

KENTUCKY

DEFINING THE PROFESSIONALS



Audiologists specialize in assessing and preventing hearing, balance and other related disorders, as well as treatment of those disorders.



Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) identify, assess, and treat speech, language, voice, cognitive communication, and swallowing disorders.

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

NATIONAL AND STATE DATA

15%

of Americans have some degree of hearing loss

7.6%

of Americans have some form of language impairment

From 2022–2032...

DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS WILL INCREASE:

10% in the U.S.

12.5% in Kentucky

DEMAND FOR SLPs WILL INCREASE:

19% in the U.S.

20.4% in Kentucky

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN KENTUCKY



6

higher institutions in the state with a communication sciences and disorders degree program

Where do audiologists and SLPs work in Kentucky?

6.8% of audiologists

46.6% of SLPs

79.1% of audiologists

47.5% of SLPs

14.2% of audiologists

5.9% of SLPs



EDUCATION FACILITIES



HEALTH CARE FACILITIES



OTHER FACILITIES

TOTAL POPULATION

5 mil

NUMBER OF ASHA-CERTIFIED AUDIOLOGISTS

157

4 provide Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF ASHA-CERTIFIED SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

3,323

35 provide Multilingual Services

MEMBER STATE

ASLP-IC

Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology
Interstate Compact

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



FACT SHEET

HEARING LOSS AND DISORDERS

37.5 million

Americans report having some trouble hearing

- **51%** of all adults report having hearing problems, but **only 11%** have received treatment
- **12.5%** of Americans ages 6-19 have suffered permanent damage to their hearing from excessive exposure to noise
- **13%** of Americans ages 12 or older have hearing loss in both ears, based on standard hearing examinations

People with untreated hearing loss have **3X greater risk** of falling

30 million

American adults could benefit from using hearing aids

SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND SWALLOWING DISORDERS

7.7%

OF AMERICAN CHILDREN AGES 3-17 HAVE VOICE, SPEECH, LANGUAGE, OR SWALLOWING DISORDERS

Only 59.7% of those children received intervention services within the past year

The highest percentage of children with these disorders are **3-6 years old**

People with communication disorders have poorer health and health outcomes than those without communication disorders.

ABOUT US

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 247,000 members, certificate holders, and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology assistants; and students.

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