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, Iowa is expected to see ...

- **17%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **12%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN IOWA

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Iowa?

- **Education facilities**
  - 23% Audiologists
  - 42% SLPs

- **Health care facilities**
  - 58% Audiologists
  - 43% SLPs

- **Other facilities**
  - 19% Audiologists
  - 14% 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.