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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**

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

- **4%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **18%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN MICHIGAN**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Michigan?

- **Education facilities**: 16% Audiologists, 60% SLPs
- **Health care facilities**: 78% Audiologists, 35% SLPs
- **Other facilities**: 6% 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.