



2021 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, U.S. residency, race, ethnicity, sex, age, primary employment facility, and private practice status.

Highlights

- **Overall Counts and ASHA Certification Status.** ASHA currently represents 4,475 individuals who hold a PhD. Of these, 722 hold ASHA certification in audiology, 3,208 hold ASHA certification in speech-language pathology, 113 hold dual certification, 73 are in the process of obtaining ASHA certification, and 359 are not ASHA-certified.
- **Residency.** Among the 4,475 ASHA constituents with PhD degrees, 4,209 reside in the United States, and 266 reside in 40 other countries. One hundred twenty-seven 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 (16.3% of PhD holders vs. 8.7% of all constituents). The percentage of those who identify as Hispanic or Latino is about the same for both populations (4.2% of PhD holders vs. 6.2% of all constituents).
- **Sex and Age.** About three-quarters (78.2%) of PhD holders in the United States identify as female, and 52.4% are age 55 and older. The majority (95.6%) of all ASHA constituents identify as female, and 21.5% 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 46.6%, 58.0%, and 41.1%, respectively.
- **Private Practice Status.** For those who hold a PhD and ASHA certification in audiology, 14.7% engage in private practice either full or part time. The percentages are 21.9% and 37.0% 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%, 22.4%, and 32.8%, 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, 2021

Affiliation Status	Certified in Audiology	Certified in Speech	Dually Certified	CERTIFIED SUBTOTAL	Certification in Process	Not Certified	TOTAL
Member Only	—	—	—	—	—	232	232
Member and Certificate Holder	710	3,205	113	4,028	72	—	4,100
ASHA MEMBERSHIP SUBTOTAL	710	3,205	113	4,028	72	232	4,332
Nonmember Certificate Holder	12	3	0	15	1	—	16
International Affiliate	—	—	—	—	—	127	127
GRAND TOTAL	722	3,208	113	4,043	73	359	4,475

Note. Among the 4,475 ASHA constituents with PhD degrees, 4,209 reside in the United States, with 266 in 40 other countries.

Table 2
Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs in the U.S.
January 1 – December 31, 2021
(n = 4,209)

Race (n = 3,848)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	7.4%
Black or African American	7.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
White	83.7%
Multiracial	1.4%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Ethnicity (n = 3,957)	
Hispanic or Latino	4.2%
Not Hispanic or Latino	95.8%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Sex (n = 4,112)	
Female	78.2%
Male	21.8%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Age (n = 3,947)	
34 and younger	6.2%
35–44	21.3%
45–54	20.1%
55–64	17.4%
65 and older	35.0%

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, 2021
(n = 2,205)

Race (n = 2,060)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	8.1%
Black or African American	6.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
White	83.6%
Multiracial	1.4%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Ethnicity (n = 2,115)	
Hispanic or Latino	4.5%
Not Hispanic or Latino	95.5%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Sex (n = 2,161)	
Female	77.1%
Male	22.9%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Age (n = 2,083)	
34 and younger	6.2%
35–44	22.8%
45–54	23.1%
55–64	18.9%
65 and older	29.0%

Source. Dues Notice 2020

Note. Counts in Tables 2 and 3 include ASHA members, ASHA Certified Members, and nonmember certificate holders 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 webpage.

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, 2021

Certified in Audiology Only
(n = 722)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 642)	
School	3.3%
College/University	46.6%
Health Care Facility	37.2%
All Other Facilities	12.9%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

Private Practice (n = 653)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	9.0%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	5.7%
Not Employed in Private Practice	85.3%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

Certified in Speech-Language Pathology Only
(n = 3,208)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 2,893)	
School	11.5%
College/University	58.0%
Health Care Facility	20.6%
All Other Facilities	9.9%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

Private Practice (n = 2,884)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	7.2%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	14.7%
Not Employed in Private Practice	78.1%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

Certified in Both Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
(n = 113)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 90)	
School	12.2%
College/University	41.1%
Health Care Facility	30.0%
All Other Facilities	16.7%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

Private Practice (n = 100)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	16.0%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	21.0%
Not Employed in Private Practice	63.0%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

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