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

DEFINING THE PROFESSIONALS

TOTAL POPULATION
8.6 mil

NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS
383

NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS
4,346

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, Virginia is expected to see...

24% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS
26% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN VIRGINIA

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Virginia?

EDUCATION FACILITIES
13% Audiologists
46% SLPs

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
75% Audiologists
47% SLPs

OTHER FACILITIES
12% 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.