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

**TOTAL POPULATION**
0.8 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**
48

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**
460

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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**

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

**INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

13%

**DEMAND DATA FOR AUDIOLOGISTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE**

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**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in South Dakota?

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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.