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

**TOTAL POPULATION**

5.3 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**

400

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

3,485

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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.

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

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**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, Colorado is expected to see...

- **30% increase in demand for audiologists**
- **34% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists**

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**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN COLORADO**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Colorado?

- **Education facilities**: 19% Audiologists, 47% SLPs
- **Health care facilities**: 65% Audiologists, 46% SLPs
- **Other facilities**: 15% Audiologists, 7% 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.