

# WASHINGTON

TOTAL POPULATION

7.7 mil

NUMBER OF  
AUDIOLOGISTS

350

25 provide Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGISTS

3,746

243 provide Multilingual Services



**ASHA**  
American  
Speech-Language-Hearing  
Association

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

## 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, Washington is expected to see ...

19%

INCREASE IN  
DEMAND FOR  
AUDIOLOGISTS

22%

INCREASE IN  
DEMAND FOR  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGISTS

## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN WASHINGTON



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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Washington?



EDUCATION  
FACILITIES

17% Audiologists  
50% SLPs



HEALTH CARE  
FACILITIES

70% Audiologists  
43% SLPs



OTHER  
FACILITIES

13% Audiologists  
8% SLPs

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## ABOUT US

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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.



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