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

From 2020–2030, Colorado is expected to see an **increase in demand for speech-language pathologists**. **Demand data for audiologists are not available**.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN COLORADO

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

**Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Colorado?**

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