

## Recruitment Hotsheet – Speech-Language Pathology

Speech-language pathologists, sometimes called speech therapists, assess, diagnose, treat and help prevent disorders related to speech, language, cognitive-communication, voice, swallowing and fluency. As of 2007, 47 states have regulated speech-language pathologists through licensure or registration.

### EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Speech-language pathologists held about 110,000 jobs in 2006. About half were employed in educational services, while others were employed in hospitals, offices of other health practitioners, nursing care facilities, home health care services, individual and family services, outpatient care centers and child day care centers. Employment of speech-language pathologists is expected to grow 11% from 2006 to 2016, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Employment in educational services will increase with the growth in elementary and secondary school enrollments, including enrollment of special education students. 64% of SLPs work full-time. The median annual salary is \$67,000 for clinical service providers and \$85,000 for administrators.

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### Top Markets

1. New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY – NJ
2. Chicago – Naperville – Joliet, IL – IN – WI
3. Los Angeles – Long Beach – Santa Ana, CA
4. Dallas – Fort Worth – Arlington, TX
5. Houston – Sugar Land – Baytown, TX

### Top Programs

[University of Iowa](#)

[Northwestern University](#)

[Purdue University – West Lafayette](#)

[University of Wisconsin – Madison](#)

### Media Spotlight: Blogs

[Advance for Speech & Hearing Blogs](#)

[ASHA Forums](#)

[SLPJob.com Forum](#)

[SLP Talk](#)

[Speech Language Pathologist.org Message Board](#)

[Speech Therapy Ideas](#)

### Online Networks

[ASHA on Facebook](#)

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### E-Newsletters

[Access SLP – Healthcare](#)

[Advance for Speech Language Pathologists & Audiologists](#)

[SpeechPathology.com e-Newsletters](#)

### Upcoming Events

NCA Annual Convention

Nov 12-15, 2009 – Chicago, IL

ASHA Convention & Job Fair

Nov 19-21, 2009 – New Orleans, LA

NBASLH Annual Convention

Apr 15-18, 2010 – Tampa, FL

ASHA Health Care/Business Institute 2010

Apr 24-25, 2010 – Seattle, WA

ASHA Schools 2010

Jul 16-18, 2010 – Las Vegas, NV