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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**

**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, Virginia is expected to see...

- 25% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS
- 28% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN VIRGINIA**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Virginia?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 13% Audiologists
  - 46% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 75% Audiologists
  - 46% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 12% Audiologists
  - 8% SLPs
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