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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**

7.7 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**

346

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

3,636

**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, Washington is expected to see...

- 17% increase in demand for audiologists
- 22% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN WASHINGTON**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Washington?

- **Education Facilities**: 18% Audiologists, 50% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**: 71% Audiologists, 43% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**: 12% Audiologists, 7% SLPs
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