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

TOTAL POPULATION
1.0 mil

NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS
26

NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS
471

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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<th>6-8 million Americans have some form of language impairment.</th>
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From 2016-2026, Montana is expected to see...

| INCORPORATEISTRIBUTION VALUES HERE | 19% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS | 23% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS |

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN MONTANA

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Montana?

- **Education Facilities**
  - 5% Audiologists
  - 50% SLPs

- **Health Care Facilities**
  - 82% Audiologists
  - 45% SLPs

- **Other Facilities**
  - 14% Audiologists
  - 6% SLPs
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.