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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From 2016-2026, Tennessee is expected to see ...

- 21% increase in demand for audiologists
- 24% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN TENNESSEE

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Tennessee?

- Education facilities: 18% Audiologists, 42% SLPs
- Health care facilities: 73% Audiologists, 52% SLPs
- Other facilities: 8% Audiologists, 6% 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.