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, North Carolina is expected to see...

- **18%** increase in demand for audiologists.
- **18%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in North Carolina?

- **Education Facilities**: 16% Audiologists, 46% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**: 69% Audiologists, 47% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**: 15% Audiologists, 7% SLPs
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.

SOURCES


