Audiologists and SLPs provide treatment to people of all ages, from infants to older adults. 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.

DEFINING THE PROFESSIONALS

NATIONAL AND STATE DATA

From 2020–2030, Pennsylvania is expected to see an increase in demand for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. About 7% of Americans have some degree of language impairment, while about 15% have some degree of hearing loss.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

27 education institutions in Pennsylvania offer communication sciences and disorders degree programs. Audiologists and SLPs work in various facilities, with a higher percentage working in education facilities compared to health care and other facilities.

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Pennsylvania?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 10% Audiologists
  - 53% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 81% Audiologists
  - 39% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 9% Audiologists
  - 8% SLPs
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