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

**MISSISSIPPI**

**TOTAL POPULATION**
2.8 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**
147

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**
1,673

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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

- **6-8 million** Americans have some form of language impairment.
- **37.5 million** Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

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

- **8%** INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS
- **12%** INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

### EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN MISSISSIPPI

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Mississippi?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 18% Audiologists
  - 51% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 76% Audiologists
  - 45% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 6% Audiologists
  - 5% 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.