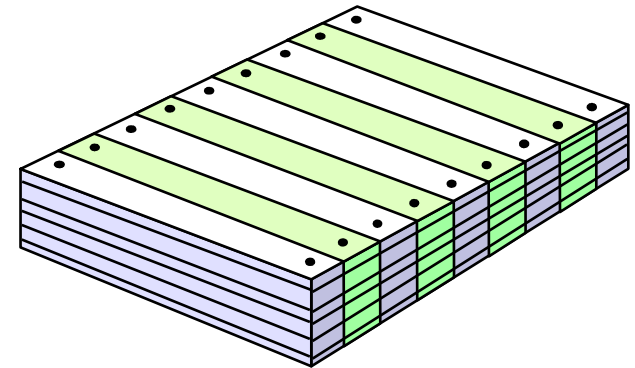


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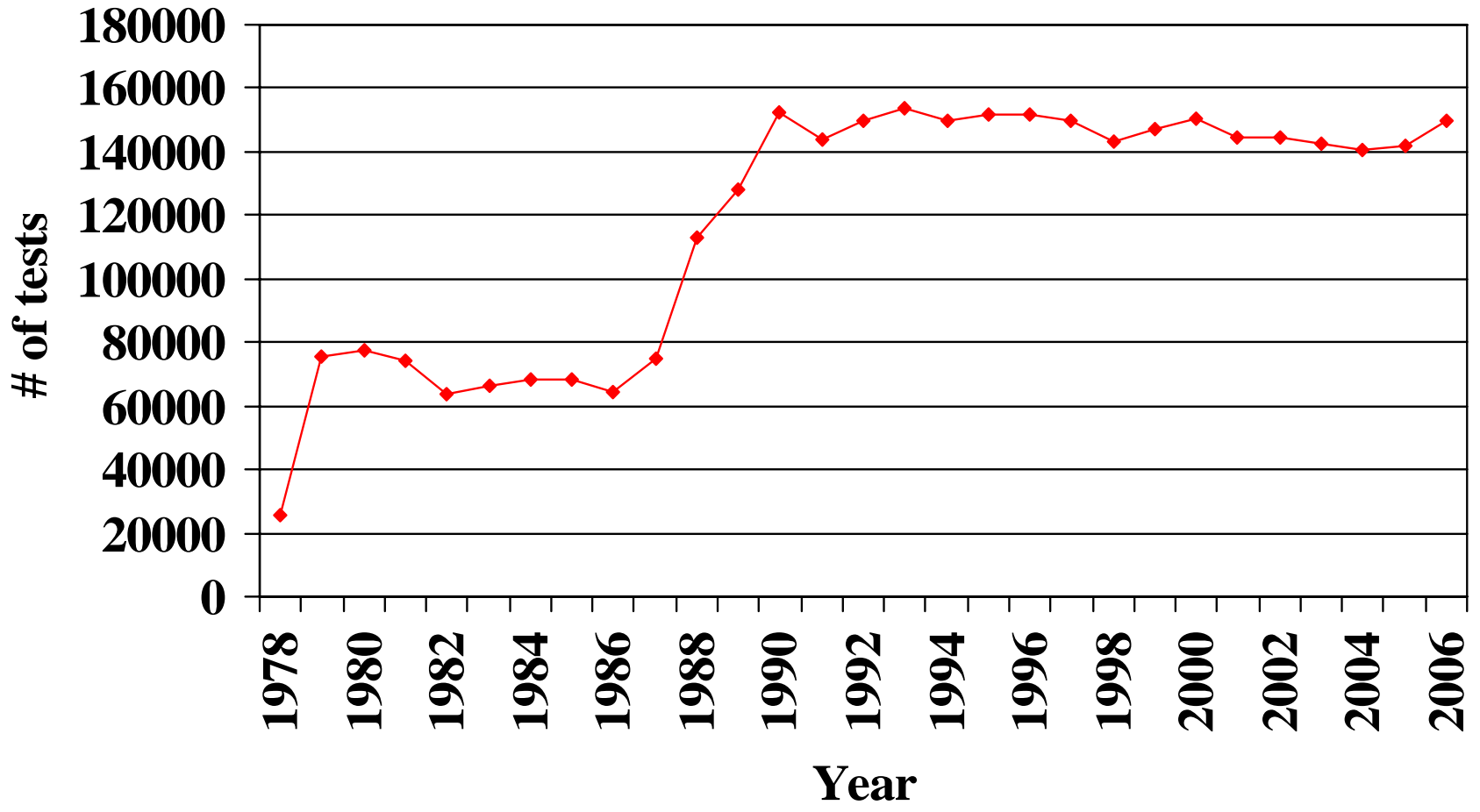
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General Statistics 2006

- 149,942 workers tested
- 300 active Industrial Audiometric Technicians
- 86 in-house programs
- 21 mobile contractors
- 23 fixed contractors



Number of Hearing Tests 1978-2006



Summary Statistics All Industry

	Normal		Early Warning		Abnormal		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
First Timers	4714	71.8	1448	22.1	399	6.1	6561
Other Baseline	14895	67.3	5587	25.2	1655	7.5	22137

	N.Change		E.W. Change		A. Change		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Periodic	105872	87.3	<u>11137</u>	<u>9.2</u>	4235	3.5	121244

Total tested in B.C. 149,942

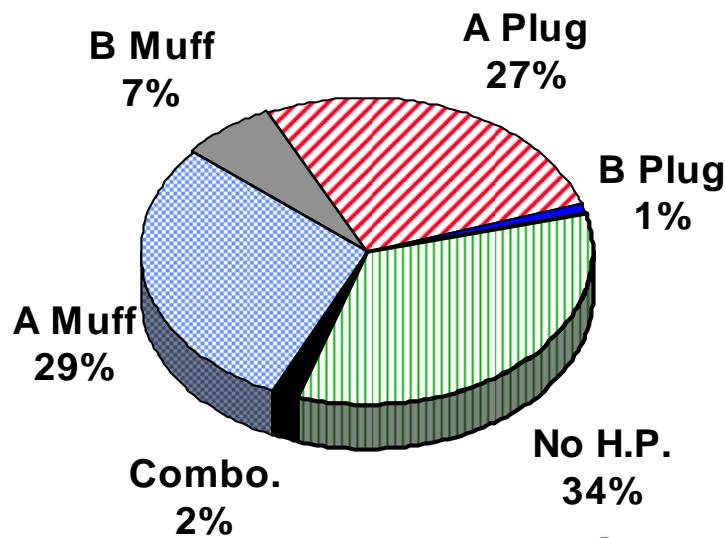
Early Warning Change 2006

Selected Industries

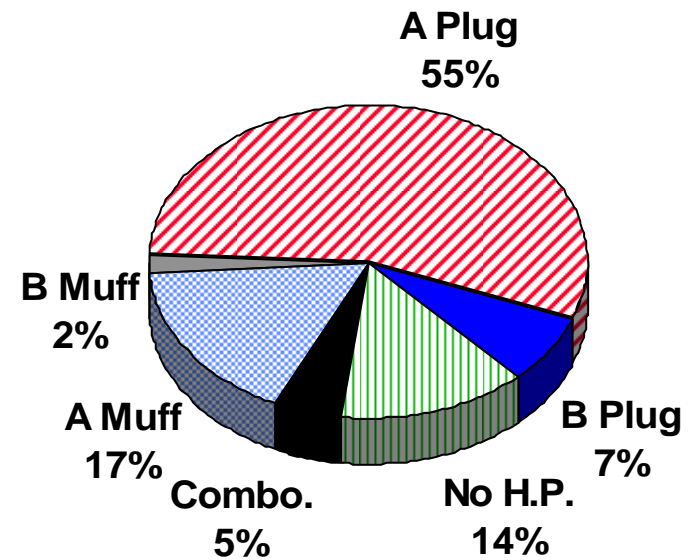
<u>Classification Unit</u>	<u># of Periodics</u>	<u>%EWC</u>
Forestry	5564	11.2
Wood Products Man.	32041	8.1
Heavy Manufacturing	15330	8.6
General Construction	19829	12.2
Heavy Construction	1903	10.8
Road Building	4067	12.3
Oil & Gas (Primary)	1555	12.8

Hearing Protection Use--All Industry

1981



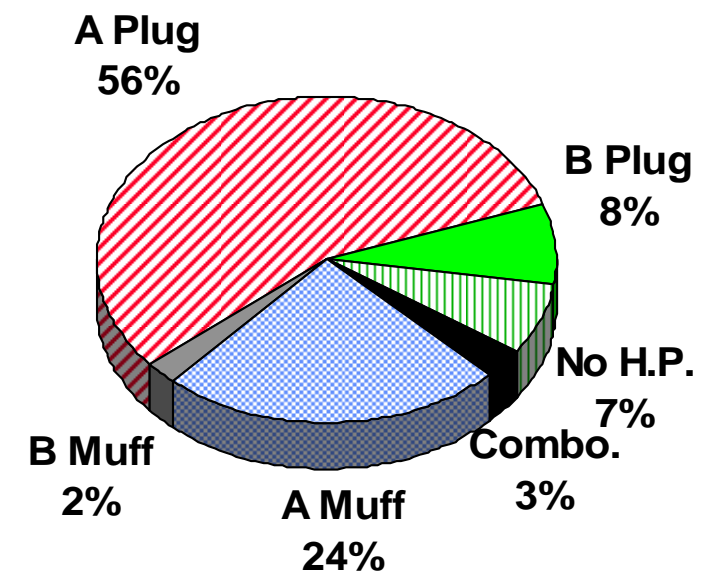
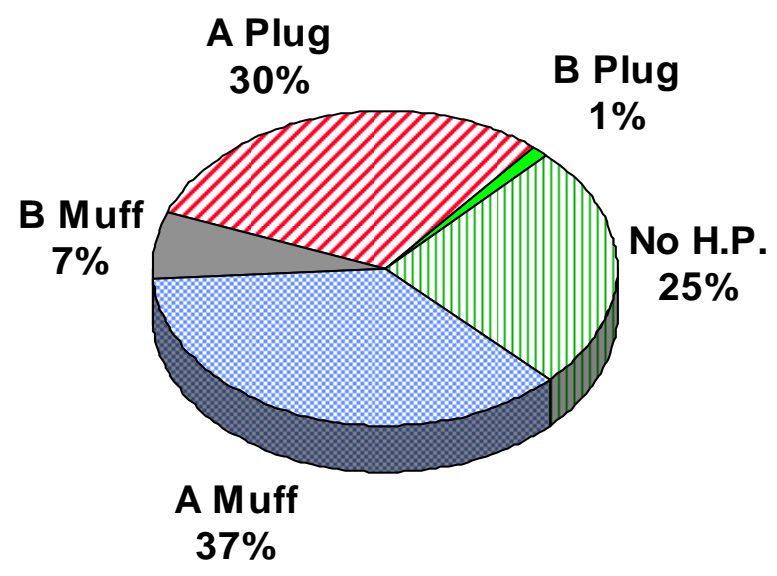
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Hearing Protection Use-- Wood Products Manufacturing

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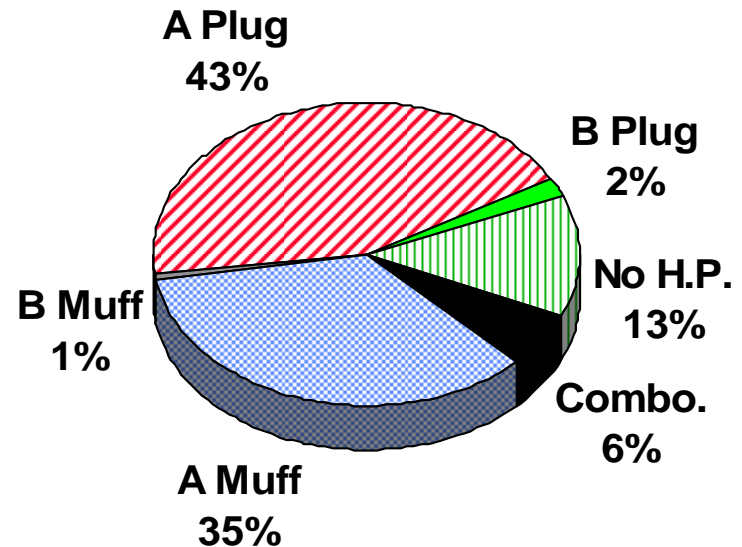
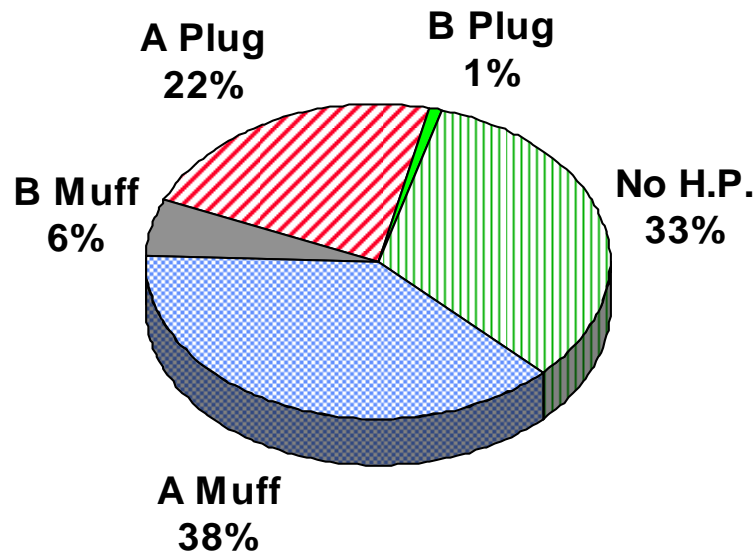
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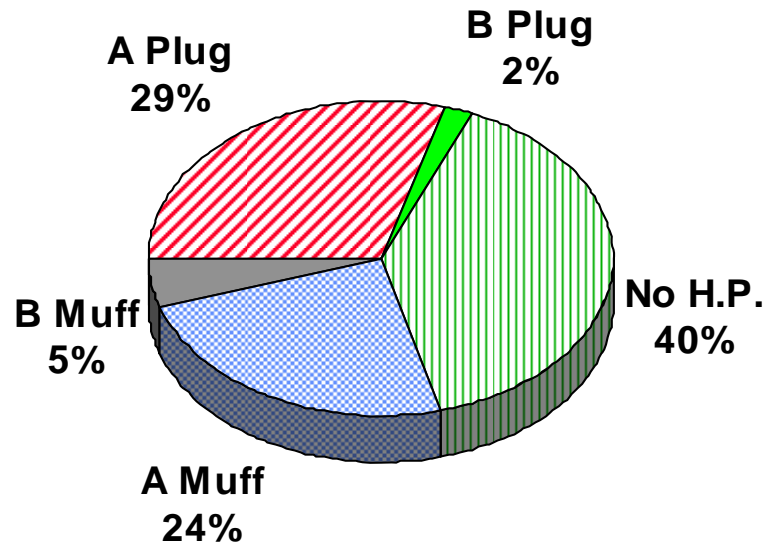
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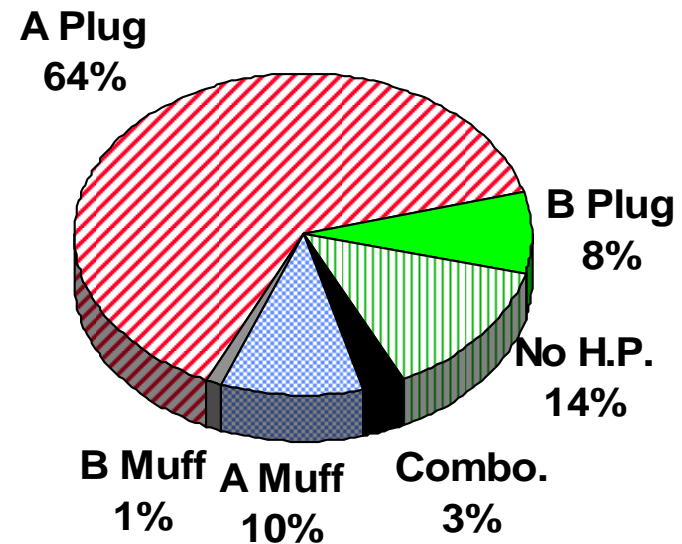


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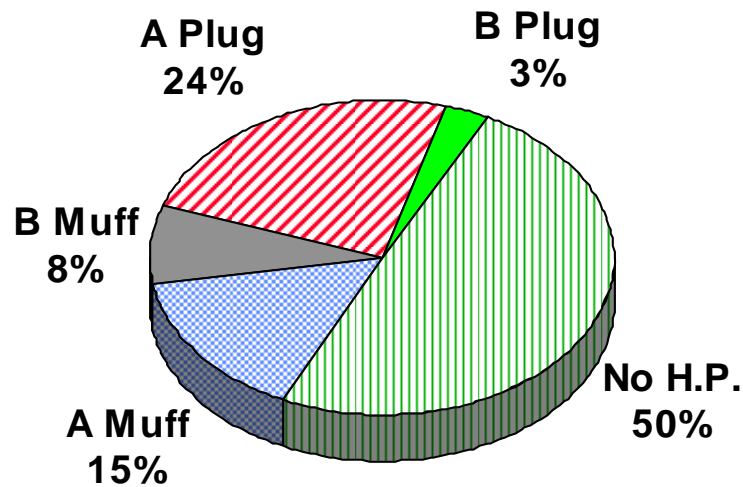


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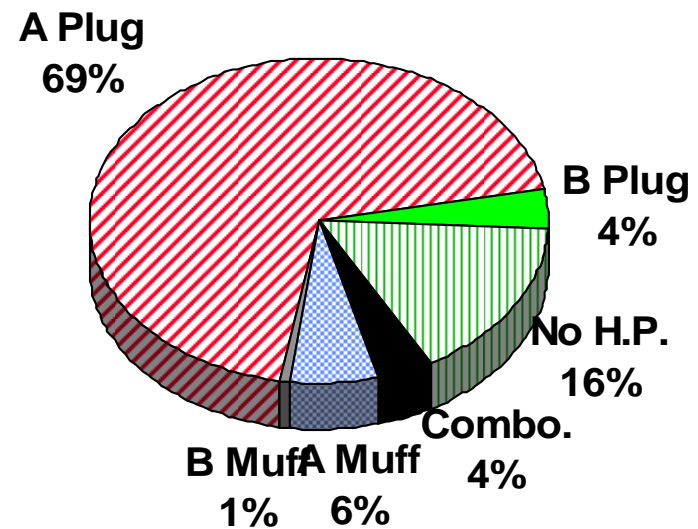


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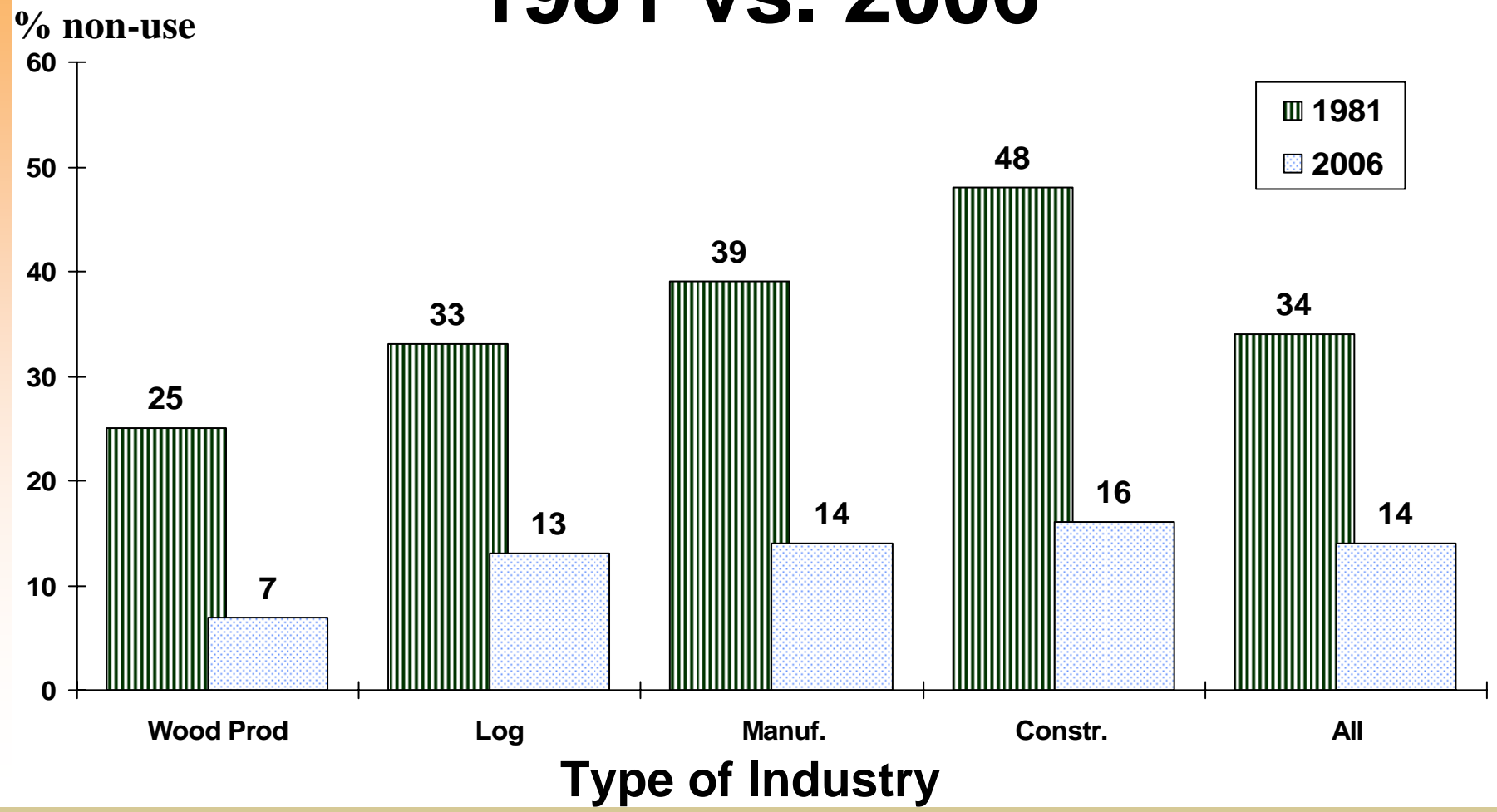
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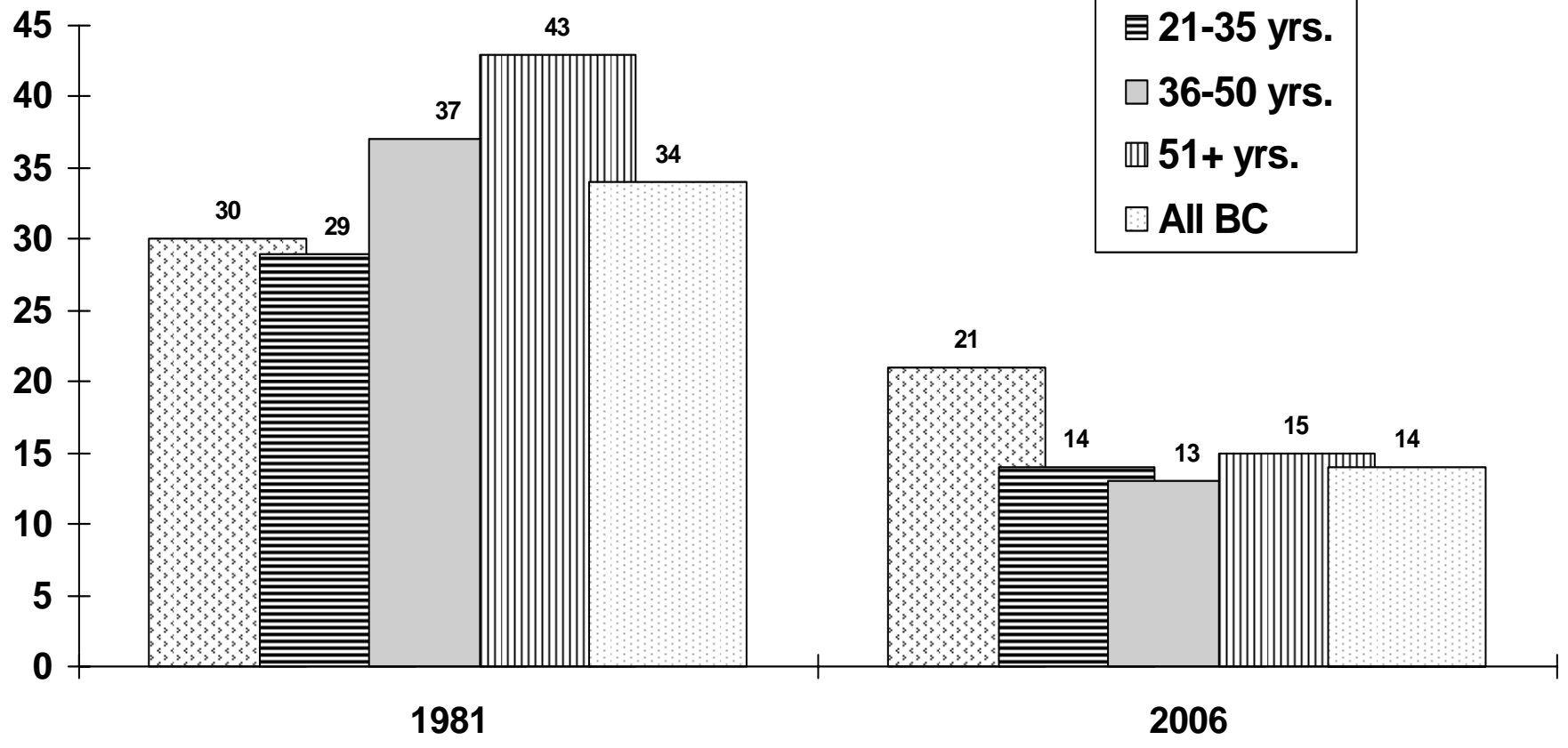


Hearing Protection Non-use-- 1981 vs. 2006



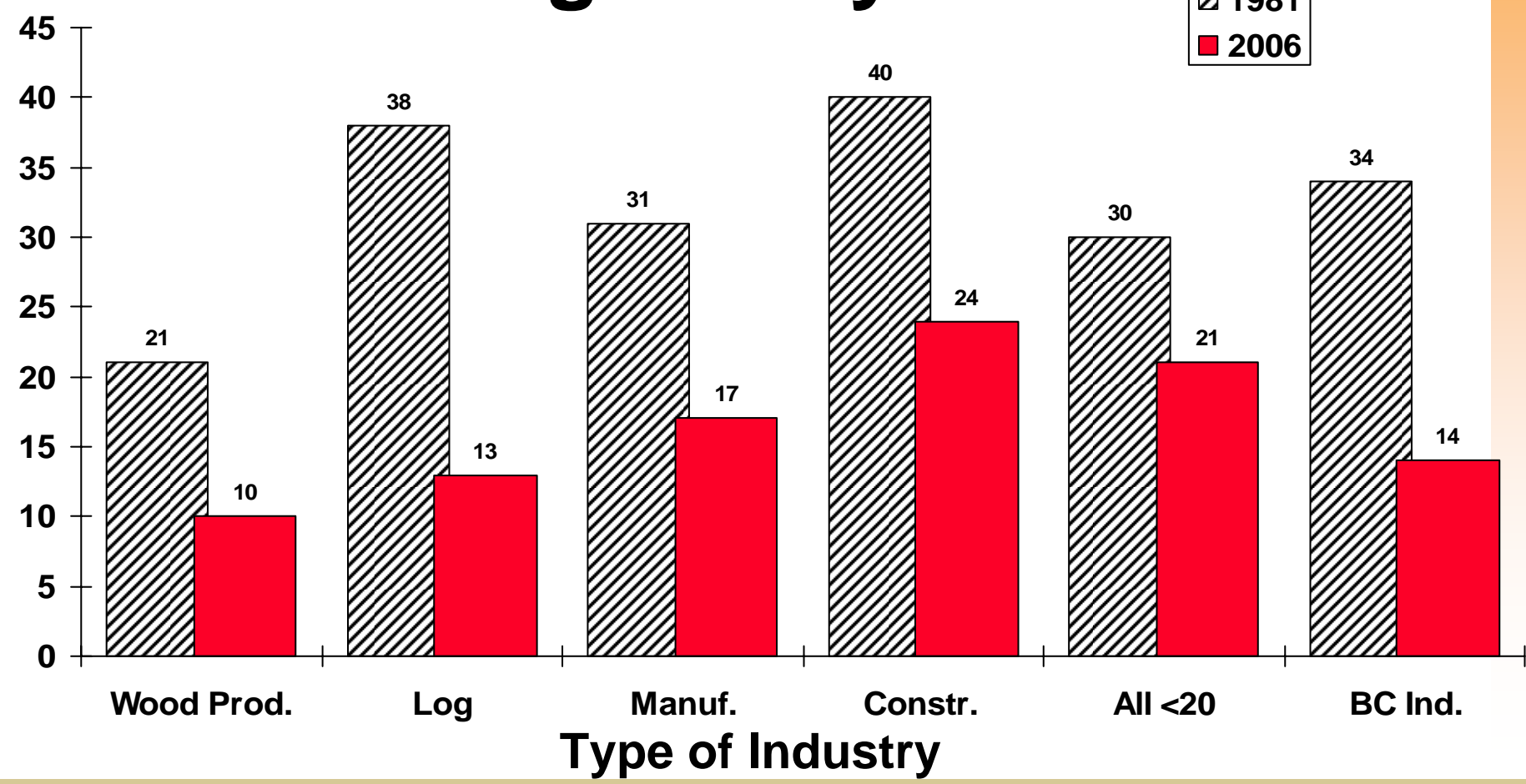
No Hearing Protection— by Age

% non-use

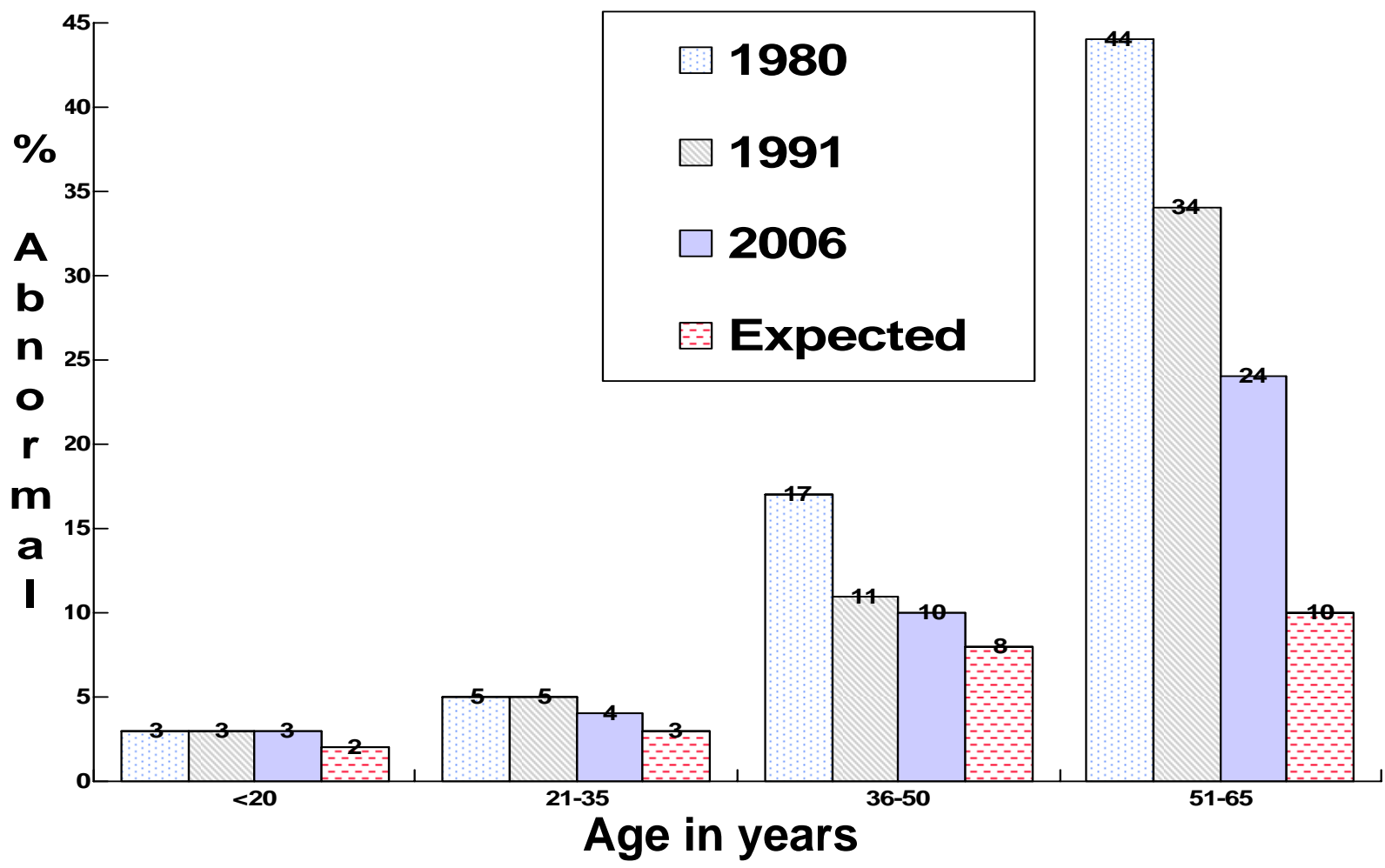


Hearing Protection Non-use-- Age <20 yrs.

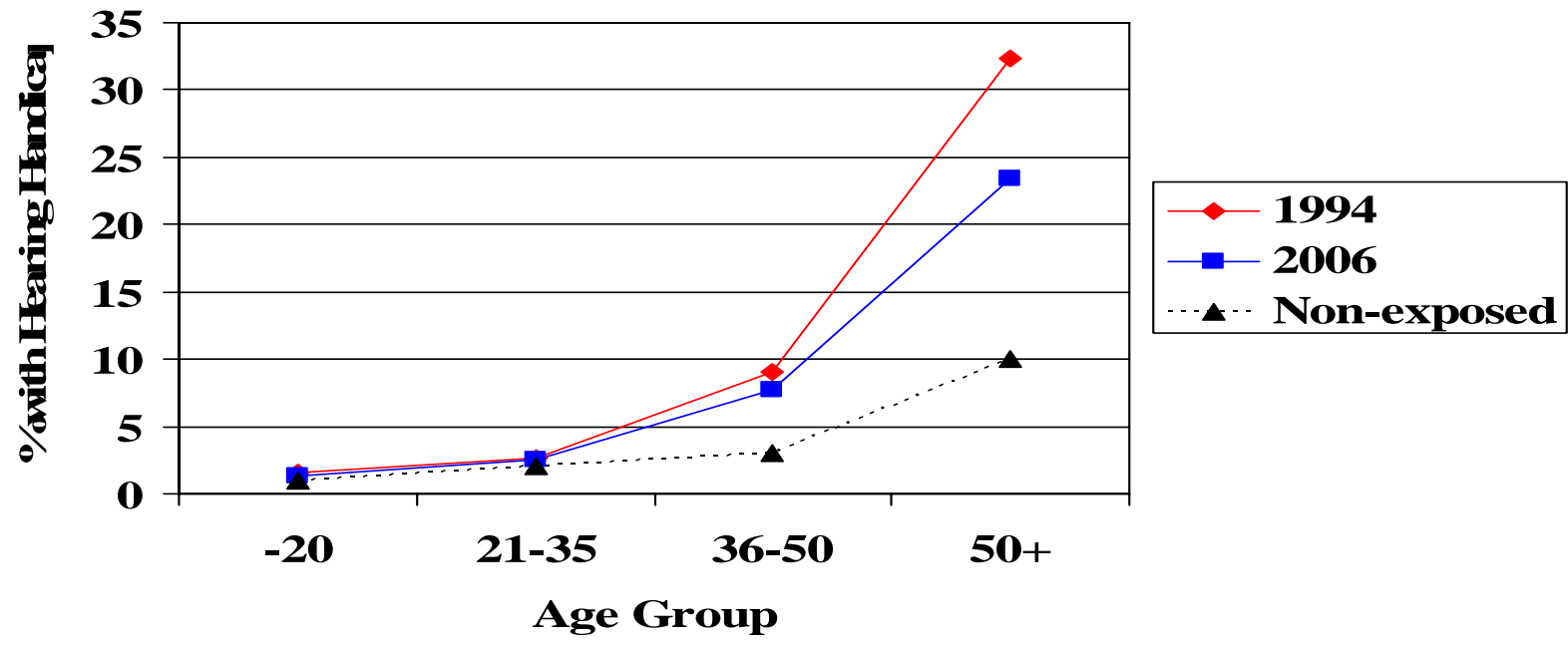
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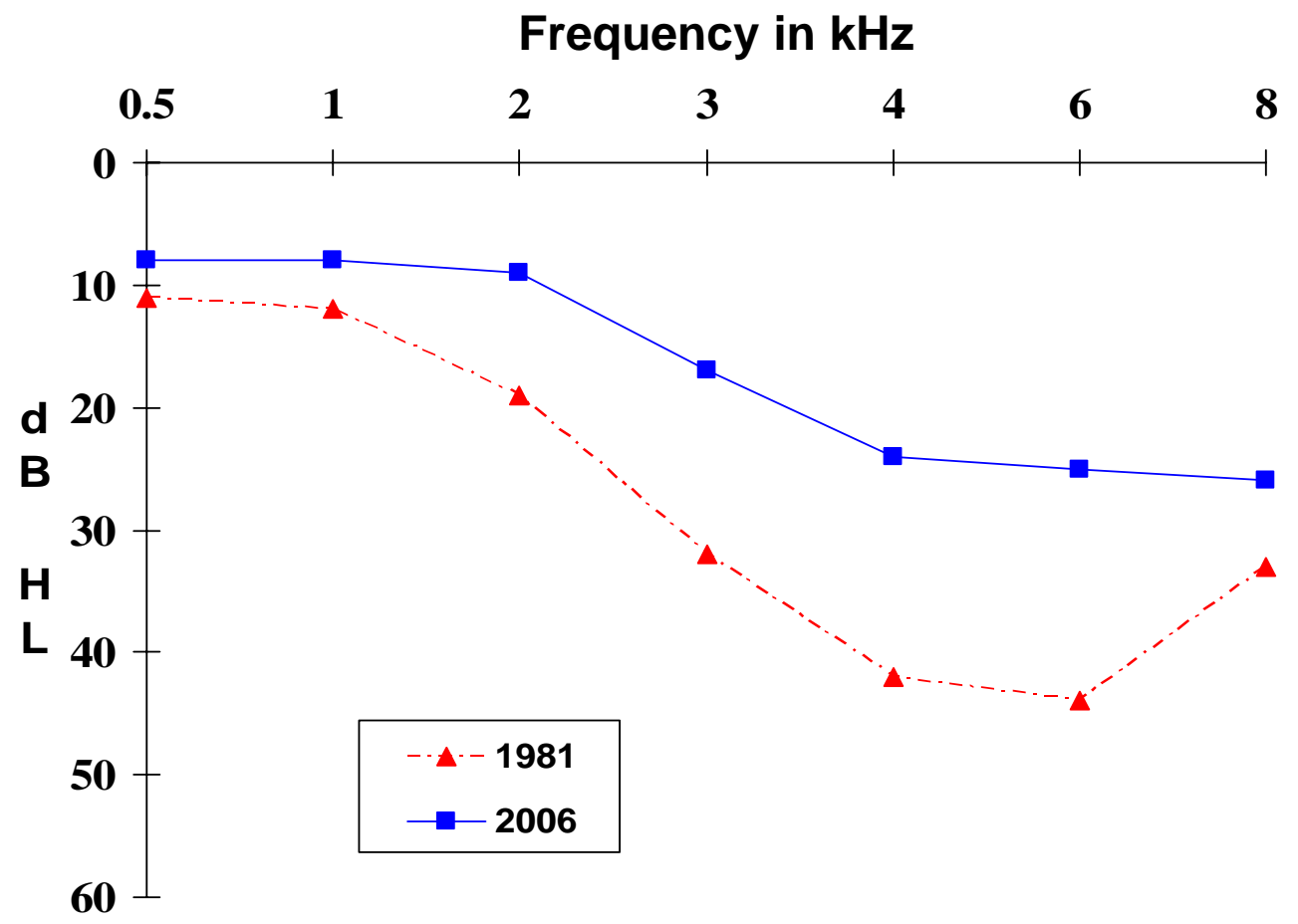
Abnormal Hearing—all workers



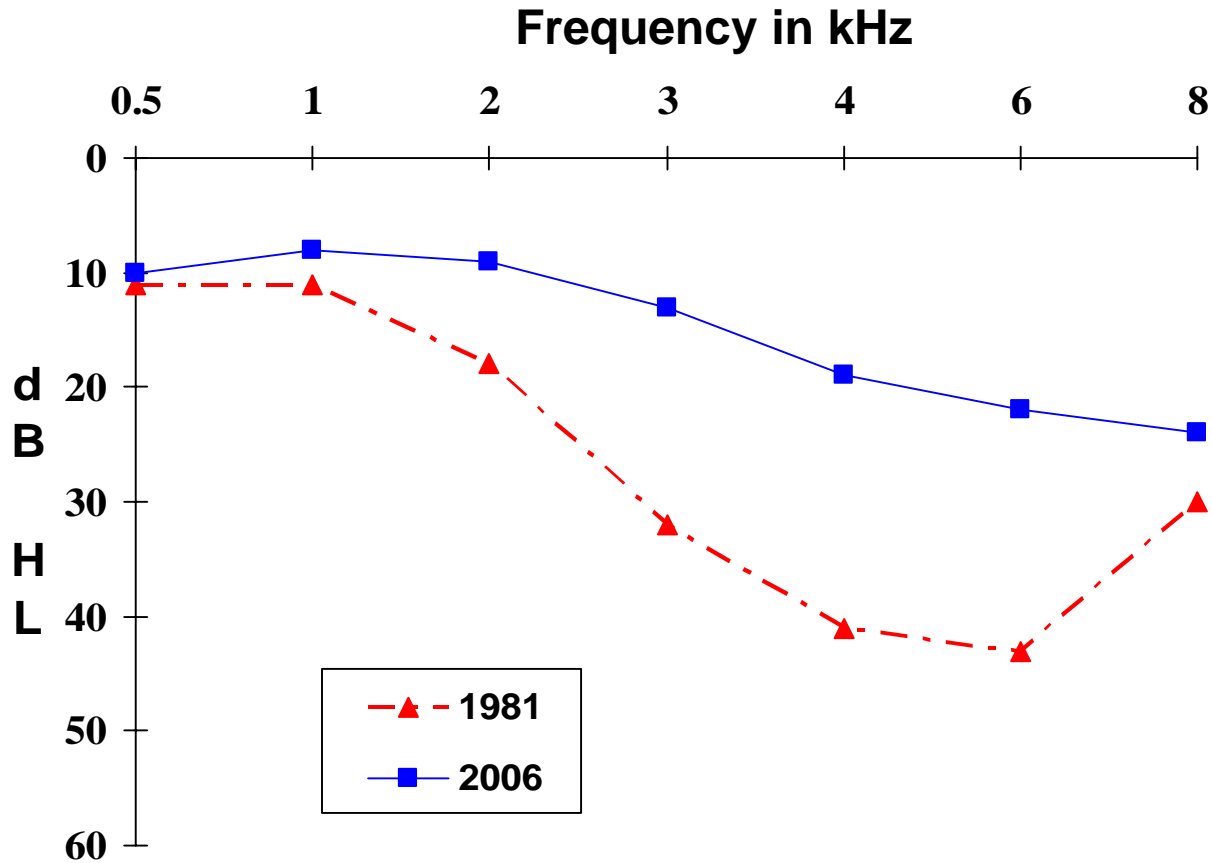
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Fallers Average Hearing Loss 1981 vs. 2006

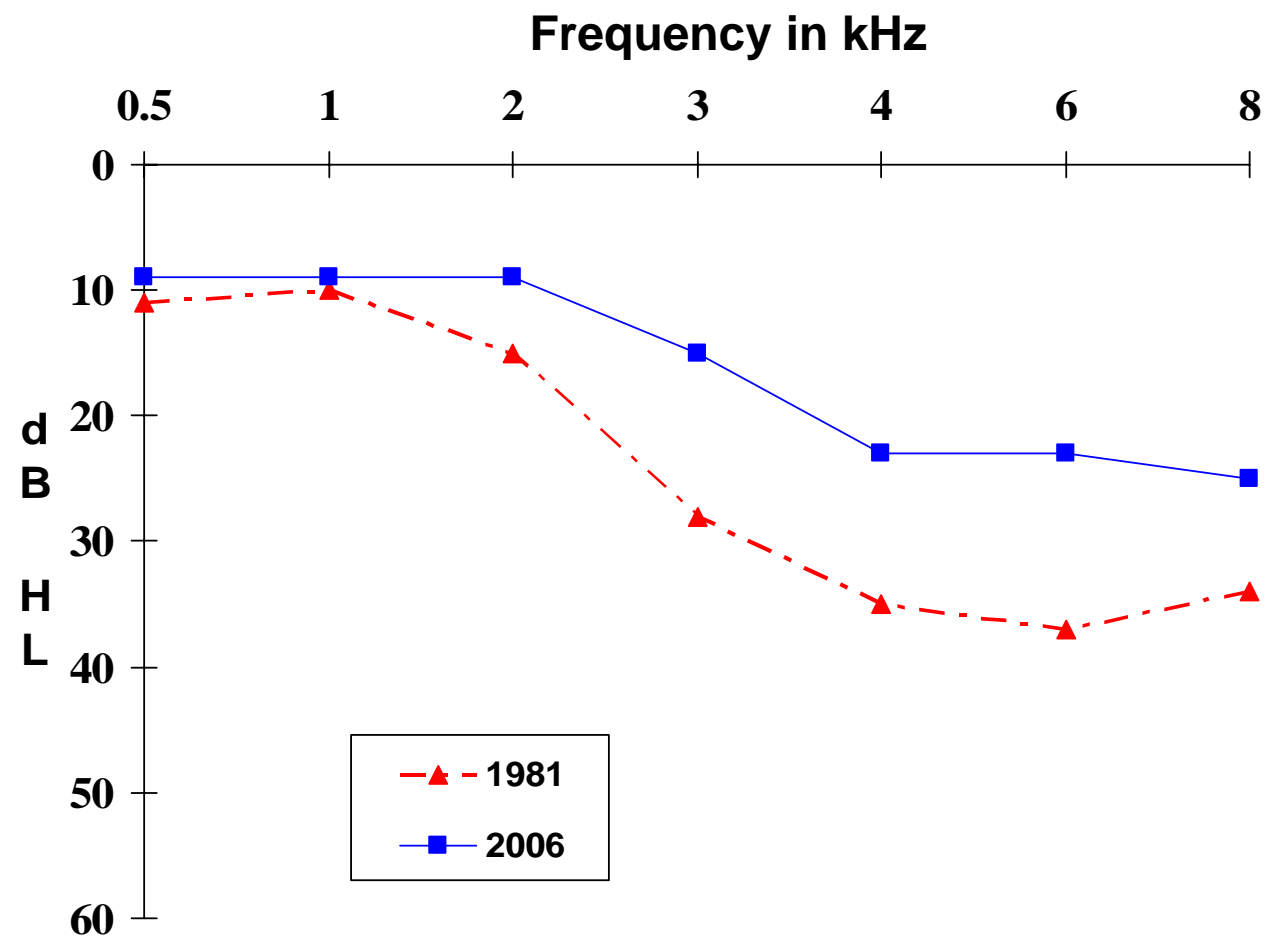


Sawmill Workers Average Hearing Loss 1981 vs. 2006

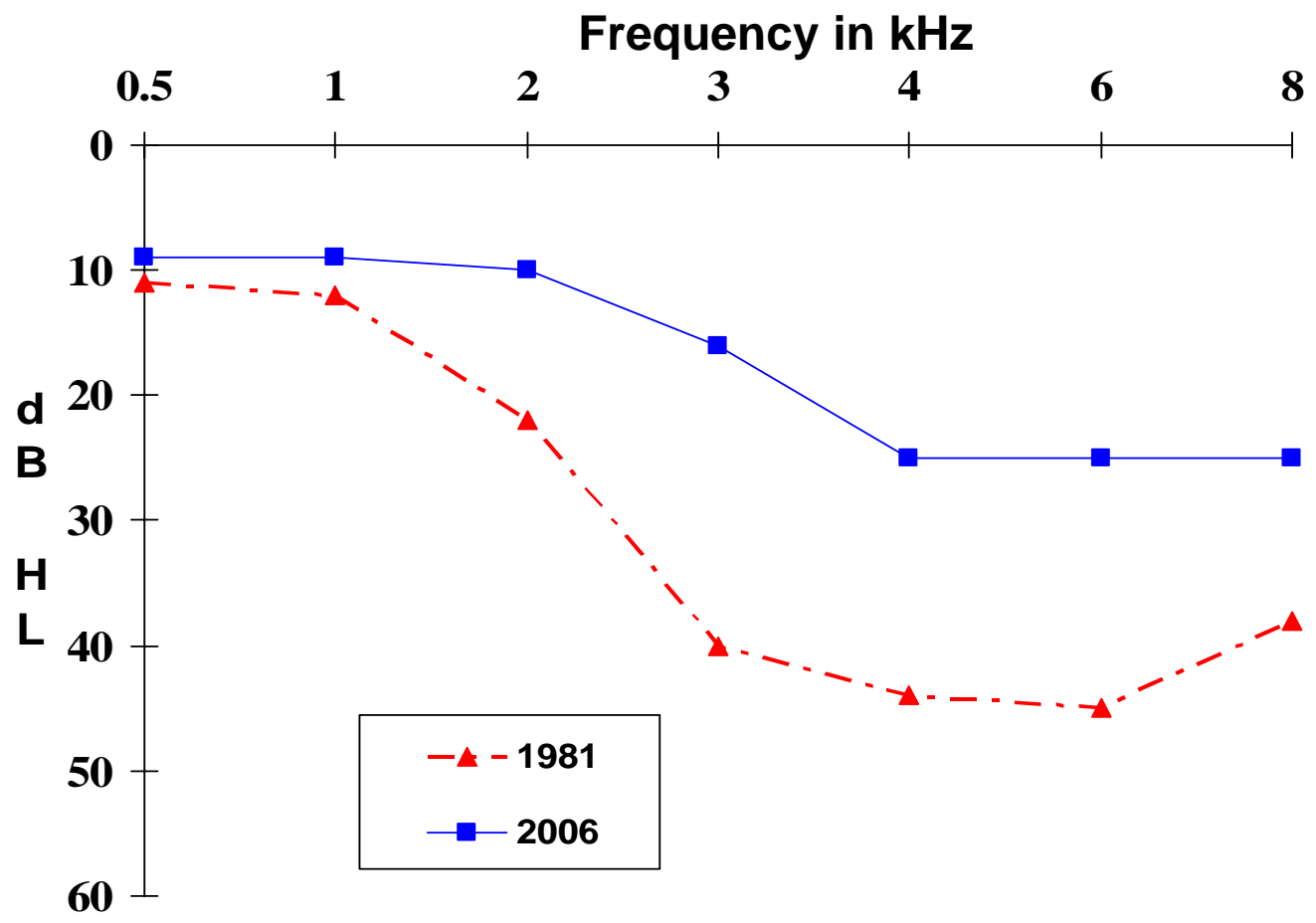


Truck Drivers Average Hearing Loss

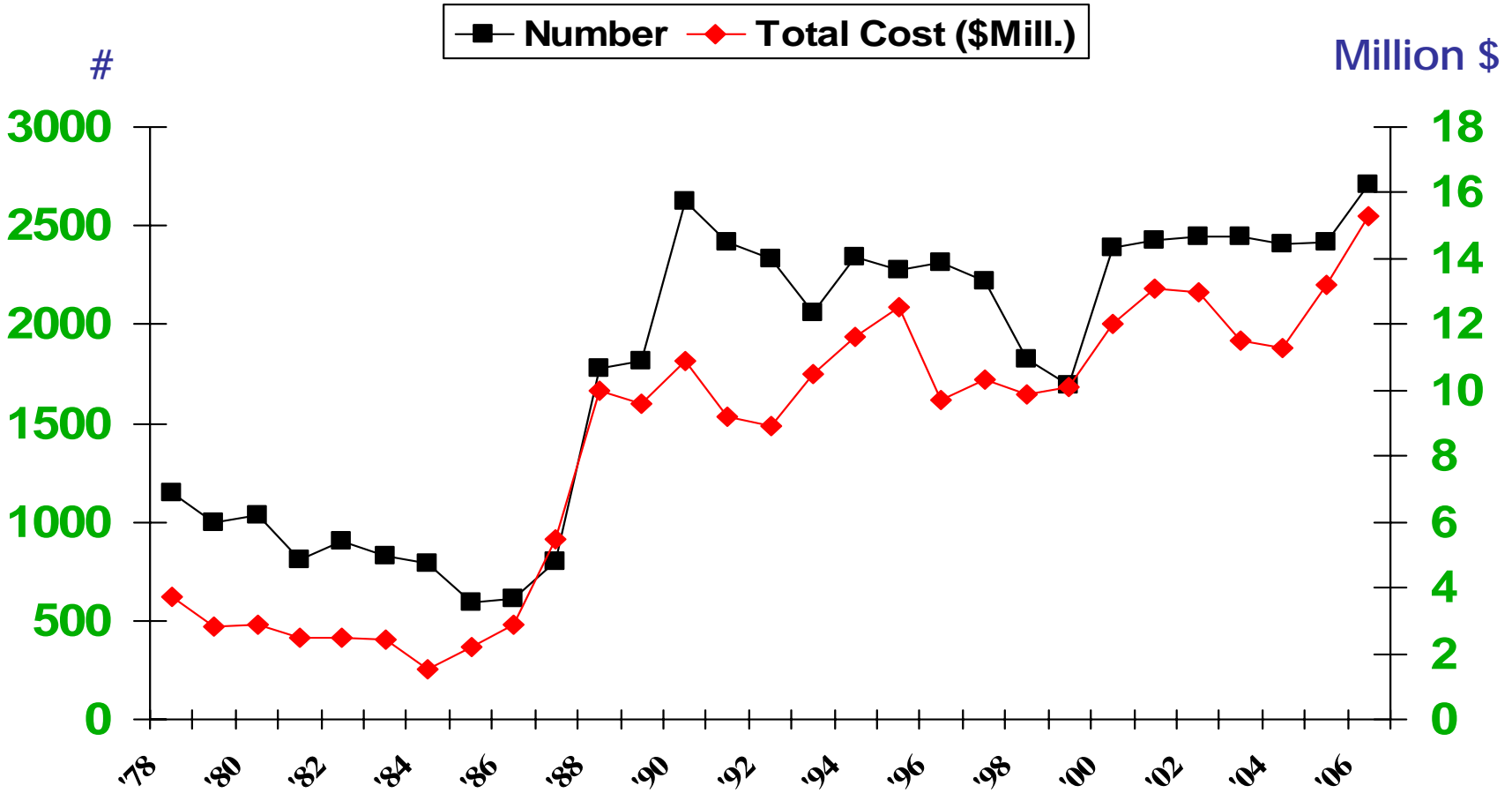
1981 vs. 2006



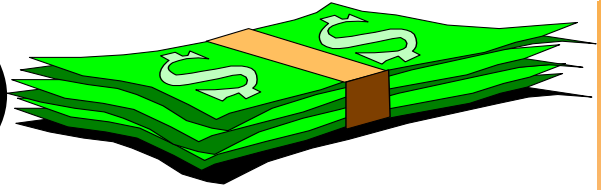
Welders Average Hearing Loss 1981 vs. 2006



New Noise Induced Hearing Loss Claims



Claims Costs (Awards)



<u>Year #</u>	<u>Total (million\$)</u>	<u>Average \$ per claim</u>
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
2006 613	1.7	*2726

* multiply by .308 to convert to 1977 \$s = \$ 840.00/ claim