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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, Arkansas is expected to see...

- **25%** Increase in demand for audiologists.
- **37%** Increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.

### Education and Employment in Arkansas

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Arkansas?

- **Education Facilities**
  - 7% Audiologists
  - 59% SLPs

- **Health Care Facilities**
  - 89% Audiologists
  - 35% SLPs

- **Other Facilities**
  - 4% Audiologists
  - 5% SLPs
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