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

**HAWAII**

**TOTAL POPULATION**
1.3 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**
51

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**
501

**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, Hawaii is expected to see...

- **11%** increase in demand for audiologists.
- Demand for speech-language pathologists is being met.

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN HAWAII**

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

**Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Hawaii?**

- **Education Facilities**: 3% Audiologists, 48% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**: 85% Audiologists, 39% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**: 13% Audiologists, 13% SLPs


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.