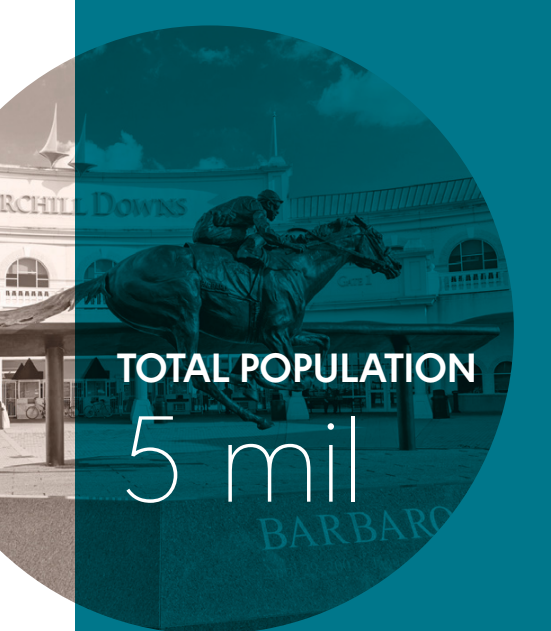




TOTAL POPULATION

5 mil

NUMBER OF  
ASHA-CERTIFIED  
AUDIOLOGISTS

141

4 provide Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF  
ASHA-CERTIFIED  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGISTS

3,252

34 provide Multilingual Services

**ASLP-IC**

Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology  
Interstate Compact

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

# KENTUCKY

## DEFINING THE PROFESSIONALS



**Audiologists** specialize in assessing and preventing hearing, balance and other related disorders, as well as treatment of those disorders.



**Speech-language pathologists (SLPs)** identify, assess, and treat speech, language, voice, cognitive communication, and swallowing disorders.

Audiologists and SLPs provide diagnostic and treatment services to people of all ages, from infants to older adults.

## NATIONAL AND STATE DATA

15%

of Americans have some  
degree of hearing loss

7.6%

of Americans have some form  
of language impairment

From 2022-2032...

DEMAND FOR AUDIOLOGISTS  
WILL INCREASE:

**10%** in the U.S.

**12.5%** in Kentucky

DEMAND FOR SLPs  
WILL INCREASE:

**19%** in the U.S.

**20.4%** in Kentucky

## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN KENTUCKY



6

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

### Where do audiologists and SLPs work in Kentucky?

8.1% of audiologists  
46.3% of SLPs



EDUCATION  
FACILITIES



HEALTH CARE  
FACILITIES



OTHER  
FACILITIES

78.7% of audiologists  
47.8% of SLPs

13.2% of audiologists  
5.9% of SLPs

# FACT SHEET

## HEARING LOSS AND DISORDERS

**37.5 million**

Americans report having some trouble hearing

- **51%** of all adults report having hearing problems, but **only 11%** have received treatment
- **12.5%** of Americans ages 6-19 have suffered permanent damage to their hearing from excessive exposure to noise
- **13%** of Americans ages 12 or older have hearing loss in both ears, based on standard hearing examinations

People with untreated hearing loss have **3X greater risk** of falling

**30 million**

American adults could benefit from using hearing aids

## SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND SWALLOWING DISORDERS

**7.7%**

OF AMERICAN CHILDREN AGES 3-17 HAVE VOICE, SPEECH, LANGUAGE, OR SWALLOWING DISORDERS

**Only 55%** of those children received intervention services within the past year

The highest percentage of children with these disorders are **3-6 years old**

**7.6%**

OF AMERICAN ADULTS HAVE VOICE, SPEECH, LANGUAGE, OR SWALLOWING DISORDERS

**3 million**

Americans stutter

**2 million**

Americans have aphasia

**People with communication disorders have poorer health and health outcomes than those without communication disorders.**

## ABOUT US

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 241,000 members, certificate holders, and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology assistants; and students.

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