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Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) identify, assess, and treat speech, language, cognitive communication, and swallowing disorders.

Audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiology treatment, including hearing aids.

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**DEFINING THE PROFESSIONALS**

- Audiologists
- Speech-language pathologists (SLPs)

**NUMBERS**

- Total Population: 6.2 mil
- Number of Audiologists: 330
- Number of Speech-Language Pathologists: 4,259

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

- Higher education institutions with communication sciences and disorders degree program in the state.
- Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Missouri?

- Education Facilities: 14% Audiologists, 58% SLPs
- Health Care Facilities: 71% Audiologists, 35% SLPs
- Other Facilities: 15% Audiologists, 6% SLPs

**NATIONAL AND STATE DATA**

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

**INCREASE IN DEMAND**

- 15% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS
- 25% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

**MISSOURI FACTS**

- 16 provide Multilingual Services
- 59 provide Multilingual Services

Making effective communication, a human right, accessible and achievable for all.
The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 228,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.