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

**TOTAL POPULATION**
6.5 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**
419

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**
4,858

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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, Massachusetts is expected to see ...

- **13%** INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS
- **11%** INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

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**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN MASSACHUSETTS**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Massachusetts?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 12% Audiologists
  - 59% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 83% Audiologists
  - 33% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 5% Audiologists
  - 8% 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.