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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, Montana is expected to see...

- 20% increase in demand for audiologists.
- 26% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN MONTANA**

1 higher education institution with communication sciences and disorders degree program in the state.

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Montana?

- **Education Facilities**
  - 12% Audiologists
  - 49% SLPs

- **Health Care Facilities**
  - 77% Audiologists
  - 45% SLPs

- **Other Facilities**
  - 12% Audiologists
  - 6% SLPs
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