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

**TOTAL POPULATION**

4.8 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**

154

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

2,732

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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.

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**NATIONAL AND STATE DATA**

- **6-8 million** Americans have some form of language impairment.

- **37.5 million** Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

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From 2016-2026, South Carolina is expected to see...

- **23%** increase in demand for audiologists

- **19%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

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**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

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

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Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in South Carolina?

- **Education Facilities**: 16% Audiologists, 45% SLPs

- **Health Care Facilities**: 73% Audiologists, 50% SLPs

- **Other Facilities**: 11% Audiologists, 6% 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.