Making effective communication, a human right, accessible and achievable for all.

### TOTAL POPULATION
8.0 mil

### NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS
367

### NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS
4,007

### 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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<td>6-8 million Americans have some form of language impairment.</td>
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From 2016-2026, Virginia is expected to see...

- 22% **INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS**
- 23% **INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

### EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN VIRGINIA

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Virginia?

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 13% Audiologists
  - 47% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 74% Audiologists
  - 46% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 13% Audiologists
  - 7% 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.