



2024 Profile of ASHA Members and Affiliates With PhDs

Introduction

This report presents data on ASHA members and affiliates who hold a research doctorate (PhD). Data are presented by ASHA certification status, United States residency, race, ethnicity, gender, age, primary employment facility, and private practice status.

Highlights

- **Overall Counts and ASHA Certification Status.** ASHA currently represents 4,523 individuals who hold a PhD. Of these, 681 hold ASHA certification in audiology, 3,313 hold ASHA certification in speech-language pathology, 99 hold dual certification, 9 are in the process of obtaining ASHA certification, and 421 are not ASHA-certified.
- **Residency.** Among the 4,523 ASHA constituents with PhDs, 4,265 reside in the U.S., and 258 reside in 43 other countries. One hundred seventeen of the constituents are international affiliates.
- **Race and Ethnicity.** About one-fifth (19.2%) of ASHA constituents with PhDs who reside in the U.S. self-identify as American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, other race, or having two or more races vs. 9.8% of all ASHA constituents. The percentage of those who self-identify as Hispanic, Latina, Latino, Latinx, or as being of Spanish origin is 5.4% among PhD holders compared to 7.3% of all ASHA constituents.
- **Gender and Age.** About four-fifths (79.8%) of ASHA constituents with PhDs who reside in the U.S. self-identify as female, and 50.1% are ages 55 and older. In comparison, 95.6% of all ASHA constituents self-identify as female, and 21.8% are ages 55 and older.
- **Work Setting.** The percentages of PhD holders who report their primary employment facility as a college/university are 47.9%, 57.2%, and 43.4%, respectively, for ASHA-certified audiologists, ASHA-certified speech-language pathologists, and those with dual certification. In comparison, only 2.8% of all ASHA constituents report their primary employment facility as a college/university.
- **Private Practice Status.** Of those who hold a PhD and ASHA certification in audiology, 13.9% work in private practice either full- or part time. The percentages are 21.3% and 37.9% for those who hold a PhD and ASHA certification in speech-language pathology or both professions, respectively. Across all ASHA constituents, the percentages working in private practice either full- or part time are 32.0%, 24.3%, and 33.2%, respectively, for ASHA-certified audiologists, ASHA-certified speech-language pathologists, and those with dual certification.

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Table 1
Number of ASHA Constituents With PhDs, by Certification Status
January 1 – December 31, 2024

Affiliation Status	Certified in Audiology	Certified in Speech	Dually Certified	CERTIFIED SUBTOTAL	Certification in Process	Not Certified	TOTAL
Member Only	—	—	—	—	—	304	304
Member and Certificate Holder	672	3,304	98	4,074	9	—	4,083
ASHA MEMBERSHIP SUBTOTAL	672	3,304	98	4,074	9	304	4,387
Nonmember Certificate Holder	9	9	1	19	0	—	19
International Affiliate	—	—	—	—	—	117	117
GRAND TOTAL	681	3,313	99	4,093	9	421	4,523

Note. Among the 4,523 ASHA constituents with PhDs, 4,265 reside in the U.S., and 258 reside in 43 other countries.

Table 2
Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs Who Reside in the U.S.
January 1 – December 31, 2024
(n = 4,265)

Race (n = 3,873)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	8.6%
Black or African American	7.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
White	80.8%
Race Not Currently Listed	0.3%
Reported 2 or More Races	2.1%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Ethnicity (n = 4,008)	
Hispanic or Latino	5.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	94.6%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Gender (n = 4,174)	
Female	79.8%
Male	19.8%
Non-Binary	0.3%
Other	0.2%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Age (n = 3,891)	
34 and younger	5.8%
35–44	21.3%
45–54	22.9%
55–64	17.0%
65 and older	33.1%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Table 3
Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs Who Reside in the U.S. and
Work Primarily at Colleges/Universities
January 1 – December 31, 2024
(n = 2,276)

Race (n = 2,109)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	9.8%
Black or African American	6.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
White	80.7%
Race Not Currently Listed	0.5%
Reported 2 or More Races	2.1%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Ethnicity (n = 2,174)	
Hispanic or Latino	6.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	93.9%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Gender (n = 2,237)	
Female	78.7%
Male	20.7%
Non-Binary	0.3%
Other	0.2%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Age (n = 2,080)	
34 and younger	6.0%
35–44	22.7%
45–54	25.5%
55–64	18.5%
65 and older	27.3%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Note. Counts in Tables 2 and 3 include ASHA members, ASHA Certified Members, and certified nonmembers during the period and whose dues/fees were paid. The percentages are for the number of respondents (n = number of respondents) to that question only; percentages may not total 100.0% due to rounding. In addition to completing their dues notice, members can update their demographic information by contacting the ASHA Action Center at 800-498-2071 or by visiting www.asha.org and selecting "My Account" at the top of the webpage.

For additional information about these figures, contact ASHA's Surveys and Analysis unit at data@asha.org or 800-498-2071, ext. 8749 or 8738.

Table 4
Employment Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs Who Reside in the U.S.,
by Certification Status
January 1 – December 31, 2024

Certified in Audiology Only
(n = 666)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 610)	
School	2.3%
College/University	47.9%
Health Care Facility	36.6%
All Other Facilities	13.3%

Source. Dues Notice 2025

Private Practice (n = 625)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	8.6%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	5.3%
Not Employed in Private Practice	86.1%

Source. Dues Notice 2025

Certified in Speech-Language Pathology Only
(n = 3,206)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 2,994)	
School	12.2%
College/University	57.2%
Health Care Facility	19.6%
All Other Facilities	11.0%

Source. Dues Notice 2025

Private Practice (n = 2,988)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	7.1%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	14.2%
Not Employed in Private Practice	78.7%

Source. Dues Notice 2025

Certified in Both Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
(n = 97)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 76)	
School	9.2%
College/University	43.4%
Health Care Facility	31.6%
All Other Facilities	15.8%

Source. Dues Notice 2025

Private Practice (n = 87)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	16.1%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	21.8%
Not Employed in Private Practice	62.1%

Source. Dues Notice 2025

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