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

**TOTAL POPULATION**

5.5 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLGISTS**

304

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

3,461

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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, Wisconsin is expected to see ...

- **12%** increase in demand for audiologists.
- **10%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.

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**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN WISCONSIN**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Wisconsin?

- **Education Facilities**: 13% Audiologists, 62% SLPs
- **Healthcare Facilities**: 81% Audiologists, 33% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**: 6% Audiologists, 5% 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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