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

**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, New Mexico is expected to see...

- **13%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.
- **Demand data for audiologists are not available.**

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN NEW MEXICO**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in New Mexico?

- **Education facilities**: 24% Audiologists, 54% SLPs
- **Health care facilities**: 61% Audiologists, 37% SLPs
- **Other facilities**: 15% Audiologists, 9% 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.