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

**ALABAMA**

**TOTAL POPULATION**
4.6 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**
244

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**
2,075

**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 elderly.

**NATIONAL AND STATE DATA**

- **6-8 million** Americans have some form of language impairment.
- **36 million** Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

From 2016-2026, Alabama is expected to see...

- **20%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **9%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN ALABAMA**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Alabama?

**EDUCATION FACILITIES**
- 17% Audiologists
- 42% SLPs

**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
- 73% Audiologists
- 52% SLPs

**OTHER FACILITIES**
- 10% Audiologists
- 6% SLPs
SOURCES


ABOUT US

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 204,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.