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

MASSACHUSETTS

TOTAL POPULATION
6.5 mil

NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS
427

NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS
4,953

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, Massachusetts is expected to see ...

- 13% increase in demand for audiologists
- 13% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN MASSACHUSETTS

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Massachusetts?

- **Education Facilities**: 12% Audiologists, 59% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**: 83% Audiologists, 34% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**: 5% Audiologists, 8% 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.