# MISSOURI

TOTAL POPULATION

6 mil

# NUMBER OF ASHA AUDIOLOGISTS

328

15 provide Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF ASHA SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

4,372

77 provide Multilingual Services



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

## **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, Missouri is expected to see ...

15%

INCREASE IN **DEMAND FOR** AUDIOLOGISTS

25%

INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

# **EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN MISSOURI**



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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Missouri?



EDUCATION FACILITIES

14% Audiologists 58% SLPs



HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

73% Audiologists 36% SLPs



OTHER FACILITIES

13% Audiologists 6% SLPs

#### **RESOURCES**

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