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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, District of Columbia is expected to see...

- 17% increase in demand for audiologists
- 27% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in District of Columbia?

- **Education Facilities**: 30% Audiologists, 50% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**: 63% Audiologists, 39% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**: 8% Audiologists, 10% SLPs


**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.