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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, Tennessee is expected to see...

- 19% **INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDILOGISTS**
- 31% **INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN TENNESSEE**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Tennessee?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 15% Audiologists
  - 42% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 76% Audiologists
  - 51% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 9% Audiologists
  - 7% 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.