



HEARING LOSS AND TINNITUS

HEARING AND TINNITUS RESEARCH SUMMARY

A calibrated guide to service connection, audiology evidence, and VA rating rules.



163,265

HEARING-LOSS DECISIONS

94,954

TINNITUS DECISIONS

17,521

GRANTED HEARING-LOSS DECISIONS

15,915

GRANTED TINNITUS DECISIONS

TWO DISTINCT RECORDS

THE MOST FREQUENTLY DETECTED EVIDENCE THEMES

6100

Audiometric testing in the record

113,912 decisions, or 69.8 percent of the hearing-loss dataset.

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Causation link argued (secondary to / caused by / due to)

72,888 decisions, or 44.6 percent of the hearing-loss dataset.

6260

Causation link argued (secondary to / caused by / due to)

46,426 decisions, or 48.9 percent of the tinnitus dataset.

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Ringing reported since service (continuity)

38,458 decisions, or 40.5 percent of the tinnitus dataset.

The two conditions use different denominators and should not be combined into one success rate. Frequencies describe published Board decision text, not prevalence or required evidence.