**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, Nebraska is expected to see...

- **21%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **15%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN NEBRASKA**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Nebraska?

- **13%** Audiologists
  - 59% SLPs
- **76%** Audiologists
  - 35% SLPs
- **11%** Audiologists
  - 6% SLPs
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.