



Profile of ASHA Members and Affiliates With PhDs, Year-End 2020

Introduction

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

Highlights

- **Overall Counts and ASHA Certification Status.** ASHA currently represents 4,501 individuals who hold a PhD. Of these, 751 hold ASHA certification in audiology, 3,163 hold ASHA certification in speech-language pathology, 127 hold dual certification, 79 are in the process of obtaining ASHA certification, and 381 are not ASHA-certified.
- **Residency.** Among the 4,501 ASHA constituents with PhD degrees, 4,229 reside in the United States, and 272 reside in 42 other countries. One hundred thirty-four individuals are international affiliates.
- **Race and Ethnicity.** The non-White racial composition of those with PhD degrees in the United States is greater than that of the overall ASHA constituency (15.9% of PhD holders vs. 8.5% of all constituents). The percentage of those who are Hispanic or Latino is about the same for both populations (4.0% of PhD holders vs. 6.1% of all constituents).
- **Sex and Age.** About three-quarters (77.3%) of PhD holders in the United States are female, and 53.4% are age 55 and older. The majority (95.5%) of all ASHA constituents are female, and 21.4% are age 55 and older.
- **Work Setting.** Across all ASHA constituents, only 3.0% report their primary employment facility as a college/university. For those who hold a PhD and ASHA certification in audiology, speech-language pathology, or both professions, the percentages jump to 47.3%, 56.8%, and 39.2%, respectively.
- **Private Practice Status.** For those who hold a PhD and ASHA certification in audiology, 16.3% engage in private practice either full or part time. The percentages are 22.2% and 38.6% for those who hold a PhD and ASHA certification in speech-language pathology or both professions, respectively. Across all ASHA constituents, the percentage engaged in private practice is 31.2%, 21.7%, and 32.7%, respectively, for audiologists, 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, 2020

Affiliation Status	Certified in Audiology	Certified in Speech	Dually Certified	CERTIFIED SUBTOTAL	Certification in Process	Not Certified	TOTAL
Member Only	—	—	—	—	—	247	247
Member and Certificate Holder	739	3,158	127	4,024	77	—	4,101
ASHA MEMBERSHIP SUBTOTAL	739	3,158	127	4,024	77	247	4,348
Non-Member Certificate Holder	12	5	0	17	2	—	19
International Affiliate	—	—	—	—	—	134	134
Associate	—	—	—	—	—	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	751	3,163	127	4,041	79	381	4,501

Note. Among the 4,501 ASHA constituents with PhD degrees, 4,229 reside in the United States, with 272 in 42 other countries.

Table 2
Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs in the U.S.
January 1 – December 31, 2020
(n = 4,229)

Race (n = 3,864)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	7.3%
Black or African American	6.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
White	84.1%
Multiracial	1.4%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Ethnicity (n = 3,977)	
Hispanic or Latino	4.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	96.0%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Sex (n = 4,139)	
Female	77.3%
Male	22.7%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Age (n = 3,977)	
34 and younger	6.1%
35–44	20.9%
45–54	19.5%
55–64	18.1%
65 and older	35.3%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Table 3
Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs in the U.S.
Who Work Primarily at Colleges/Universities
January 1 – December 31, 2020
(n = 2,341)

Race (n = 2,037)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	8.0%
Black or African American	5.9%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
White	84.5%
Multiracial	1.4%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Ethnicity (n = 2,091)	
Hispanic or Latino	4.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	95.6%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Sex (n = 2,145)	
Female	76.3%
Male	23.7%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Age (n = 2,070)	
34 and younger	5.8%
35–44	22.6%
45–54	22.5%
55–64	19.7%
65 and older	29.5%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Note. Counts in Tables 2 and 3 include individuals who were ASHA members, nonmember certificate holders, international affiliates, or associates 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 page.

For additional information about these figures, contact ASHA's Surveys and Analysis unit at data@asha.org or 800-498-2071, ext. 8749, 8738, or 8744.

Table 4
Employment Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs in the U.S., by Certification Status
January 1 – December 31, 2020

Certified in Audiology Only
(n = 751)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 664)	
School	3.0%
College/University	47.3%
Health Care Facility	38.9%
All Other Facilities	10.8%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

Private Practice (n = 669)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	10.3%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	6.0%
Not Employed in Private Practice	83.7%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

Certified in Speech-Language Pathology Only
(n = 3,163)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 2,857)	
School	12.2%
College/University	56.8%
Health Care Facility	21.9%
All Other Facilities	9.1%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

Private Practice (n = 2,812)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	7.6%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	14.5%
Not Employed in Private Practice	77.8%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

Certified in Both Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
(n = 127)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 102)	
School	12.7%
College/University	39.2%
Health Care Facility	30.4%
All Other Facilities	17.6%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

Private Practice (n = 114)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	16.7%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	21.9%
Not Employed in Private Practice	61.4%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

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