

KENTUCKY

TOTAL POPULATION

5 mil

NUMBER OF ASHA AUDIOLOGISTS

138

4 provide Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF ASHA SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

3,133

38 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, Kentucky is expected to see ...

17%

INCREASE IN
DEMAND FOR
AUDIOLOGISTS

25%

INCREASE IN
DEMAND FOR
SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN KENTUCKY



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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Kentucky?



EDUCATION
FACILITIES

8% Audiologists
46% SLPs



HEALTH CARE
FACILITIES

80% Audiologists
48% SLPs



OTHER
FACILITIES

12% Audiologists
6% 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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