

# RHODE ISLAND

TOTAL POPULATION

1 mil

NUMBER OF  
AUDIOLOGISTS

52

1 provides Multilingual Services

NUMBER OF  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGISTS

753

40 provide Multilingual Services



**ASHA**  
American  
Speech-Language-Hearing  
Association

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, Rhode Island is expected to see ...



DEMAND DATA FOR  
**AUDILOGISTS**  
ARE NOT AVAILABLE

21%

INCREASE IN  
**DEMAND FOR**  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGISTS

## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND



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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Rhode Island?



**EDUCATION  
FACILITIES**

4% Audiologists  
60% SLPs



**HEALTH CARE  
FACILITIES**

83% Audiologists  
34% SLPs



**OTHER  
FACILITIES**

13% Audiologists  
6% SLPs

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## ABOUT US

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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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