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 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, Connecticut is expected to see ... 

- **9% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS**
- **10% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Connecticut?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**: 15% Audiologists, 64% SLPs
- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**: 75% Audiologists, 30% 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.