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

**VIRGINIA**

**TOTAL POPULATION** 8 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS** 371

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS** 4,115

**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, Virginia is expected to see ...

- 24% increase in demand for audiologists
- 22% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN VIRGINIA**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Virginia?

- **Education Facilities**: 13% Audiologists, 47% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**: 74% Audiologists, 46% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**: 13% Audiologists, 7% SLPs
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.

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