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**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.

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**NATIONAL AND STATE DATA**

- **About 7%** Americans have some degree of language impairment.
- **About 15%** Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

From 2020–2030, Alabama is expected to see...

- 9% **INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS**
- 23% **INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN ALABAMA**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Alabama?

- **13% Audiologists** 42% SLPs
- **74% Audiologists** 51% SLPs
- **13% Audiologists** 7% SLPs
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