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

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

- **22%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **26%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN FLORIDA

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Florida?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 15% Audiologists
  - 45% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 75% Audiologists
  - 50% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 10% Audiologists
  - 5% SLPs
**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.

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