**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, Utah is expected to see...

- **31%** increase in demand for audiologists.
- **36%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN UTAH**

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

**Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Utah?**

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<th>Facility Type</th>
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<td><strong>Education Facilities</strong></td>
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**TOTAL POPULATION**

- **2.8 mil**

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**

- **166**

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

- **1,344**
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.

SOURCES


