

The hearing test results are interpreted by qualified persons such as physicians, audiologists, or nurses.

Numerous factors affect hearing, such as age and background noise. This list below may be used as a general guideline to compare hearing test results.

AVERAGE THRESHOLD LEVEL (dB)*

00 – 15 dB	Normal hearing
16 – 25 dB	Slight hearing loss
26 – 40 dB	Mild hearing loss
41 – 55 dB	Moderate hearing loss
56 – 70 dB	Moderately severe hearing loss
71 – 90 dB	Severe hearing loss
91+ dB	Profound hearing loss

* Generally, if a person can hear as low as 25 dB at the test frequencies, his/her hearing is considered acceptable.