

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

TOTAL POPULATION

679 k

NUMBER OF ASHA AUDILOGISTS

40

2 provide Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF ASHA SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

404

49 provide Multilingual Services

DEFINING THE PROFESSIONALS



Audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiology treatment, including hearing aids.



Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) identify, assess, and treat speech, language, cognitive communication, and swallowing disorders.

Audiologists and SLPs provide treatment to people of all ages, from infants to older adults.

NATIONAL AND STATE DATA

About 15%

Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

About 7%

Americans have some form of language impairment.

From 2020–2030, District of Columbia is expected to see ...

10% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDILOGISTS

42% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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higher education institutions with communication sciences and disorders degree program in the state.

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in District of Columbia?



EDUCATION FACILITIES

22% Audiologists
47% SLPs



HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

62% Audiologists
45% SLPs



OTHER FACILITIES

16% Audiologists
8% SLPs



Making effective communication, a human right, accessible and achievable for all.

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ABOUT US

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 234,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.



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