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for and about Virginia's Healthcare Workforce

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This edition of the digital digest spotlights the workforce habits and preferences of speech-language pathologists. Licensees of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, employers, job seekers and students will find this issue of interest.

## Median Income



In 2021, the median income for Virginia's SLPs was \$60k - \$70k, the same since 2016.

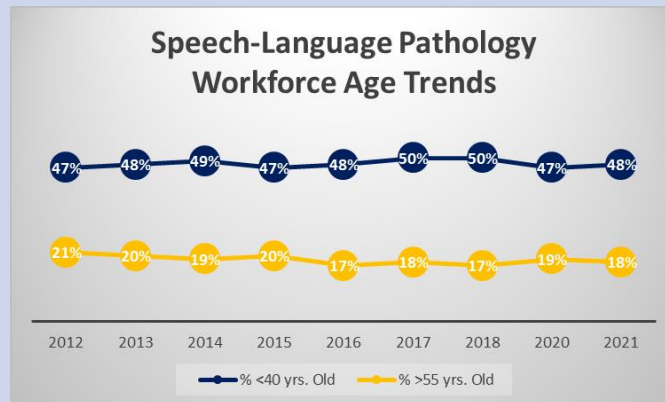
## Benefits

Sixty-two percent of SLPs in the workforce received paid retirement benefits (vs. 61% in 2020) and 57% received paid sick leave (vs. 59% in 2020).

## Speech-Language Pathologist

In 2021, there were 4,820 [speech-language pathologists \(SLPs\)](#) in Virginia. Of that number, 4,054 were in the workforce and produced 2,967 FTEs. This workforce was 97% female and the median age of all speech-language pathologists was 41.

Ninety-three percent of the workforce was employed, with 59% holding one full-time job. Ninety-three percent of SLPs reported being satisfied with their employment situation.



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Sixty-one percent of SLPs work in the private sector, including 39% who work at for-profit establishments.

Thirty-four percent of all SLPs work in Northern Virginia, 22% in Central Virginia and 19% in Hampton Roads.

Forty-one percent of all SLPs work at a school as their primary work location, while another 19% work at a group private practice.

Cash/self-pay and Medicaid are the most commonly accepted forms of payment.

## Trends 2013-2021

- The SLP workforce has grown by 21% over the past eight years.
- 5% of SLPs reported they were involuntary unemployed in the one-year period before the survey likely due to the pandemic compared to 1% in previous surveys.
- Compared to 2013, SLPs are less likely to carry education debt.

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