TOTAL POPULATION 2 mi

NUMBER OF ASHA AUDIOLOGISTS

82

1 provide Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF ASHA SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

1,048

10 provide Multilingual Services



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

WEST VIRGINIA

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, West Virginia is expected to see ...

36%

INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS

28%

INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN WEST VIRGINIA



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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in West Virginia?



EDUCATION FACILITIES

15% Audiologists 54% SLPs



HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

81% Audiologists 39% SLPs



OTHER FACILITIES

4% Audiologists 7% SLPs

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