

WASHINGTON

TOTAL POPULATION

8 mil

NUMBER OF ASHA AUDILOGISTS

354

30 provide Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF ASHA SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

3,885

304 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, Washington is expected to see ...

19%

INCREASE IN
DEMAND FOR
AUDILOGISTS

22%

INCREASE IN
DEMAND FOR
SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN WASHINGTON



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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Washington?



EDUCATION
FACILITIES

17% Audiologists
49% SLPs



HEALTH CARE
FACILITIES

71% Audiologists
43% SLPs



OTHER
FACILITIES

12% Audiologists
8% SLPs

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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, certificate holders, and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology assistants; and students.



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