

# ILLINOIS

TOTAL POPULATION

12 mil

NUMBER OF  
AUDIOLOGISTS

498

NUMBER OF  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGISTS

8,434



**ASHA**  
American  
Speech-Language-Hearing  
Association

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, Illinois is expected to see ...

10% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS

14% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN ILLINOIS



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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Illinois?



**EDUCATION FACILITIES**

15% Audiologists  
58% SLPs



**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

73% Audiologists  
36% SLPs



**OTHER FACILITIES**

12% Audiologists  
5% SLPs

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## ABOUT US

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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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