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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, North Carolina is expected to see ...

- 15% **INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS**
- 27% **INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in North Carolina?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 14% Audiologists
  - 44% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 71% Audiologists
  - 48% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 15% Audiologists
  - 8% SLPs
SOURCES


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.