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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, Illinois is expected to see ...
- 6% increase in demand for audiologists.
- 19% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN ILLINOIS**
- 16 higher education institutions with communication sciences and disorders degree program in the state.

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Illinois?
- **Education Facilities**
  - 17% Audiologists
  - 59% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**
  - 72% Audiologists
  - 35% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**
  - 11% Audiologists
  - 6% 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.