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

### Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology in Montana

**Total Population**: 1.1 mil

**Number of Audiologists**: 26

**Number of Speech-Language Pathologists**: 525

### 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, Montana is expected to see a 20% increase in demand for audiologists and a 26% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.

### Education and Employment in Montana

1 higher education institutions with communication sciences and disorders degree program in the state.

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Montana?

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**ABOUT US**

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.