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

### Total Population
7.0 mil

### Number of Audiologists
343

### Number of Speech-Language Pathologists
3,239

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#### 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.

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#### National and State Data

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

- **24%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **26%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

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#### Education and Employment in Washington

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Washington?

- **Education Facilities**: 18% Audiologists, 50% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**: 68% Audiologists, 44% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**: 14% 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.