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, Idaho is expected to see...

- 22% increase in demand for audiologists.
- 27% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN IDAHO**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Idaho?

- **Education Facilities**: 29% Audiologists, 39% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**: 63% Audiologists, 55% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**: 8% 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.