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

### California

**Total Population**

37.1 mil

**Number of Audiologists**

770

**Number of Speech-Language Pathologists**

14,435

#### 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

- 6-8 million
  - Americans have some form of language impairment.

- 37.5 million
  - Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

From 2016-2026, California is expected to see ...

- **18%** Increase in demand for audiologists
- **16%** Increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

#### Education and Employment in California

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in California?

- **Education Facilities**
  - 15% Audiologists
  - 59% SLPs

- **Health Care Facilities**
  - 74% Audiologists
  - 35% SLPs

- **Other Facilities**
  - 11% Audiologists
  - 7% SLPs
SOURCES


ABOUT US

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 211,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.