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, Texas is expected to see ...

- 27% increase in demand for audiologists
- 27% increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN TEXAS

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Texas?

- Education facilities: 14% Audiologists, 42% SLPs
- Health care facilities: 74% Audiologists, 52% SLPs
- Other facilities: 12% 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.