



Profile of ASHA Multilingual Service Providers, Year-End 2025

Introduction

This report presents data on all ASHA audiologists; speech-language pathologists (SLPs); speech, language and hearing scientists; and assistants who have self-identified as multilingual service providers. Data are presented by employment status, primary work setting and role, private practice status, race, ethnicity, gender, age, and geographic location. This report also presents data from the United States Census Bureau's *American Community Survey* (ACS) which provide insight into the potential need for multilingual service providers.

What is the ACS?

The ACS is an ongoing survey that is sent to a sample of addresses in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. It asks about topics not included on the Decennial Census (the every-ten-year census), such as English proficiency and language spoken at home. For more information on the survey, visit <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>.

What data from the ACS are presented in this report?

ACS data on the percentage of individuals who speak English less than "very well" are presented by geographic location in Tables 3 and 4. These data provide insight into the percentage of individuals in a given geographic location who may require services in a language other than spoken English. ACS data on the percentage of individuals who speak a language other than English at home are presented by geographic location in Table 3. While these individuals may speak English fluently, they may feel more comfortable discussing educational, medical, or personal concerns with service providers in their heritage language. Finally, ACS data on the percentage of individuals who speak Spanish at home are presented by geographic location in Table 4. Note that the ACS data exclude children under age 5 from analysis.

Which ASHA members and affiliates are considered multilingual service providers?

While ASHA does not offer multilingual certification, members and affiliates have the opportunity to self-identify as a multilingual service provider, which requires use of more than one language during professional and/or clinical service delivery. Members and affiliates can self-identify by contacting the Action Center at 800-498-2071, by visiting their My Account page to update their personal information, or when completing their Certification Application. For more information about the knowledge and skills needed to self-identify as a multilingual service provider, visit <https://www.asha.org/practice-portal/professional-issues/multilingual-service-delivery/multilingual-service-providers/>.

A series of questions about multilingual service providers are critical to the analysis in this report. Following a description of the linguistic proficiency multilingual audiologists and SLPs must have to provide services, members and affiliates are asked *Are you a multilingual service provider?* and *Which additional language/s are used?* An extensive list of languages follows the second question (see Table 2). Members and affiliates who answer yes to the first question and select one or more languages in answering the second are included in the analysis.

Data Highlights

Counts

- **Overall.** Excluding National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) members, ASHA represents 236,761 audiologists; SLPs; speech, language, and hearing scientists; and assistants—up from 230,860 at year-end 2024.
- **Multilingual Service Providers.** Of the 236,761 constituents ASHA represents (which excludes National NSSLHA members) 20,854 (8.8%) self-identify as multilingual service providers—up slightly from 8.6% at year-end 2024. Of these, 994 are ASHA-certified audiologists and 19,367 are ASHA-certified SLPs. The remainder include members with dual certification, individuals who are in the process of obtaining certification, non-certified members, and assistants.
- **Languages.** Members who self-identify as multilingual service providers report being qualified to provide services in 93 spoken languages—2 more than at year-end 2024. In addition, 951 members report being proficient in American Sign Language, 33 members report being proficient in other sign languages, and 99 members report being proficient in Manually Coded English (including SE, SEE, Cued Speech, etc.)
- **Spanish-Language Service Providers.** Of the 20,854 members who self-identify as multilingual service providers, most (14,235 or 68.3%) are Spanish-language service providers—up slightly from 67.7% at year-end 2024. Of these, 422 are ASHA-certified audiologists and 13,564 are ASHA-certified SLPs. The remainder include members with dual certification, individuals who are in the process of obtaining certification, and non-certified members.

Employment Characteristics

- **Employment Status.** The majority (79.2%) of ASHA multilingual service providers are employed full time; 14.6% are employed part time. The remainder are on leave of absence, unemployed, or retired. Percentages are similar for the total ASHA membership and affiliation.
- **Primary Work Setting.** Nearly one half (46.8%) of ASHA multilingual service providers are employed in educational settings, including 42.6% in schools and 4.2% in colleges/universities. An additional 44.0% are employed in health care settings, including 26.8% in nonresidential health care facilities, 11.5% in hospitals, and 5.7% in residential health care facilities. Percentages are similar for the total ASHA membership and affiliation.
- **Primary Work Role.** The majority (73.9%) of ASHA multilingual service providers are clinical service providers. Nearly one-tenth (7.5%) hold an administrative position, 5.2% are special education teachers, 3.3% are college/university professors, 1.6% are consultants, and 0.6% are researchers. Percentages are similar for the total ASHA membership and affiliation.
- **Private Practice.** About one-third (36.8%) of ASHA multilingual service providers are employed full- or part time in private practice. In comparison, 25.3% of ASHA's total membership and affiliation are employed full- or part time in private practice.

Demographics

- **Race.** About 24.3% of ASHA multilingual service providers self-identify as racially minoritized groups, compared with 10.0% of ASHA’s total membership and affiliation.
- **Ethnicity.** Nearly one half (48.8%) of ASHA multilingual service providers self-identify as Hispanic or Latina/o/x, compared with 7.5% of ASHA’s total membership and affiliation.
- **Gender.** The majority (92.5%) of ASHA multilingual service providers self-identify as female, compared with 95.7% of ASHA’s total membership and affiliation.
- **Age.** The median age of ASHA multilingual service providers is 42 years, compared with 43 years for ASHA’s total membership and affiliation.
- **Geographic Location—Audiologists.** The largest number of ASHA-certified audiologists who live in the U.S. and are multilingual service providers live in California (143), New York (113), Texas (106), and Florida (85). Many of these are Spanish-language service providers: Texas (67), California (66), Florida (56), and New York (38).
- **Geographic Location—SLPs.** The largest number of ASHA-certified SLPs who live in the U.S. and are multilingual service providers live in California (3,267), Texas (3,214), New York (2,532), and Florida (2,226). Many of these are Spanish-language service providers: Texas (2,848), California (2,051), Florida (1,945), and New York (1,388).

2024 ACS Data

- **Individuals Who Speak English Less Than “Very Well.”** The percentages of individuals who indicate they speak English less than “very well” are highest in California (17.9%); New York (14.4%); New Jersey (13.9%); and Florida (13.5%).
- **Individuals Who Speak a Language Other Than English at Home.** The percentages of individuals who indicate they speak a language other than English at home are highest in California (45.3%); Texas (35.7%); New Jersey (34.3%); and Florida (32.0%).
- **Individuals Who Speak Spanish at Home.** The percentages of individuals who indicate they speak Spanish at home are highest in California (28.8%); Texas (28.2%); New Mexico (24.8%); and Florida (23.4%).

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Questions?

Please direct questions to data@asha.org or multicultural@asha.org.

**Table 1. Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents
Who Self-Identify as Multilingual Service Providers*
January 1 – December 31, 2025
(n = 20,854)**

Employment Status^a (n = 19,938)	
Employed Full Time	79.2%
Employed Part Time	14.6%
On Leave of Absence	0.9%
Unemployed/Seeking Work	1.4%
Unemployed/Not Seeking Work	2.3%
Retired	1.6%

Primary Employment Function^a (n = 17,621)	
Clinical Service Provider	73.9%
Special Education Teacher	5.2%
College/University Professor	3.3%
Researcher	0.6%
Doctoral Candidate	0.2%
Administrator	7.5%
o Administrator/Executive Officer	2.5%
o Chair/Department Head/Manager	1.4%
o Supervisor of Clinical Activity	1.7%
o Other Director/Supervisor	1.8%
Consultant	1.6%
Other Position	7.7%

Private Practice^a (n = 15,957)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	20.2%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	16.6%
Not Employed in Private Practice	63.3%

Ethnicity^b (n = 17,574)	
Hispanic or Latino	48.8%
Not Hispanic or Latino	51.2%

Gender^b (n = 18,471)	
Female	92.5%
Male	7.2%
Non-binary	0.2%
Other	0.1%

Primary Employment Facility^a (n = 18,728)		
Educational Facility	46.8%	
School	42.6%	
o Special School		1.6%
o Preschool		4.3%
o Elementary School		17.7%
o Secondary School		2.7%
o Several Schools		13.0%
o Unspecified		3.2%
College/University		4.2%
Health Care Facility (HCF)	44.0%	
Hospital		11.5%
Residential HCF	5.7%	
o Skilled Nursing Facility		4.4%
o Other Residential HCF		1.3%
Nonresidential HCF	26.8%	
o Home Health Care		6.0%
o Private Physician's Office		0.6%
o AUD's or SLP's Office		2.5%
o Speech & Hearing Center		1.6%
o Other Nonresidential HCF		16.1%
All Other Facilities		9.2%

Race^b (n = 14,876)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.8%
Asian	15.3%
Black or African American	3.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
White	75.7%
Race Not Currently Listed	1.2%
Reported 2 or more Races	3.4%

Age^b (n = 16,650)	
34 and younger	23.4%
35–44	34.6%
45–54	24.2%
55–64	11.8%
65 and older	5.9%

*Note. These counts include ASHA members, ASHA Certified Members, certified nonmembers, international affiliates, and ASHA Certified Assistants 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.

Sources: ^aDues Notice 2025. ^bDues Notice 2024. In addition to completing their dues notice, members can update their demographic information by contacting the Action Center at 800-498-2071 or by going to www.asha.org and selecting "My Account" at the top of the webpage.

Table 2. Number of ASHA Constituents Who Self-Identify as Multilingual Service Providers*, by the Language(s) in which they are Qualified to Provide Services, Year-End 2025.

Language	# of Multilingual Service Providers						
	ASHA Audiologists	ASHA SLPs	ASHA Total†	Language	ASHA Audiologists	ASHA SLPs	ASHA Total†
Afrikaans	0	1	2	Kiswahili	0	8	8
Akeanon	0	1	1	Konkani	3	7	12
Albanian	1	3	4	Korean	33	251	293
American Sign Language	168	755	951	Laotian	0	4	4
Other sign language	4	27	33	Latvian	0	2	3
Amharic	0	7	7	Lithuanian	0	12	12
Anaang	0	1	1	Luo	0	1	1
Arabic	41	425	477	Macedonia	0	2	2
Armenian	0	80	80	Malay	0	2	2
Assyrian	0	2	2	Malayalam	5	124	131
Azerbaijani Turkish	1	0	2	Manually Coded English (SE, SEE, Cued Speech, etc.)	16	77	99
Bengali	4	46	56	Manyika	1	1	2
Bosnian	0	2	2	Marathi	18	83	103
Bulgarian	0	2	2	Mien	0	2	2
Burmese	0	2	2	Navajo	0	11	11
Cambodian	1	5	6	Norwegian	0	7	7
Chinese-Cantonese	33	267	316	Oriya	1	3	5
Chinese-Mandarin	81	570	672	Pilipino (Filipino)	5	86	93
Chinese-Wu	1	7	8	Polish	10	176	188
Chinese (other dialects)	10	36	48	Portuguese	12	261	287
Creek	0	1	3	Punjabi	10	80	100
Creole	1	21	22	Romanian	3	25	28
Croatian	0	9	11	Russian	43	707	761
Czech	0	4	5	Samoan	0	1	1
Danish	0	3	3	Serbian	0	16	18
Dutch	1	24	27	Serbo-Croatian	0	18	19
Ebira	0	1	1	Shona	0	2	2
Farsi (Persian)	26	158	188	Sinhalese	0	3	4
Finnish	0	4	5	Slovak	0	3	3
French	23	464	520	Slovenian	0	1	2
Fulfulde	0	2	2	Somali	0	5	5
German	8	146	171	Spanish	422	13,546	14,235
Greek	11	191	211	Swahili	0	3	3
Gujarati	16	130	147	Swedish	1	20	22
Haitian Creole	2	118	122	Tagalog	9	232	244
Hakha Chin	0	1	1	Taiwanese	9	54	64
Hausa	0	1	1	Tamil	7	128	142
Hebrew	17	469	499	Tatar	0	1	1
Hindi	67	588	685	Telugu	7	63	74
Hmong	0	26	27	Thai	2	13	16
Hopi	0	2	2	Turkish	1	25	31
Hungarian	0	16	16	Twi	0	1	2
Icelandic	1	9	11	Ukrainian	2	58	62
Ilocano	0	1	1	Urdu	20	222	257
Ilonggo	0	4	4	Vietnamese	5	130	139
Indonesian	1	22	25	Yiddish	1	382	388
Italian	10	132	149	Yoruba	0	2	2
Japanese	13	92	113	Other language	6	51	59
Kannada	7	107	129				

*Note. These counts include ASHA members, ASHA Certified Members, certified nonmembers, international affiliates, and ASHA Certified Assistants during the period and whose dues/fees were paid. The audiologist and SLP numbers may not add up to the total number, as the total number includes all ASHA constituents.

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Table 3. ASHA Multilingual Service Providers (MSPs) and ACS Data on English Proficiency and Language Other Than English Spoken at Home*

Geographic Location	ASHA Audiologists		ASHA SLPs		ASHA Total*		ACS Language Data	
	# of MSPs	% of MSPs	# of MSPs	% of MSPs	# of MSPs	% of MSPs	English < Very Well	Non-English at Home
Alabama	5	1.7%	46	1.7%	52	1.7%	2.5%	6.4%
Alaska	1	2.4%	23	5.4%	25	5.0%	4.1%	14.2%
Arizona	24	7.1%	403	11.3%	445	11.0%	8.5%	25.9%
Arkansas	6	4.3%	70	2.2%	78	2.3%	3.9%	8.8%
California	143	18.6%	3,267	18.2%	3,500	18.3%	17.9%	45.3%
Colorado	13	2.8%	345	7.8%	366	7.4%	5.7%	16.7%
Connecticut	8	3.9%	203	6.8%	221	6.8%	9.0%	23.7%
Delaware	4	8.5%	32	5.4%	37	5.7%	5.6%	16.2%
Dist of Columbia	7	15.6%	46	10.8%	53	11.1%	6.8%	21.3%
Florida	85	11.3%	2,226	17.4%	2,335	17.1%	13.5%	32.0%
Georgia	15	4.0%	230	4.0%	251	4.0%	6.0%	16.3%
Hawaii	4	7.7%	41	7.3%	48	7.7%	10.7%	25.1%
Idaho	4	5.9%	39	3.5%	45	3.6%	3.9%	11.4%
Illinois	27	5.5%	769	7.5%	812	7.5%	9.3%	24.5%
Indiana	8	2.5%	138	3.5%	149	3.4%	4.4%	11.2%
Iowa	4	2.2%	30	1.9%	35	2.0%	4.0%	9.7%
Kansas	7	3.6%	56	2.6%	66	2.8%	5.1%	12.6%
Kentucky	4	2.5%	35	1.1%	39	1.1%	3.4%	7.5%
Louisiana	5	2.0%	59	1.7%	65	1.8%	3.7%	9.0%
Maine	1	1.5%	26	2.7%	27	2.6%	1.7%	6.3%
Maryland	37	10.6%	281	7.0%	325	7.4%	8.3%	21.8%
Massachusetts	24	5.3%	367	6.5%	393	6.4%	10.4%	25.8%
Michigan	16	4.1%	183	3.0%	201	3.1%	4.0%	11.1%
Minnesota	7	2.2%	143	3.9%	155	3.8%	4.9%	13.1%
Mississippi	7	4.4%	13	0.7%	21	1.0%	1.7%	4.6%
Missouri	15	4.3%	72	1.6%	88	1.8%	2.5%	7.4%
Montana	0	0.0%	16	2.5%	16	2.3%	0.8%	4.5%
Nebraska	2	1.4%	23	1.5%	26	1.5%	6.4%	14.0%
Nevada	5	7.1%	111	9.8%	116	9.6%	11.8%	31.0%
New Hampshire	4	7.7%	31	2.9%	35	3.0%	2.4%	8.1%
New Jersey	33	8.3%	860	9.9%	901	9.9%	13.9%	34.3%
New Mexico	11	13.3%	252	17.7%	263	17.3%	9.8%	31.4%
New York	113	11.7%	2,532	13.1%	2,689	13.0%	14.4%	31.6%
North Carolina	20	4.0%	387	5.4%	413	5.3%	5.4%	14.4%
North Dakota	0	0.0%	4	0.6%	4	0.5%	2.1%	7.0%
Ohio	14	2.4%	192	2.4%	208	2.4%	3.2%	8.7%
Oklahoma	4	2.3%	92	3.4%	98	3.4%	4.6%	12.0%
Oregon	9	6.0%	218	9.0%	231	8.8%	5.8%	15.4%
Pennsylvania	20	3.4%	345	3.5%	368	3.5%	5.2%	13.1%
Rhode Island	1	1.9%	49	6.1%	51	5.9%	10.6%	23.6%
South Carolina	7	3.6%	101	2.9%	111	3.0%	3.5%	9.0%
South Dakota	0	0.0%	6	1.0%	7	1.1%	2.6%	7.0%
Tennessee	14	3.2%	106	2.6%	125	2.7%	4.0%	9.3%
Texas	106	11.3%	3,214	18.1%	3,346	17.8%	13.2%	35.7%
Utah	26	13.5%	119	6.3%	150	7.0%	6.1%	16.5%
Vermont	1	2.4%	17	3.3%	19	3.3%	1.5%	5.8%
Virginia	17	4.4%	247	5.1%	273	5.2%	6.5%	18.2%
Washington	30	8.5%	302	7.3%	336	7.4%	8.1%	22.3%
West Virginia	1	1.2%	10	0.9%	11	0.9%	0.9%	2.8%
Wisconsin	2	0.6%	166	4.1%	169	3.8%	3.4%	9.6%
Wyoming	2	9.1%	9	2.3%	13	2.9%	2.0%	6.4%
U.S. Subtotal	923	6.5%	18,552	8.6%	19,811	8.5%	9.0%	23.0%
Puerto Rico	29	87.9%	351	78.7%	401	79.1%	73.6%	94.9%
Other U.S. Terr.	0	0.0%	5	9.6%	5	7.7%	No Data	
Other Countries	42	34.4%	459	24.5%	637	24.5%	No Data	
Total	994	7.0%	19,367	8.9%	20,854	8.8%	No Data	

Sources: 2024 U.S. Census Bureau ACS and 2026 ASHA Dues Notice.

*Note. The audiologist and SLP numbers may not add up to the total number, as the total number includes all ASHA constituents.

Table 4. ASHA Spanish-Language Service Providers (SSPs) and ACS Data on English Proficiency and Spanish Spoken at Home*

Geographic Location	ASHA Audiologists		ASHA SLPs		ASHA Total*		ACS Language Data	
	# of SSPs	% of SSPs	# of SSPs	% of SSPs	# of SSPs	% of SSPs	English < Very Well	Spanish at Home
Alabama	2	0.7%	32	1.2%	34	1.1%	2.5%	4.0%
Alaska	0	0.0%	14	3.3%	14	2.8%	4.1%	3.1%
Arizona	15	4.4%	347	9.8%	375	9.3%	8.5%	19.1%
Arkansas	2	1.4%	58	1.8%	62	1.8%	3.9%	6.6%
California	66	8.6%	2,051	11.4%	2,192	11.5%	17.9%	28.8%
Colorado	4	0.9%	280	6.4%	292	5.9%	5.7%	11.3%
Connecticut	4	1.9%	138	4.6%	148	4.5%	9.0%	13.0%
Delaware	0	0.0%	21	3.5%	22	3.4%	5.6%	8.0%
Dist of Columbia	2	4.4%	34	8.0%	36	7.5%	6.8%	9.3%
Florida	56	7.5%	1,945	15.2%	2,021	14.8%	13.5%	23.4%
Georgia	5	1.3%	144	2.5%	155	2.5%	6.0%	9.2%
Hawaii	1	1.9%	16	2.8%	18	2.9%	10.7%	2.3%
Idaho	2	2.9%	32	2.9%	36	2.9%	3.9%	8.3%
Illinois	13	2.6%	519	5.1%	544	5.0%	9.3%	14.1%
Indiana	0	0.0%	92	2.3%	93	2.1%	4.4%	5.8%
Iowa	0	0.0%	22	1.4%	22	1.3%	4.0%	4.8%
Kansas	3	1.5%	41	1.9%	46	1.9%	5.1%	8.4%
Kentucky	0	0.0%	25	0.8%	25	0.7%	3.4%	3.7%
Louisiana	3	1.2%	40	1.2%	43	1.2%	3.7%	5.1%
Maine	0	0.0%	11	1.1%	11	1.0%	1.7%	1.2%
Maryland	10	2.9%	169	4.2%	180	4.1%	8.3%	10.1%
Massachusetts	8	1.8%	188	3.3%	196	3.2%	10.4%	9.9%
Michigan	1	0.3%	92	1.5%	94	1.4%	4.0%	3.4%
Minnesota	5	1.6%	92	2.5%	100	2.4%	4.9%	4.5%
Mississippi	1	0.6%	6	0.3%	7	0.3%	1.7%	2.9%
Missouri	7	2.0%	46	1.0%	54	1.1%	2.5%	3.0%
Montana	0	0.0%	11	1.7%	11	1.6%	0.8%	1.5%
Nebraska	0	0.0%	17	1.1%	17	1.0%	6.4%	9.3%
Nevada	2	2.9%	75	6.6%	77	6.4%	11.8%	20.9%
New Hampshire	0	0.0%	21	2.0%	21	1.8%	2.4%	2.7%
New Jersey	12	3.0%	443	5.1%	458	5.0%	13.9%	17.9%
New Mexico	6	7.2%	228	16.0%	234	15.4%	9.8%	24.8%
New York	38	3.9%	1,388	7.2%	1,448	7.0%	14.4%	15.0%
North Carolina	6	1.2%	309	4.3%	321	4.1%	5.4%	9.2%
North Dakota	0	0.0%	4	0.6%	4	0.5%	2.1%	2.8%
Ohio	3	0.5%	110	1.4%	114	1.3%	3.2%	2.9%
Oklahoma	2	1.1%	71	2.7%	74	2.6%	4.6%	8.4%
Oregon	5	3.3%	170	7.0%	178	6.8%	5.8%	9.2%
Pennsylvania	6	1.0%	208	2.1%	217	2.1%	5.2%	6.0%
Rhode Island	0	0.0%	36	4.5%	37	4.3%	10.6%	14.2%
South Carolina	1	0.5%	72	2.1%	75	2.0%	3.5%	5.4%
South Dakota	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	2	0.3%	2.6%	2.8%
Tennessee	3	0.7%	75	1.8%	80	1.7%	4.0%	5.8%
Texas	67	7.2%	2,848	16.1%	2,933	15.6%	13.2%	28.2%
Utah	14	7.3%	91	4.8%	107	5.0%	6.1%	11.6%
Vermont	0	0.0%	9	1.8%	9	1.6%	1.5%	1.4%
Virginia	4	1.0%	145	3.0%	153	2.9%	6.5%	8.2%
Washington	7	2.0%	180	4.4%	190	4.2%	8.1%	9.1%
West Virginia	0	0.0%	7	0.6%	7	0.6%	0.9%	1.4%
Wisconsin	2	0.6%	142	3.5%	145	3.3%	3.4%	5.2%
Wyoming	1	4.5%	7	1.8%	10	2.3%	2.0%	4.3%
U.S. Subtotal	389	2.8%	13,124	6.1%	13,742	5.9%	9.0%	13.9%
Puerto Rico	29	87.9%	350	78.5%	400	78.9%	73.6%	94.8%
Other U.S. Terr.	0	0.0%	1	1.9%	1	1.5%	No Data	
Other Countries	4	3.3%	71	3.8%	92	3.5%	No Data	
Total	422	3.0%	13,546	6.2%	14,235	6.0%	No Data	

Sources: 2024 U.S. Census Bureau ACS and 2026 ASHA Dues Notice.

*Note. The audiologist and SLP numbers may not add up to the total number, as the total number includes all ASHA constituents.