



Profile of ASHA Members and Affiliates With PhDs, Year-End 2019

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, gender, age, primary employment facility, and private practice status.

Highlights

- **Overall Counts and ASHA Certification Status.** ASHA currently represents 4,809 individuals who hold a PhD. Of these, 789 hold ASHA certification in audiology, 3,443 hold ASHA certification in speech-language pathology, 130 hold dual certification, 71 are in the process of obtaining ASHA certification, and 376 are not ASHA-certified.
- **Residency.** Among the 4,809 ASHA constituents with PhD degrees, 4,536 reside in the United States, and 273 reside in 43 other countries. One hundred thirty 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 (15.7% of PhD holders vs. 8.3% of all constituents). The percentage of those who are Hispanic or Latino is about the same for both populations (4.3% of PhD holders vs. 5.8% of all constituents).
- **Sex and Age.** About three-quarters (77.3%) of PhD holders in the United States are female, and 50.4% 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 3.1% 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 47.1%, 55.5%, and 37.5%, respectively.
- **Private Practice Status.** For those who hold a PhD and ASHA certification in audiology, 16.6% engage in private practice either full or part time. The percentages are 22.2% and 39.7% 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 31.4%, 21.3%, and 32.2%, 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 through December 31, 2019

Affiliation Status	Certified in Audiology	Certified in Speech	Dual Certification	CERTIFIED SUBTOTAL	In Process	Not Certified	TOTAL
Member Only	—	—	—	—	—	245	245
Member and Certificate Holder	773	3,439	130	4,342	70	—	4,412
ASHA MEMBERSHIP SUBTOTAL	773	3,439	130	4,342	70	245	4,657
Non-Member Certificate Holder	16	4	0	20	1	—	21
International Affiliate	—	—	—	—	—	130	130
Associate	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
GRAND TOTAL	789	3,443	130	4,362	71	376	4,809

Note. Among the 4,809 ASHA constituents with PhD degrees, 4,536 reside in the United States, with 273 in 43 other countries.

Table 2

**Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs in the U.S.
January 1 Through December 31, 2019
(*n* = 4,536)**

Race (<i>n</i> = 4,127)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	7.1%
Black or African American	6.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
White	84.3%
Multiracial	1.5%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Ethnicity (<i>n</i> = 4,245)	
Hispanic or Latino	4.3%
Not Hispanic or Latino	95.7%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Sex (<i>n</i> = 4,431)	
Female	77.3%
Male	22.7%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Age (<i>n</i> = 4,269)	
34 and younger	10.7%
35–44	21.0%
45–54	17.9%
55–64	18.3%
65 and older	32.1%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

**Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs in the U.S.
Who Work Primarily at Colleges/Universities
January 1 Through December 31, 2019
(*n* = 2,263)**

Race (<i>n</i> = 2,105)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%
Asian	7.6%
Black or African American	5.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
White	84.9%
Multiracial	1.4%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Ethnicity (<i>n</i> = 2,160)	
Hispanic or Latino	4.5%
Not Hispanic or Latino	95.5%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Sex (<i>n</i> = 2,219)	
Female	76.0%
Male	24.0%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Age (<i>n</i> = 2,148)	
34 and younger	9.3%
35–44	22.7%
45–54	20.5%
55–64	20.1%
65 and older	27.4%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Note. Counts in Table 2 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.

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Table 3

**Employment Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs in the U.S.
January 1 Through December 31, 2019**

**Certified in Audiology Only
(n = 789)**

Primary Employment Facility (n = 690)	
School	2.8%
College/University	47.1%
Health Care Facility	39.1%
All Other Facilities	11.0%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

Private Practice (n = 694)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	10.5%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	6.1%
Not Employed in Private Practice	83.4%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

**Certified in Speech-Language Pathology Only
(n = 3,443)**

Primary Employment Facility (n = 3,072)	
School	12.7%
College/University	55.5%
Health Care Facility	22.4%
All Other Facilities	9.5%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

Private Practice (n = 3,035)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	7.6%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	14.6%
Not Employed in Private Practice	77.8%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

**Certified in Both Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
(n = 130)**

Primary Employment Facility (n = 104)	
School	12.5%
College/University	37.5%
Health Care Facility	32.7%
All Other Facilities	17.3%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

Private Practice (n = 116)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	16.4%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	23.3%
Not Employed in Private Practice	60.3%

Source. Dues Notice 2019

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