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

From 2020-2030, Maine is expected to see...

- **20%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **18%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

### EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Maine?

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