

# What Is an Audiologist?



***Audiology is a highly recognized profession and has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the Best Health Care Jobs.***

- **Au-di-ol-o-gists:** Audiologists are the primary health-care professionals who evaluate, diagnose, treat, and manage hearing loss and balance disorders in adults and children.
- **Audiologists**
  - ~ Evaluate and diagnose hearing loss and vestibular (balance) disorders.
  - ~ Prescribe, fit, and dispense hearing aids and other amplification and hearing assistance technologies.
  - ~ Are members of cochlear implant teams.
  - ~ Perform ear- or hearing-related surgical monitoring.
  - ~ Design and implement hearing conservation programs.
  - ~ Design and implement newborn hearing screening programs.
  - ~ Provide hearing rehabilitation training such as auditory training and listening skills improvement.
  - ~ Assess and treat individuals, especially children, with central auditory processing disorders.
  - ~ Assess and treat individuals with tinnitus. (noise in the ear, such as ringing)
  - ~ Audiologists treat all ages and types of hearing loss: the elderly, adults, teens, children, and infants.
  - ~ Almost all types of hearing loss are treatable by an audiologist.
  - ~ Most hearing loss that is caused by nerve damage can be treated by an audiologist with hearing aids, assistive listening devices, and hearing rehabilitation.
  - ~ Audiologists work in a variety of settings, such as hospitals, clinics, private practice, ENT offices, universities, K-12 schools, government, military, and Veterans' Administration (VA) hospitals.
  - ~ Most audiologists earn a doctor of audiology (AuD) degree. Some audiologists earn a doctor of philosophy (PhD) or doctor of science (ScD) degree in the hearing and balance sciences.
  - ~ Audiologists must be licensed or registered for practice in all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

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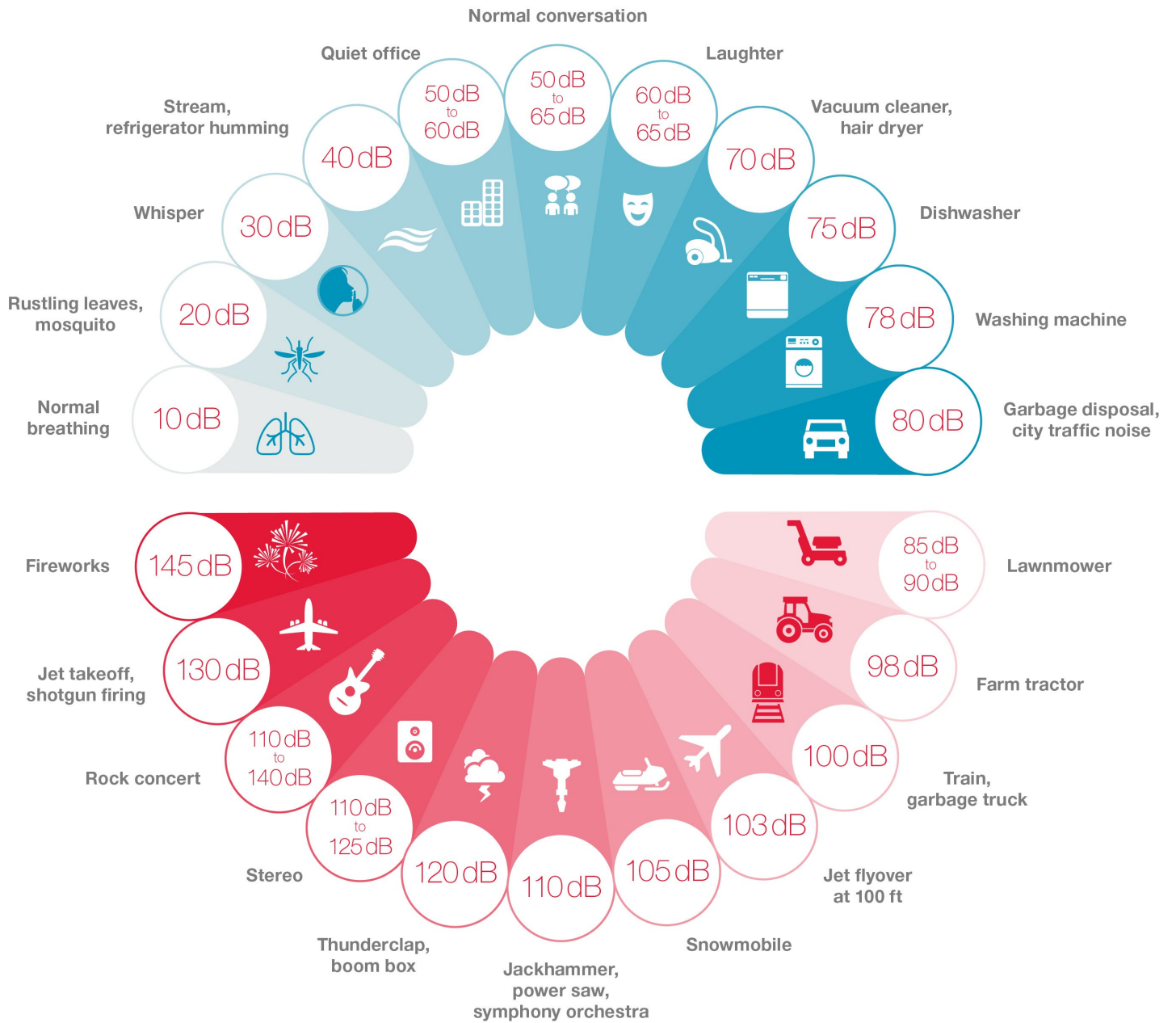
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