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

**TOTAL POPULATION**
1.7 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**
95

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**
931

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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.

From 2016-2026, West Virginia is expected to see...

- **18%** INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS
- **17%** INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

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**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN WEST VIRGINIA**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in West Virginia?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 13% Audiologists
  - 56% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 83% Audiologists
  - 39% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 5% Audiologists
  - 5% 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.