Audiologists and SLPs provide treatment to people of all ages, from infants to older adults.

**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.

**TOTAL POPULATION**

39.2 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**

813

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

15,385

**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, California is expected to see ...**

- 20% increase in demand for audiologists
- 29% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA**

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

**Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in California?**

- **Education Facilities**
  - 15% Audiologists
  - 59% SLPs

- **Health Care Facilities**
  - 74% Audiologists
  - 34% SLPs

- **Other Facilities**
  - 12% Audiologists
  - 7% SLPs
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