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

**TOTAL POPULATION**
11 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**
615

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**
6,492

**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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**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN OHIO**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Ohio?

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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.