

Job Outlook

- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects a **21% job growth** for SLPs from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations.
- This growth is driven by factors such as:
 - **Increased awareness** of speech and language disorders in children.
 - **An aging population** experiencing neurological conditions (e.g., stroke, dementia, Parkinson's).
 - A higher demand for **bilingual** and culturally responsive SLPs.
 - Expansion of **telepractice** services.
- As of May 2023, the median annual wage for speech-language pathologists in the United States was **\$89,290**

With **competitive salaries** and **diverse career paths**, SLPs enjoy **job stability and flexibility** in various work settings.