

ILLINOIS

TOTAL POPULATION

12.6 mil

NUMBER OF
AUDIOLOGISTS

498

NUMBER OF
SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS

8,907



ASHA
American
Speech-Language-Hearing
Association

Making effective communication, a human right, accessible and achievable for all.

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

About 7%

Americans have some form of language impairment.

About 15%

Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

From 2018–2028, Illinois is expected to see ...

6%

INCREASE IN
DEMAND FOR
AUDIOLOGISTS

19%

INCREASE IN
DEMAND FOR
SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN ILLINOIS



15

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Illinois?



**EDUCATION
FACILITIES**

15% Audiologists
59% SLPs



**HEALTH CARE
FACILITIES**

74% Audiologists
36% SLPs



**OTHER
FACILITIES**

11% Audiologists
5% SLPs

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ABOUT US

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 218,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.



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