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, North Carolina is expected to see...

- **19%** Increase in demand for audiologists
- **18%** Increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in North Carolina?

- **Education facilities**: 16% Audiologists, 46% SLPs
- **Health care facilities**: 70% Audiologists, 47% SLPs
- **Other facilities**: 14% 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.