

Thank you to everyone who participated in HearHere's recent survey of hearing issues among Broadmead residents. We had a very good response rate of 55% with 223 completed surveys returned. A summary of the complete survey results is below. HearHere is a subcommittee of the BRA Healthcare Committee. It provides educational information about hearing issues and advocate for the needs of residents with hearing loss. If you have questions or comments about the survey, or if you'd like more information about HearHere, please contact Susan O'Connor at 443-676-3590 or whsfoc@msn.com.

2024 Hearing Issues Survey Results Summary

Total surveys distributed: 402

Total survey responses: 223

Response rate: 55%

1A. I have personal issues w/ hearing/distinguishing speech in my daily life.

Yes: 126 (57%) No: 96 (43%) Blank: 1

1B. I have had a hearing screening or evaluation in the past 3 years.

Yes: 132 (59%) No: 87 (39%) Blank: 3 (1%)

1C. Please estimate your degree of hearing loss.

None: 57 (26%) Mild: 66 (30%)

Moderate: 71 (32%) Severe: 24 (11%)

Profound/Deaf: 4 (2%) Blank: 1

2. I have difficulty hearing in these areas at Broadmead:

Arbor Café: 42 (19%) Bistro: 37 (17%)

Magnolia Room: 52 (23%) Holly Terrace: 60 (27%)

Main Auditorium: 69 (31%)

Meetings in Bookcase Area of Auditorium: 29 (13%)

Other common areas: 12 (5%) (Upland Community Room, Seminar Room, Fireplace Room, New entrance area, Hallways w/hard floors)

No issue: 87 (39%)

3. I have a hearing device.

A. Hearing aid(s) Yes: 114 (51%) No: 109 (49%)

B. Cochlear implant(s) or bone-anchored hearing aid (BAHA)

Yes: 4 No: 209 Blank: 5

4. If you have a hearing device, how often do you use it?

Most of the time: 89 Some: 11

Special occasions only: 4 Seldom: 9

5. How long have you had your current hearing device?

Less than 3 years: 41 Three to 6 years: 43

More than 6 years: 28 Blank: 2

6. My hearing device meets my needs.

Always: 26 Often: 50

Sometimes: 28 Seldom: 5

Never: 2

7. My hearing device contains a telecoil (T-coil) to access the loop system in the Auditorium and other meeting rooms.

Yes: 25 (22%) No: 45 (39%) Don't know: 45 (39%)

8. Is using the T-coil helpful to you?

Yes: 16 Somewhat: 6 No: 3 Not applicable: 89

9. I have used a hearing loop receiver in the Auditorium so that I could receive sound directly from the microphones.

Yes: 23 No: 80 What is a hearing loop receiver? 30

10. My hearing device contains Bluetooth technology to connect smartphone and television directly to my device.

Yes: 44 (39%) No: 26 (23%)

Don't know: 38 (33%) Not applicable: 6 (5%)