MONTANA

TOTAL POPULATION

1 mil

NUMBER OF ASHA AUDIOLOGISTS

29

O provide Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF ASHA SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

627

12 provide Multilingual Services



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, Montana is expected to see ...

17%

INCREASE IN **DEMAND FOR** AUDIOLOGISTS

28%

INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN MONTANA



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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Montana?



EDUCATION FACILITIES

20% Audiologists 48% SLPs



HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

80% Audiologists 46% SLPs



OTHER FACILITIES

0% Audiologists 6% SLPs

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