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

**TOTAL POPULATION**
4.4 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**
234

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**
2,759

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**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.

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**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, Louisiana is expected to see ...

- **13%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **15%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

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**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN LOUISIANA**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Louisiana?

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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.