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, South Dakota is expected to see ...**

- **12%** INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in South Dakota?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 14% Audiologists
  - 61% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 82% Audiologists
  - 35% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 5% 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.