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

**TOTAL POPULATION**

5.5 mil

**NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS**

286

**NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

3,381

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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**

- 6-8 million
  - Americans have some form of language impairment.

- 36 million
  - Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

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

- 10% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS

- 10% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

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**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN WISCONSIN**

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

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

- **EDUCATION FACILITIES**
  - 13% Audiologists
  - 62% SLPs

- **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
  - 81% Audiologists
  - 32% SLPs

- **OTHER FACILITIES**
  - 6% Audiologists
  - 5% SLPs
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.

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