# ALABAMA

TOTAL POPULATION

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NUMBER OF AUDIOLOGISTS

270

5 provide Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

2,416

41 provide Multilingual Services



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 older adults.

## NATIONAL AND STATE DATA

# About 7%

Americans have some form of language impairment.

# About 15%

Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

From 2020-2030, Alabama is expected to see ...

INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS

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INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

#### **EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN ALABAMA**



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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Alabama?



EDUCATION FACILITIES

13% Audiolgists 42% SLPs



HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

74% Audiolgists 51% SLPs



OTHER FACILITIES

13% Audiolgists 7% SLPs

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The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 228,000 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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