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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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**TOTAL POPULATION**

4 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLIGISTS**

167

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

2,383

**DEMAND DATA FOR AUDIOLOGISTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE**

**INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

26%

**WHERE DO AUDIOLOGISTS AND SLPs WORK IN OKLAHOMA?**

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 9% Audiologists
  - 51% SLPs
- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 73% Audiologists
  - 41% SLPs
- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 18% Audiologists
  - 8% SLPs

**MAKING EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION, A HUMAN RIGHT, ACCESSIBLE AND ACHIEVABLE FOR ALL.**

**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, Oklahoma is expected to see ...**

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN OKLAHOMA**

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