

Highlights and Trends: ASHA Counts for Year End 2003

Constituents -- How many are there? How have the numbers changed?

- ◆ ASHA currently represents **114,035** speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists. Compared to year end 2002 counts, this number has increased by 4,368 or 4.0%. Of this number, **108,842** are members.
- The number of members without certification has continued to decrease. There are now **366** individuals in this category, 12 fewer than at year end 2002 (378).
- In addition, **244** individuals in 42 countries are affiliated with ASHA.
- **Audiologists.** The number of certified *members* at year end 2003 is **11,566**, an increase of 195 individuals from year end 2002 (11,371). Certified *nonmembers* decreased to **1,250** from 1,279 since year end 2002. Nonmember certificate holders constitute 9.8% of all certified audiologists at year end 2003 compared to 10% to 12% between 2002 and 1997.
- **Speech-Language Pathologists.** The number of certified *members* increased from 90,098 to **94,312** between year end 2002 and year end 2003, while certified *nonmembers* decreased from 3,806 to **3,641**. Nonmember certificate holders constitute 3.7% of all certified speech-language pathologists at year end 2003, compared to 4.1% a year ago and 6.3% in 1997.
- **Dual Certification.** Individuals holding dual certification decreased from 1,395 at year end 2002 to **1,383** at year end 2003.
- **In Process.** At year end 2003, in-process constituents numbered **1,273** compared to 1,103 a year earlier, an increase of 15.4%.

Demographics -- Who are they?

- ◆ Males currently comprise 4.6% of speech-language pathologists, 18.9% of audiologists, and 30.1% of those with dual certification. Overall, the proportion of male ASHA constituents has declined steadily from 8.3% in 1997 to 8.0% in 1998, 7.7% in 1999, 7.5% in 2000, 7.2% in 2001, 6.9% in 2002, and 6.7% in 2003.
- ◆ Approximately 6.3% of ASHA members, nonmember certificate holders, and international affiliates are members of a racial minority (compared to 24.9% of the U.S. population according to the 2000 Census), including 2.1% who have self identified as multiracial (compared to 2.4% of the U.S. population). Additionally, 2.7% identified their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino, compared to 12.5% of the U.S. population.
- ◆ Approximately 14.3% of ASHA members, nonmember certificate holders, and international affiliates (specifically, 13.1% of audiologists, 13.7% of speech-language pathologists, and 54.4% of those with dual certification) are 55 years old or older.

TABLE 1

**AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION COUNTS
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	CCC in Speech	CCC in Audiology	Dual CCC	Certified Subtotal	In Process	Not Certified	Total
Member Only	0	0	0	0	0	366	366
Member/Certificate Holder	94,312	11,566	1,336	107,214	1,262	0	108,476
ASHA Membership Subtotal	94,312	11,566	1,336	107,214	1,262	366	108,842
Non-Member Certificate Holder	3,641	1,250	47	4,938	11	0	4,949
International Affiliate	0	0	0	0	0	244	244
Grand Total	97,953	12,816	1,383	112,152	1,273	610	114,035

TABLE 2

**AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION
AFFILIATION BY STATE AND CERTIFICATION STATUS
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	CCC in Speech	CCC in Audiology	Dual CCC	Certified Subtotal	In Process	Not Certified	Total
Alabama	1,024	194	20	1,238	10	2	1,250
Alaska	232	29	7	268	1	0	269
Arizona	1,467	258	19	1,744	23	4	1,771
Arkansas	1,364	113	9	1,486	14	1	1,501
California	7,621	984	103	8,708	117	28	8,853
Colorado	1,743	320	32	2,095	23	5	2,123
Connecticut	1,622	183	19	1,824	14	3	1,841
Delaware	226	34	7	267	1	0	268
Dst of Columbia	165	39	4	208	4	1	213
Florida	5,164	612	91	5,867	79	15	5,961
Georgia	2,616	287	20	2,923	39	4	2,966
Hawaii	342	45	8	395	3	0	398
Idaho	424	59	7	490	6	0	496
Illinois	4,889	582	49	5,520	56	17	5,593
Indiana	1,706	281	25	2,012	15	7	2,034
Iowa	852	179	13	1,044	5	7	1,056
Kansas	1,175	140	17	1,332	13	7	1,352
Kentucky	1,394	120	12	1,526	22	2	1,550
Louisiana	1,594	190	38	1,822	37	5	1,864
Maine	569	52	2	623	4	2	629
Maryland	2,358	320	53	2,731	18	8	2,757
Massachusetts	3,069	346	39	3,454	32	19	3,505
Michigan	3,000	506	29	3,535	30	8	3,573
Minnesota	1,857	315	14	2,186	20	12	2,218
Mississippi	895	117	12	1,024	8	0	1,032
Missouri	2,347	247	21	2,615	25	5	2,645
Montana	255	19	17	291	5	0	296
Nebraska	763	98	9	870	5	4	879
Nevada	446	46	2	494	7	1	502
New Hampshire	585	48	4	637	6	1	644
New Jersey	3,229	365	43	3,637	47	10	3,694
New Mexico	967	95	15	1,077	4	0	1,081
New York	9,355	920	126	10,401	145	38	10,584
North Carolina	2,930	354	48	3,332	42	7	3,381
North Dakota	313	35	2	350	2	1	353
Ohio	3,562	654	47	4,263	64	20	4,347
Oklahoma	1,279	119	12	1,410	23	1	1,434
Oregon	1,090	163	23	1,276	7	1	1,284
Pennsylvania	4,018	570	86	4,674	39	11	4,724
Rhode Island	477	59	5	541	3	2	546
South Carolina	1,162	113	11	1,286	21	2	1,309
South Dakota	264	34	7	305	3	0	308
Tennessee	1,642	317	20	1,979	11	10	2,000
Texas	5,926	726	82	6,734	99	11	6,844
Utah	673	138	17	828	8	4	840
Vermont	329	28	5	362	3	1	366
Virginia	2,361	323	41	2,725	32	10	2,767
Washington	1,804	365	22	2,191	16	6	2,213
West Virginia	598	100	15	713	5	1	719
Wisconsin	2,507	276	26	2,809	24	10	2,843
Wyoming	194	27	6	227	2	2	231
U.S Subtotal	96,444	12,544	1,361	110,349	1,242	316	111,907
Outside U.S.	1,509	272	22	1,803	31	294	2,128
Total	97,953	12,816	1,383	112,152	1,273	610	114,035

TABLE 3

**AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION
AFFILIATION BY STATE AND CATEGORY OF AFFILIATION
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	Member Only	Member/Certificate Holder	Membership Subtotal	Non-Member Certificate Holder	International Affiliate	Total
Alabama	2	1,183	1,185	65	0	1,250
Alaska	0	259	259	10	0	269
Arizona	4	1,704	1,708	63	0	1,771
Arkansas	1	1,433	1,434	67	0	1,501
California	28	8,396	8,424	429	0	8,853
Colorado	5	1,963	1,968	155	0	2,123
Connecticut	3	1,792	1,795	46	0	1,841
Delaware	0	259	259	9	0	268
Dst of Columbia	1	209	210	3	0	213
Florida	15	5,744	5,759	202	0	5,961
Georgia	4	2,834	2,838	128	0	2,966
Hawaii	0	386	386	12	0	398
Idaho	0	481	481	15	0	496
Illinois	17	5,355	5,372	221	0	5,593
Indiana	7	1,932	1,939	95	0	2,034
Iowa	7	993	1,000	56	0	1,056
Kansas	7	1,288	1,295	57	0	1,352
Kentucky	2	1,486	1,488	62	0	1,550
Louisiana	5	1,773	1,778	86	0	1,864
Maine	2	614	616	13	0	629
Maryland	8	2,635	2,643	114	0	2,757
Massachusetts	19	3,407	3,426	79	0	3,505
Michigan	8	3,405	3,413	160	0	3,573
Minnesota	12	2,055	2,067	151	0	2,218
Mississippi	0	984	984	48	0	1,032
Missouri	5	2,509	2,514	131	0	2,645
Montana	0	286	286	10	0	296
Nebraska	4	831	835	44	0	879
Nevada	1	490	491	11	0	502
New Hampshire	1	629	630	14	0	644
New Jersey	10	3,545	3,555	139	0	3,694
New Mexico	0	1,026	1,026	55	0	1,081
New York	38	10,237	10,275	309	0	10,584
North Carolina	7	3,244	3,251	130	0	3,381
North Dakota	1	340	341	12	0	353
Ohio	20	4,054	4,074	273	0	4,347
Oklahoma	1	1,372	1,373	61	0	1,434
Oregon	1	1,217	1,218	66	0	1,284
Pennsylvania	11	4,470	4,481	243	0	4,724
Rhode Island	2	525	527	19	0	546
South Carolina	2	1,240	1,242	67	0	1,309
South Dakota	0	298	298	10	0	308
Tennessee	10	1,891	1,901	99	0	2,000
Texas	11	6,519	6,530	314	0	6,844
Utah	4	794	798	42	0	840
Vermont	1	357	358	8	0	366
Virginia	10	2,616	2,626	141	0	2,767
Washington	6	2,088	2,094	119	0	2,213
West Virginia	1	673	674	45	0	719
Wisconsin	10	2,668	2,678	165	0	2,843
Wyoming	2	224	226	5	0	231
U.S Subtotal	316	106,713	107,029	4,878	0	111,907
Outside U.S.	50	1,763	1,813	71	244	2,128
Total	366	108,476	108,842	4,949	244	114,035

TABLE 4

**AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION COUNTS
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003**

Ethnicity	CCC in Speech	CCC in Audiology	Dual CCC	Certified Subtotal	In Process	Not Certified	Total
Hispanic or Latino	1,587	133	7	1,727	18	18	1,763
Not Hispanic or Latino	55,954	6,894	595	63,443	402	347	64,192
Not specified	40,412	5,789	781	46,982	853	245	48,080
Total	97,953	12,816	1,383	112,152	1,273	610	114,035

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native (only)	158	20	1	179	3	1	183
Asian (only)	825	179	14	1,018	17	31	1,066
Black or African American (only)	1,286	115	10	1,411	18	10	1,439
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (only)	60	6	0	66	0	0	66
White (only)	54,020	6,566	558	61,144	374	303	61,821
Multi-racial	1,191	149	20	1,360	10	19	1,389
Not specified	40,413	5,781	780	46,974	851	246	48,071
Total	97,953	12,816	1,383	112,152	1,273	610	114,035

TABLE 5

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF THE ASHA CONSTITUENTS
 JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003
 TOTAL n = 114,035

Employment Status <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2003)</i>	(n=79,581)
Employed Full-Time	73.0 %
Employed Part-Time	18.7 %
On Leave of Absence	1.2 %
Unemployed/Seeking Work	1.7 %
Unemployed/Not Seeking Work	3.5 %
Retired	1.9 %

Race <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2001)</i>	(n=65,964)
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3 %
Asian	1.6 %
Black or African American	2.2 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1 %
White	93.7 %
Multi-racial	2.1 %

Primary Employment Facility <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2003)</i>	(n=89,734)
Educational Facility (54.8%)	
School (50.1%)	
Special School	2.4 %
Preschool	8.7 %
Elementary School	22.3 %
Secondary School	2.7 %
Several Schools	13.6 %
Schools, Unspecified	0.4 %
College/University	4.7 %
Health Care Facility (HCF) (39.4%)	
Hospital Facility	15.4 %
Residential HCF (7.0%)	
Skilled Nursing Facility	5.7 %
Other Residential HC Facility	1.3 %
Nonresidential HCF (17.1%)	
Home Health	3.8 %
Private Physician's Office	2.8 %
SLP's or AUD's Office	5.0 %
Speech & Hearing Center	2.5 %
Other Nonresidential HC Facility	3.1 %
All Other Facilities	5.8 %

Ethnicity <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2001)</i>	(n=65,955)
Hispanic or Latino	2.7 %
Not Hispanic or Latino	97.3 %

Primary Employment Function <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2003)</i>	(n=90,838)
Clinical Service Provider	82.0 %
Teacher (6.1%)	
Special Education Teacher	3.2 %
College/University Professor	3.0 %
Researcher	0.6 %
Consultant	2.1 %
Doctoral Candidate	0.3 %
Administrator (7.9%)	
Administrator/Exec. Officer	1.9 %
Chair/Dept. Head/Manager	3.0 %
Supervisor of Clinical Activity	1.4 %
Other Director/Supervisor	1.6 %
Other Position	0.9 %

Private Practice <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2003)</i>	(n=92,792)
Not Employed in Private Practice	80.2 %
Employed Full-Time	8.2 %
Employed Part-Time	11.6 %

Age <i>(Source: Dues Notice 1999)</i>	(n=90,655)
34 and younger	26.7 %
35 – 44	27.6 %
45 – 54	31.4 %
55 – 64	11.1 %
65 and older	3.3 %

Gender <i>(Source: Multiple sources prior to 1996)</i>	(n=103,074)
Female	93.3 %
Male	6.7 %

These counts include individuals who were ASHA members, nonmember certificate holders, or international affiliates during the period and whose dues/fees were paid. The percentages are for the number of respondents (n=respondents) to that question only; percentages may not total 100.0% due to rounding. For additional information about these figures, contact the Surveys and Information unit at (301) 897-5700, extensions 4175 or 4285.

TABLE 6

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF THE ASHA MEMBER AND NONMEMBER CERTIFICATE HOLDERS
 CERTIFIED IN AUDIOLOGY ONLY
 JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003
 TOTAL n = 12,816

Employment Status (Source: Dues Notice 2003)	(n=9,299)
Employed Full-Time	74.7 %
Employed Part-Time	18.0 %
On Leave of Absence	0.7 %
Unemployed/Seeking Work	2.0 %
Unemployed/Not Seeking Work	3.2 %
Retired	1.4 %

Race (Source: Dues Notice 2001)	(n=7,035)
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3 %
Asian	2.5 %
Black or African American	1.6 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1 %
White	93.3 %
Multi-racial	2.1 %

Primary Employment Facility (Source: Dues Notice 2003)	(n=10,203)
Educational Facility (17.2%)	
School (9.7%)	
Special School	1.5 %
Preschool	0.5 %
Elementary School	1.1 %
Secondary School	0.1 %
Several Schools	6.3 %
Schools, Unspecified	0.1 %
College/University	7.5 %
Health Care Facility (HCF) (72.4%)	
Hospital Facility	23.4 %
Residential HCF (1.5%)	
Skilled Nursing Facility	0.6 %
Other Residential HC Facility	0.9 %
Nonresidential HCF (47.5%)	
Home Health	0.2 %
Private Physician's Office	22.1 %
SLP's or AUD's Office	13.9 %
Speech & Hearing Center	5.8 %
Other Nonresidential HC Facility	5.4 %
All Other Facilities	10.4 %

Ethnicity (Source: Dues Notice 2001)	(n=7,027)
Hispanic or Latino	1.9 %
Not Hispanic or Latino	98.1 %

Primary Employment Function (Source: Dues Notice 2003)	(n=10,491)
Clinical Service Provider	80.5 %
Teacher (5.1%)	
Special Education Teacher	0.8 %
College/University Professor	4.3 %
Researcher	1.6 %
Consultant	2.4 %
Doctoral Candidate	0.4 %
Administrator (8.6%)	
Administrator/Exec. Officer	2.0 %
Chair/Dept. Head/Manager	3.7 %
Supervisor of Clinical Activity	0.8 %
Other Director/Supervisor	2.1 %
Other Position	1.3 %

Private Practice (Source: Dues Notice 2003)	(n=10,743)
Not Employed in Private Practice	71.7 %
Employed Full-Time	17.4 %
Employed Part-Time	11.0 %

Age (Source: Dues Notice 1999)	(n=10,475)
34 and younger	23.9 %
35 – 44	31.3 %
45 – 54	31.7 %
55 – 64	10.8 %
65 and older	2.3 %

Gender (Source: Multiple sources prior to 1996)	(n=11,704)
Female	81.1 %
Male	18.9 %

These counts include individuals who held ASHA certification in only audiology during the period and whose dues/fees were paid. The percentages are for the number of respondents (n=respondents) to that question only; percentages may not total 100.0% due to rounding. For additional information about these figures, contact the Surveys and Information unit at (301) 897-5700, extensions 4175 or 4285.

TABLE 7

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF THE ASHA MEMBER AND NONMEMBER CERTIFICATE HOLDERS
 CERTIFIED IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ONLY
 JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003
 TOTAL n = 97,953

Employment Status <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2003)</i>	(n=68,472)
Employed Full-Time	72.8 %
Employed Part-Time	18.9 %
On Leave of Absence	1.3 %
Unemployed/Seeking Work	1.7 %
Unemployed/Not Seeking Work	3.6 %
Retired	1.7 %

Race <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2001)</i>	(n=57,540)
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3 %
Asian	1.4 %
Black or African American	2.2 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1 %
White	93.9 %
Multi-racial	2.1 %

Primary Employment Facility <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2003)</i>	(n=77,776)
Educational Facility (59.8%)	
School (55.9%)	
Special School	2.5 %
Preschool	9.8 %
Elementary School	25.4 %
Secondary School	3.1 %
Several Schools	14.7 %
Schools, Unspecified	0.4 %
College/University	3.9 %
Health Care Facility (HCF) (35.2%)	
Hospital Facility	14.4 %
Residential HCF (7.8%)	
Skilled Nursing Facility	6.5 %
Other Residential HC Facility	1.3 %
Nonresidential HCF (13.0%)	
Home Health	4.3 %
Private Physician's Office	0.2 %
SLP's or AUD's Office	3.7 %
Speech & Hearing Center	2.0 %
Other Nonresidential HC Facility	2.8 %
All Other Facilities	5.0 %

Ethnicity <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2001)</i>	(n=57,541)
Hispanic or Latino	2.8 %
Not Hispanic or Latino	97.2 %

Primary Employment Function <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2003)</i>	(n=78,547)
Clinical Service Provider	82.9 %
Teacher (5.9%)	
Special Education Teacher	3.5 %
College/University Professor	2.4 %
Researcher	0.3 %
Consultant	2.0 %
Doctoral Candidate	0.3 %
Administrator (7.7%)	
Administrator/Exec. Officer	1.9 %
Chair/Dept. Head/Manager	2.8 %
Supervisor of Clinical Activity	1.5 %
Other Director/Supervisor	1.5 %
Other Position	0.9 %

Private Practice <i>(Source: Dues Notice 2003)</i>	(n=79,952)
Not Employed in Private Practice	81.5 %
Employed Full-Time	6.9 %
Employed Part-Time	11.7 %

Age <i>(Source: Dues Notice 1999)</i>	(n=78,127)
34 and younger	27.5 %
35 – 44	27.5 %
45 – 54	31.4 %
55 – 64	10.8 %
65 and older	2.9 %

Gender <i>(Source: Multiple sources prior to 1996)</i>	(n=88,814)
Female	95.4 %
Male	4.6 %

These counts include individuals who held ASHA certification in only speech-language pathology during the period and whose dues/fees were paid. The percentages are for the number of respondents (n=respondents) to that question only; percentages may not total 100.0% due to rounding. For additional information about these figures, contact the Surveys and Information unit at (301) 897-5700, extensions 4175 or 4285.

TABLE 8

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF THE ASHA MEMBER AND NONMEMBER CERTIFICATE HOLDERS
 CERTIFIED IN BOTH SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
 JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003
 TOTAL n = 1,383

Employment Status (Source: Dues Notice 2003)	(n=1,226)
Employed Full-Time	66.7 %
Employed Part-Time	13.1 %
On Leave of Absence	0.7 %
Unemployed/Seeking Work	1.4 %
Unemployed/Not Seeking Work	1.8 %
Retired	16.4 %

Race (Source: Dues Notice 2001)	(n=603)
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2 %
Asian	2.3 %
Black or African American	1.7 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0 %
White	92.5 %
Multi-racial	3.3 %

Primary Employment Facility (Source: Dues Notice 2003)	(n=1,059)
Educational Facility (42.1%)	
School (26.8%)	
Special School	3.0 %
Preschool	3.6 %
Elementary School	8.5 %
Secondary School	1.6 %
Several Schools	10.1 %
Schools, Unspecified	0.0 %
College/University	15.3 %
Health Care Facility (HCF) (48.0%)	
Hospital Facility	14.4 %
Residential HCF (5.2%)	
Skilled Nursing Facility	3.7 %
Other Residential HC Facility	1.5 %
Nonresidential HCF (28.3%)	
Home Health	2.6 %
Private Physician's Office	5.7 %
SLP's or AUD's Office	12.4 %
Speech & Hearing Center	5.0 %
Other Nonresidential HC Facility	2.6 %
All Other Facilities	9.9 %

Ethnicity (Source: Dues Notice 2001)	(n=602)
Hispanic or Latino	1.2 %
Not Hispanic or Latino	98.8 %

Primary Employment Function (Source: Dues Notice 2003)	(n=1,101)
Clinical Service Provider	64.7 %
Teacher (12.9)	
Special Education Teacher	1.9 %
College/University Professor	11.0 %
Researcher	1.5 %
Consultant	5.4 %
Doctoral Candidate	0.4 %
Administrator (14.2%)	
Administrator/Exec. Officer	3.8 %
Chair/Dept. Head/Manager	7.4 %
Supervisor of Clinical Activity	1.2 %
Other Director/Supervisor	1.7 %
Other Position	1.0 %

Private Practice (Source: Dues Notice 2003)	(n=1,179)
Not Employed in Private Practice	67.4 %
Employed Full-Time	15.4 %
Employed Part-Time	17.2 %

Age (Source: Dues Notice 1999)	(n=1,266)
34 and younger	3.1 %
35 – 44	13.1 %
45 – 54	32.1 %
55 – 64	22.3 %
65 and older	29.4 %

Gender (Source: Multiple sources prior to 1996)	(n=1,360)
Female	69.9 %
Male	30.1 %

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