



## 2025 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 4,488 individuals who hold a PhD, accounting for 1.9% of all ASHA constituents. Of these, 650 hold ASHA certification in audiology, 3,316 hold ASHA certification in speech-language pathology, 93 hold dual certification, 8 are in the process of obtaining ASHA certification, and 421 are not ASHA-certified.
- **Residency.** Among the 4,488 ASHA constituents with PhDs, 4,241 reside in the U.S., and 247 reside in 44 other countries. One hundred seven of the constituents are international affiliates.
- **Race and Ethnicity.** About one-fifth (19.6%) of ASHA constituents with PhDs residing 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, compared to 10.0% of all ASHA constituents, regardless of terminal degree. The percentage of those who self-identify as Hispanic, Latina, Latino, Latinx, or as being of Spanish origin is 5.6% among PhD holders compared to 7.5% of all ASHA constituents.
- **Gender and Age.** About four-fifths (80.3%) of ASHA constituents with PhDs who reside in the U.S. self-identify as female, and 49.5% are ages 55 and older. In comparison, 95.7% of all ASHA constituents self-identify as female, and 22.6% are ages 55 and older.
- **Work Setting.** The percentages of PhD holders who report their primary employment facility as a college/university are 47.7%, 57.7%, and 44.3%, 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, 14.3% work in private practice either full- or part time. The percentages are 21.2% and 36.1% 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 32.1%, 24.8%, and 33.6%, 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, 2025**

| <b>Affiliation Status</b>     | <b>Certified in Audiology</b> | <b>Certified in Speech</b> | <b>Dually Certified</b> | <b>CERTIFIED SUBTOTAL</b> | <b>Certification in Process</b> | <b>Not Certified</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Member Only                   | —                             | —                          | —                       | —                         | —                               | 314                  | 314          |
| Member and Certificate Holder | 639                           | 3,301                      | 92                      | 4,032                     | 7                               | —                    | 4,039        |
| ASHA MEMBERSHIP SUBTOTAL      | 639                           | 3,301                      | 92                      | 4,032                     | 7                               | 314                  | 4,353        |
| Nonmember Certificate Holder  | 11                            | 15                         | 1                       | 27                        | 1                               | —                    | 28           |
| International Affiliate       | —                             | —                          | —                       | —                         | —                               | 107                  | 107          |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>            | <b>650</b>                    | <b>3,316</b>               | <b>93</b>               | <b>4,059</b>              | <b>8</b>                        | <b>421</b>           | <b>4,488</b> |

*Note.* Among the 4,488 ASHA constituents with PhDs, 4,241 reside in the U.S., and 247 reside in 44 other countries.

**Table 2**  
**Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs Who Reside in the U.S.**  
**January 1 – December 31, 2025**  
**(n = 4,241)**

| <b>Race</b><br>(n = 3,845)                |       |
|---|-------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native          | 0.2%  |
| Asian                                     | 9.1%  |
| Black or African American                 | 7.8%  |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.1%  |
| White                                     | 80.4% |
| Race Not Currently Listed                 | 0.4%  |
| Reported 2 or More Races                  | 2.2%  |

*Source.* Dues Notice 2024

| <b>Ethnicity</b><br>(n = 3,980) |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Hispanic or Latino              | 5.6%  |
| Not Hispanic or Latino          | 94.4% |

*Source.* Dues Notice 2024

| <b>Gender</b><br>(n = 4,144) |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Female                       | 80.3% |
| Male                         | 19.2% |
| Non-Binary                   | 0.3%  |
| Other                        | 0.2%  |

*Source.* Dues Notice 2024

| <b>Age</b><br>(n = 3,850) |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| 34 and younger            | 5.4%  |
| 35–44                     | 21.4% |
| 45–54                     | 23.6% |
| 55–64                     | 16.9% |
| 65 and older              | 32.6% |

*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, 2025**  
**(n = 2,278)**

| <b>Race</b><br>(n = 2,102)                |       |
|---|-------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native          | 0.2%  |
| Asian                                     | 10.2% |
| Black or African American                 | 6.9%  |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.0%  |
| White                                     | 80.0% |
| Race Not Currently Listed                 | 0.5%  |
| Reported 2 or More Races                  | 2.2%  |

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| <b>Ethnicity</b><br>(n = 2,170) |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Hispanic or Latino              | 6.3%  |
| Not Hispanic or Latino          | 93.7% |

*Source.* Dues Notice 2024

| <b>Gender</b><br>(n = 2,233) |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Female                       | 78.9% |
| Male                         | 20.6% |
| Non-Binary                   | 0.3%  |
| Other                        | 0.2%  |

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| <b>Age</b><br>(n = 2,075) |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| 34 and younger            | 5.8%  |
| 35–44                     | 22.8% |
| 45–54                     | 26.0% |
| 55–64                     | 18.5% |
| 65 and older              | 26.8% |

*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](http://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](mailto: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, 2025**

**Certified in Audiology Only**  
**(n = 632)**

| <b>Primary Employment Facility</b><br>(n = 575) |       |
|---|-------|
| School  | 2.1%  |
| College/University                              | 47.7% |
| Health Care Facility                            | 35.7% |
| All Other Facilities                            | 14.6% |

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

| <b>Private Practice</b><br>(n = 589)   |       |
|--|-------|
| Employed Full Time in Private Practice | 8.5%  |
| Employed Part Time in Private Practice | 5.8%  |
| Not Employed in Private Practice       | 85.7% |

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

**Certified in Speech-Language Pathology Only**  
**(n = 3,210)**

| <b>Primary Employment Facility</b><br>(n = 3,004) |       |
|---|-------|
| School  | 12.1% |
| College/University                                | 57.7% |
| Health Care Facility                              | 18.9% |
| All Other Facilities                              | 11.3% |

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

| <b>Private Practice</b><br>(n = 2,997) |       |
|--|-------|
| Employed Full Time in Private Practice | 6.8%  |
| Employed Part Time in Private Practice | 14.3% |
| Not Employed in Private Practice       | 78.8% |

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

**Certified in Both Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology**  
**(n = 92)**

| <b>Primary Employment Facility</b><br>(n = 70) |       |
|--|-------|
| School   | 10.0% |
| College/University                             | 44.3% |
| Health Care Facility                           | 31.4% |
| All Other Facilities                           | 14.3% |

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

| <b>Private Practice</b><br>(n = 83)    |       |
|--|-------|
| Employed Full Time in Private Practice | 15.7% |
| Employed Part Time in Private Practice | 20.5% |
| Not Employed in Private Practice       | 63.9% |

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

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