TENNESSEE

TOTAL POPULATION

7 mil

NUMBER OF ASHA AUDIOLOGISTS

444

13 provide Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF ASHA SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

3,871

111 provide Multilingual Services

ASHA American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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, Tennessee is expected to see ...

17%

INCREASE IN **DEMAND FOR** AUDIOLOGISTS

31%

INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN TENNESSEE



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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Tennessee?



EDUCATION FACILITIES

13% Audiologists 42% SLPs



HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

77% Audiologists 52% SLPs



OTHER FACILITIES

11% Audiologists 7% SLPs

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