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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.

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NATIONAL AND STATE DATA

- **About 7%** Americans have some form of language impairment.
- **About 15%** Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

From 2018–2028, Alabama is expected to see ...

- **28%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN ALABAMA

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Alabama?

- **Education facilities**
  - 14% Audiologists
  - 42% SLPs

- **Health care facilities**
  - 73% Audiologists
  - 51% SLPs

- **Other facilities**
  - 13% Audiologists
  - 7% SLPs

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


About Us

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 223,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.