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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, Tennessee is expected to see ...**

- 17% increase in demand for audiologists
- 31% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN TENNESSEE**

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

**Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Tennessee?**

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