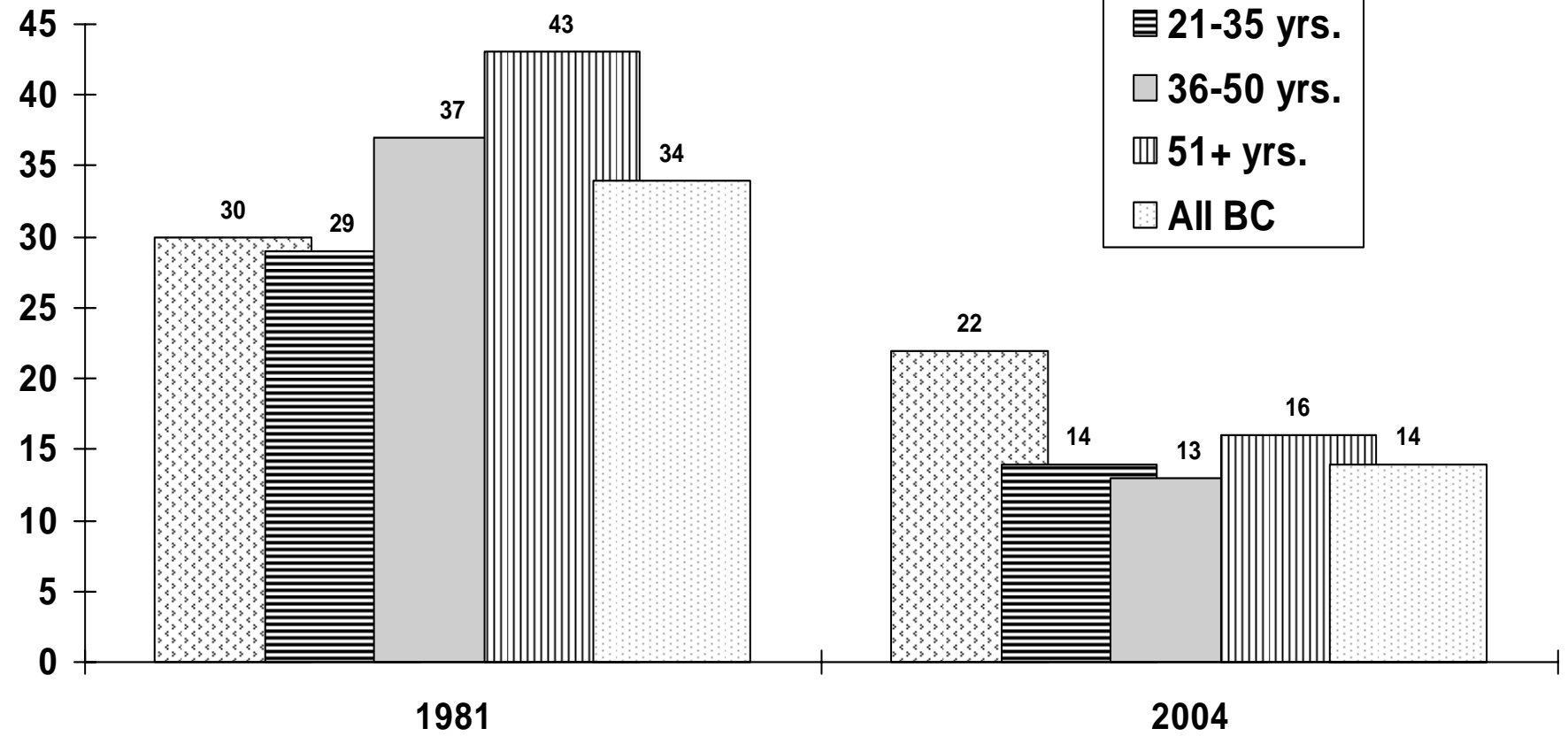


Hearing Protection Non-use-- 1981 vs. 2004



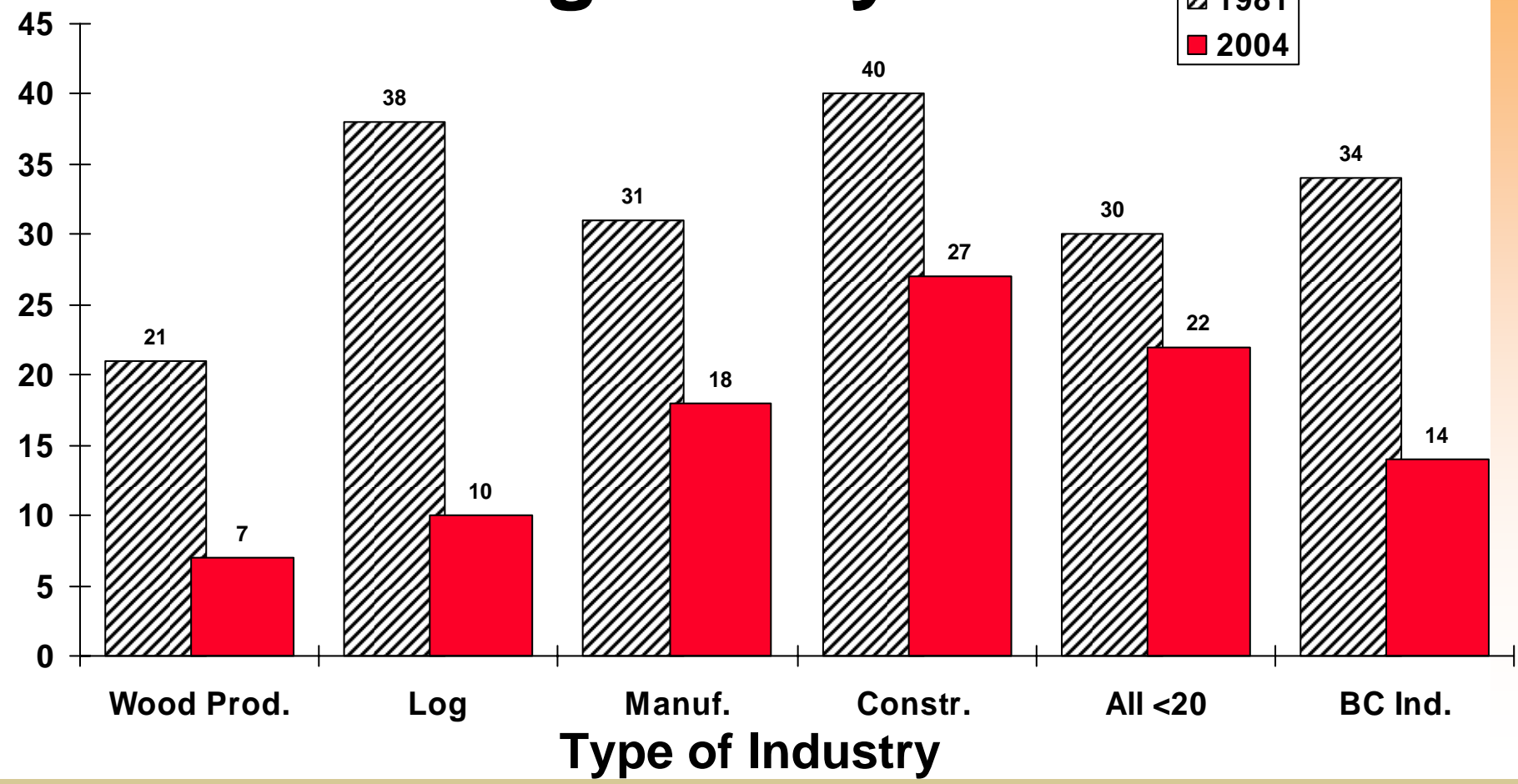
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% non-use

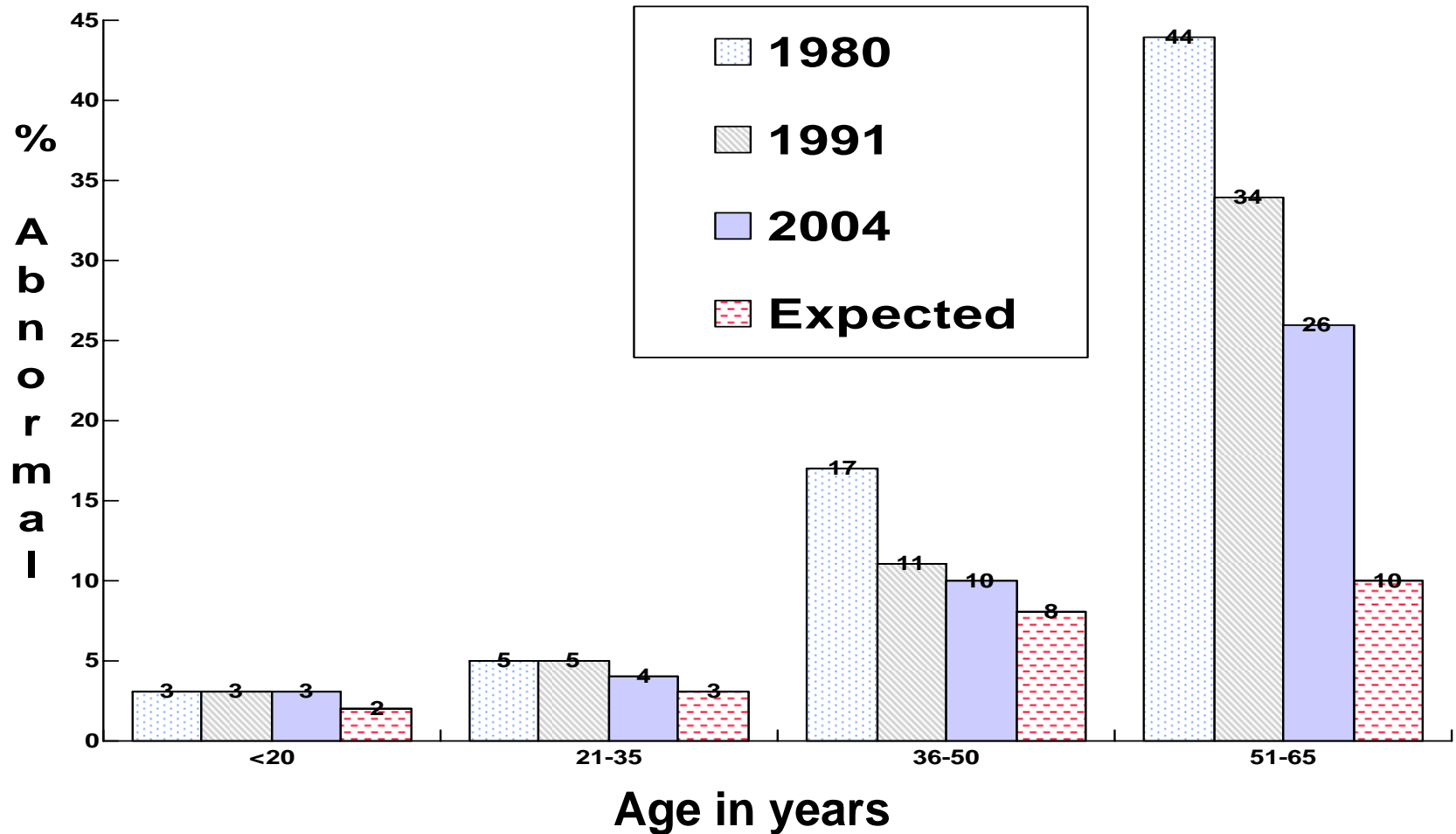


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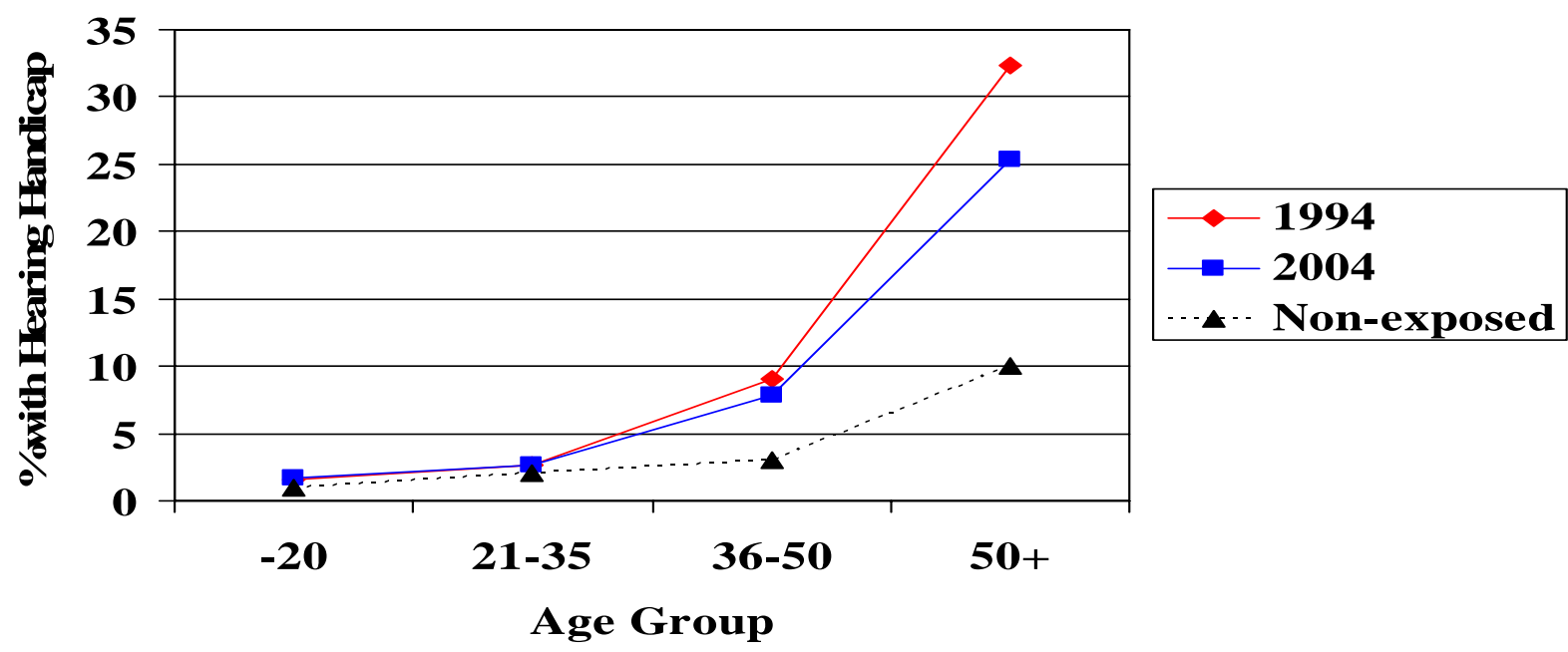
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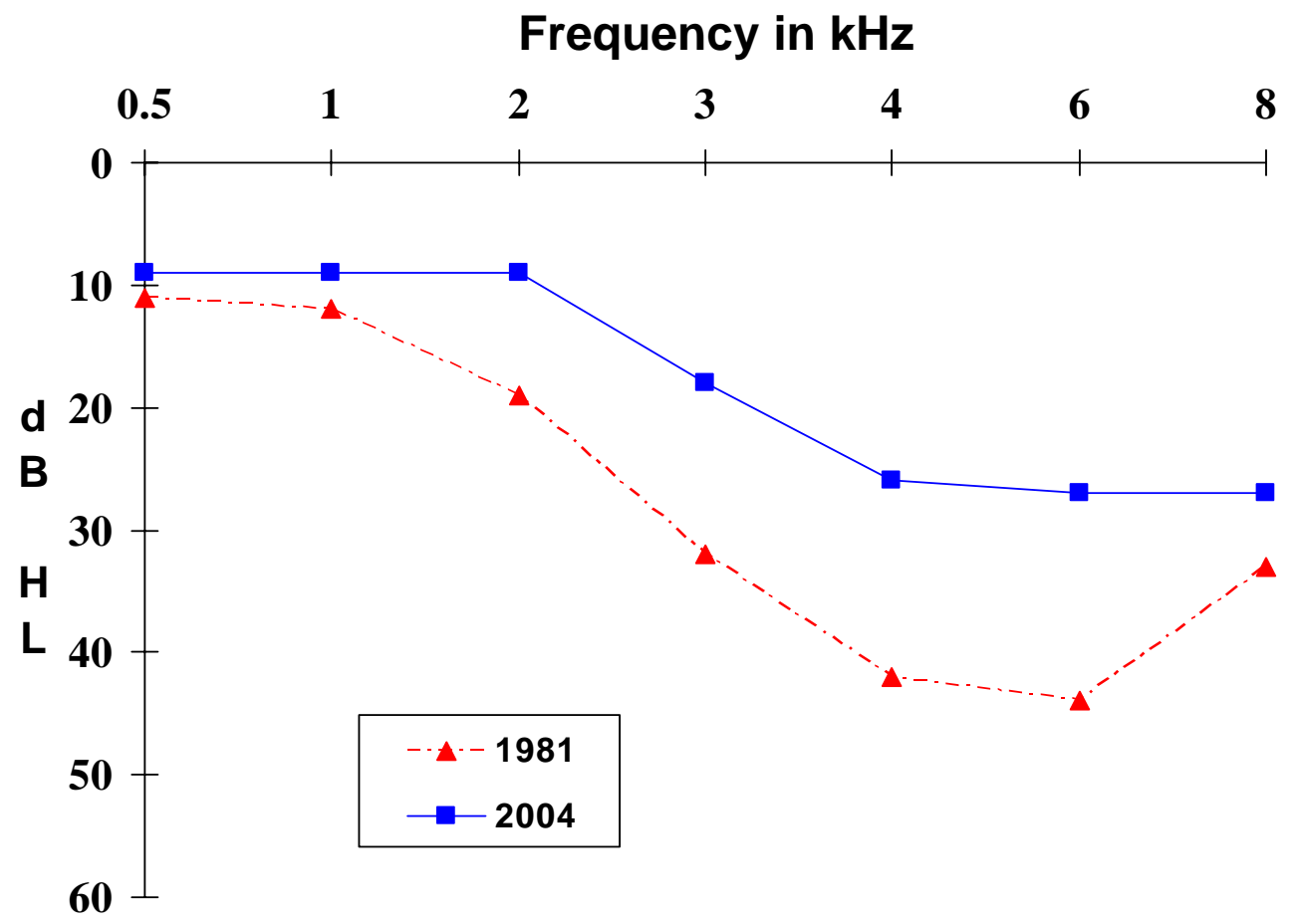
Abnormal Hearing—all workers



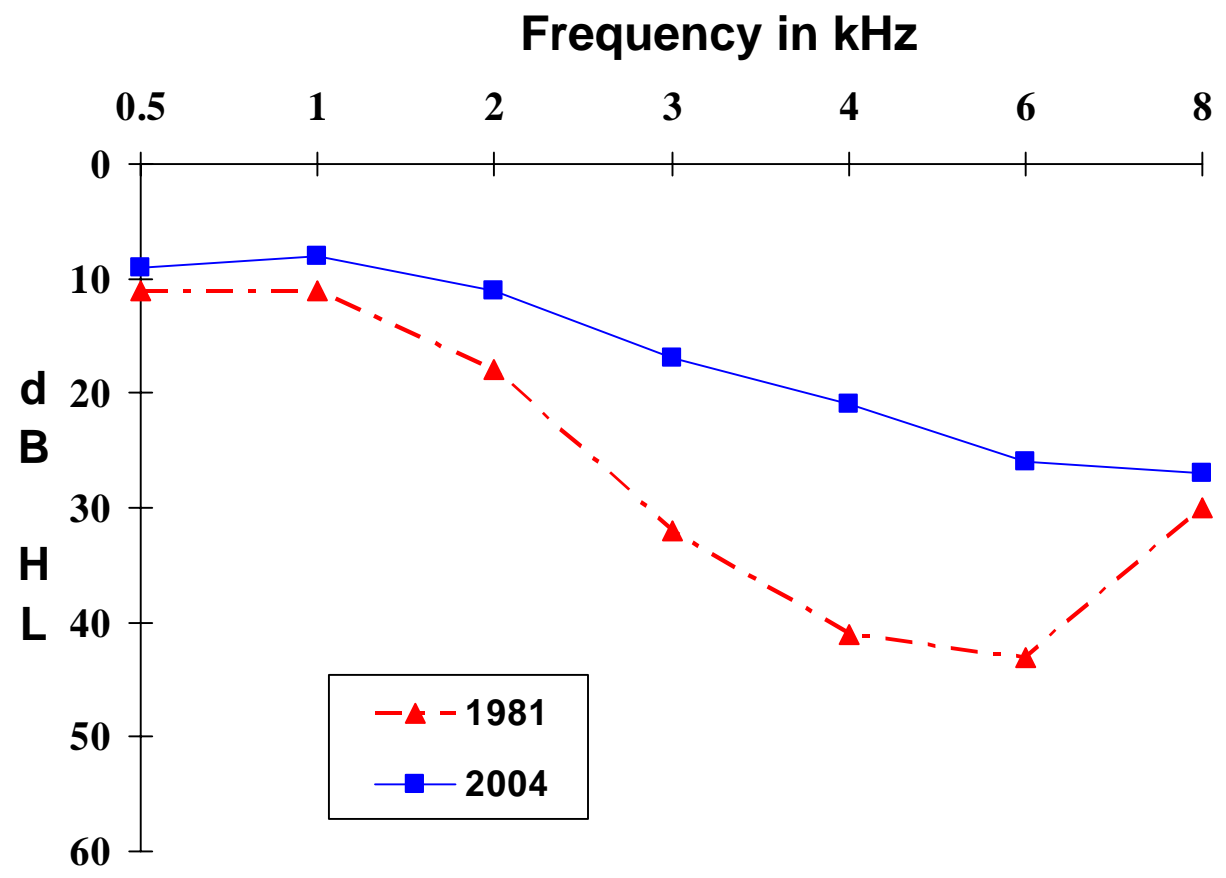
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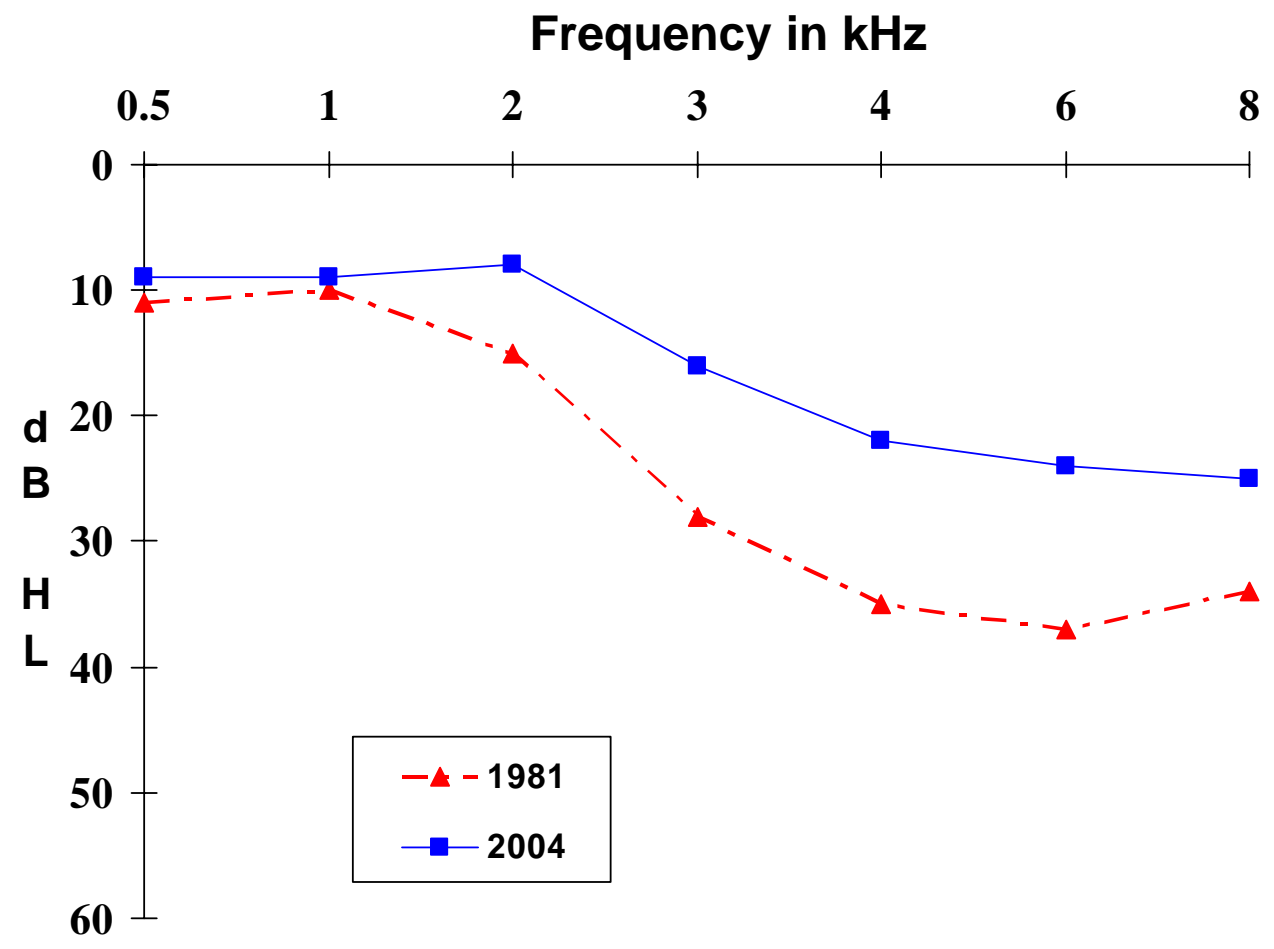
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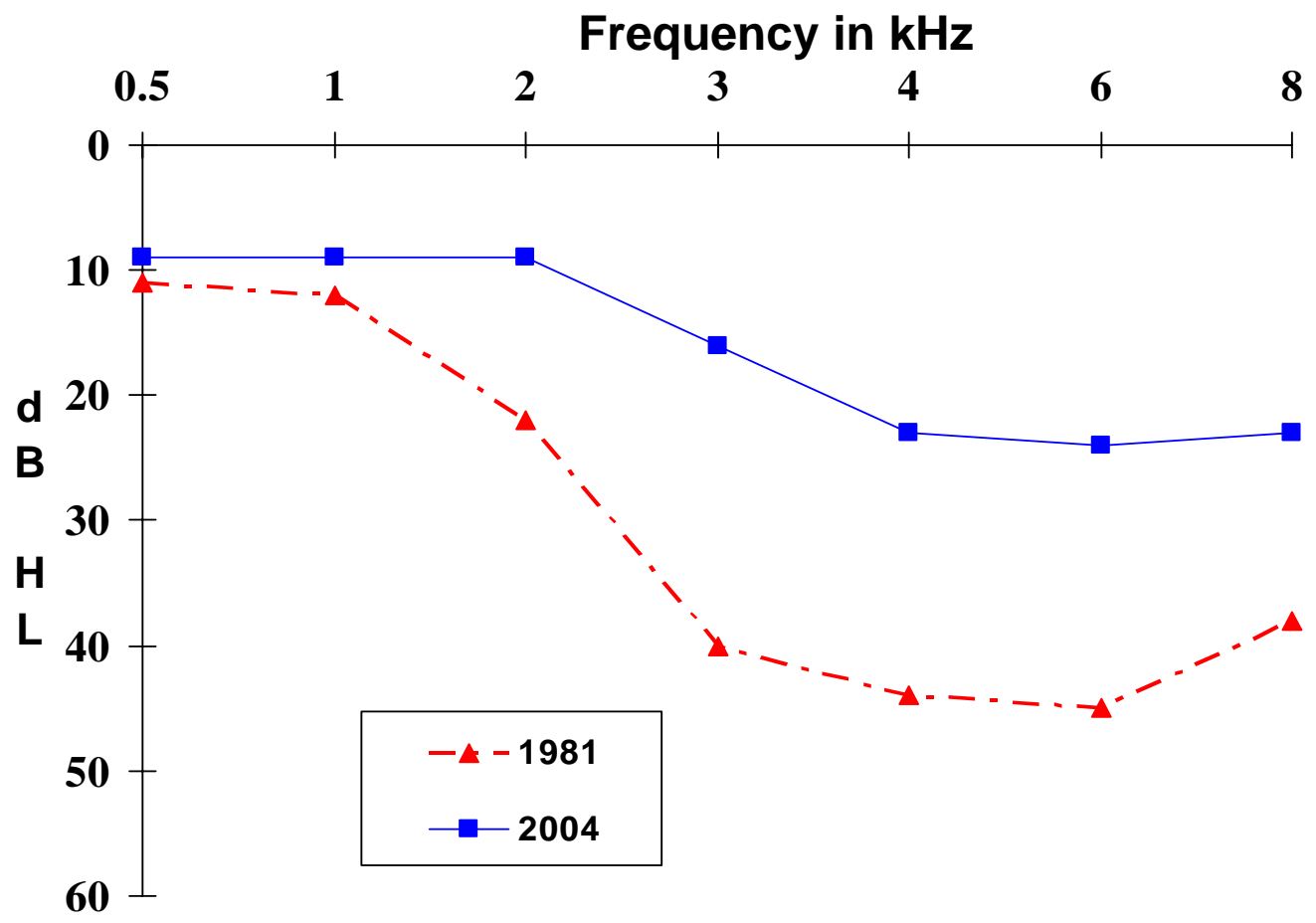
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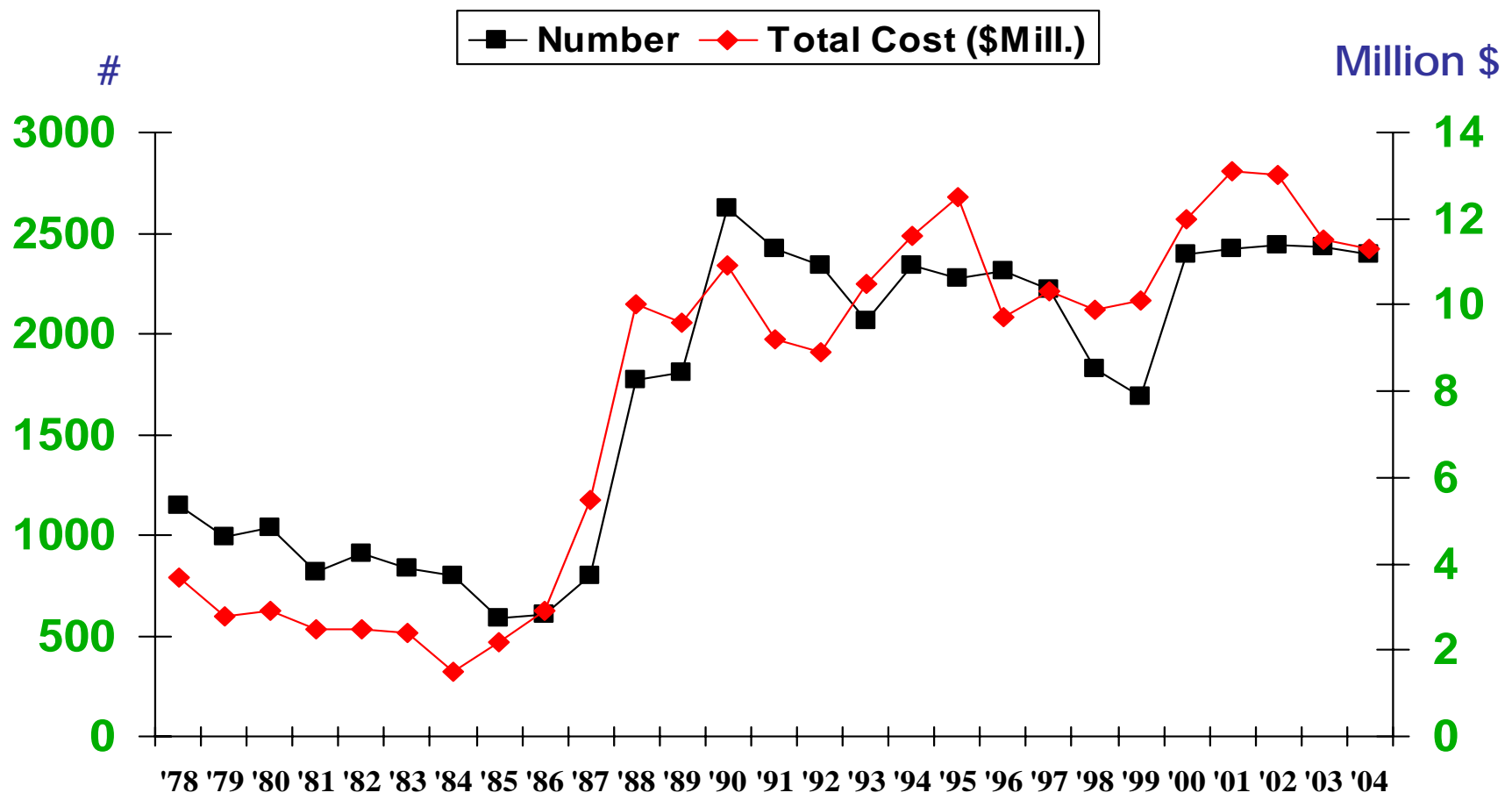
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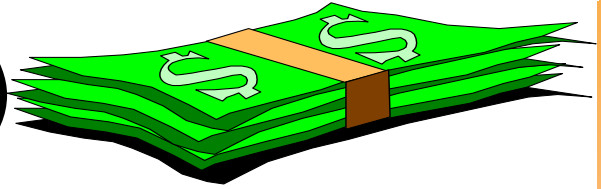
Welders Average Hearing Loss 1981 vs. 2004



New Noise Induced Hearing Loss Claims



Claims Costs (Awards)



Year #	Total (million\$)	Average \$ per claim
1977 566	2.9	5260
1982 247	1.1	4565
1987 481	3.6	7590
1992 558	3.3	5996
1997 562	3.3	5872
2004 202	.79	3510*

* multiply by .321 to convert to 1977 \$s = \$1127/ claim