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

**MISSOURI**

**TOTAL POPULATION**
6.2 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**
321

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**
4,070

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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.

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 2018–2028, Missouri is expected to see ...

- **18%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **24%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN MISSOURI**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Missouri?

- **Educational Facilities**: 17% Audiologists, 60% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**: 71% Audiologists, 35% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**: 13% Audiologists, 5% SLPs
The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 218,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.

SOURCES


