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**WEST VIRGINIA**

**TOTAL POPULATION**

1.7 mil

**NUMBER OF Audiologists**

98

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

910

**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**

| Americans have some degree of hearing loss. |
| Americans have some form of language impairment. |

**From 2016-2026, West Virginia is expected to see ...**

- **16%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **20%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN WEST VIRGINIA**

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

**Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in West Virginia?**

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 15% Audiologists
  - 56% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 81% Audiologists
  - 39% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 4% Audiologists
  - 5% 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.