### 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.

Audiologists and SLPs provide treatment to people of all ages, from infants to older adults.

### NATIONAL AND STATE DATA

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From 2018–2028, Pennsylvania is expected to see an increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.

### DEMAND DATA FOR AUDIOLGISTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE

17%

### EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Pennsylvania?

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