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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, Oregon is expected to see...

- 21% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS
- 27% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN OREGON**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Oregon?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**: 17% Audiologists, 56% SLPs
- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**: 71% Audiologists, 33% SLPs
- **OTHER FACILITIES**: 13% Audiologists, 11% 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.