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, Rhode Island is expected to see ...

- **5%** increase in demand for audiologists is being met

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Rhode Island?

- **Education Facilities**: 9% Audiologists, 64% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**: 75% Audiologists, 32% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**: 16% Audiologists, 5% 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.