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Making effective communication, a human right, accessible and achievable for all.

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**TOTAL POPULATION**

909k

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**

60

1 provides Multilingual Services

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

517

4 provide Multilingual Services

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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, South Dakota is expected to see...

- **23% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE**

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in South Dakota?

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