



## 2024 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 4,523 individuals who hold a PhD. Of these, 681 hold ASHA certification in audiology, 3,313 hold ASHA certification in speech-language pathology, 99 hold dual certification, 9 are in the process of obtaining ASHA certification, and 421 are not ASHA-certified.
- **Residency.** Among the 4,523 ASHA constituents with PhDs, 4,265 reside in the U.S., and 258 reside in 43 other countries. One hundred seventeen of the constituents are international affiliates.
- **Race and Ethnicity.** About one-fifth (19.2%) of ASHA constituents with PhDs who reside 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 vs. 9.8% of all ASHA constituents. The percentage of those who self-identify as Hispanic, Latina, Latino, Latinx, or as being of Spanish origin is 5.4% among PhD holders compared to 7.3% of all ASHA constituents.
- **Gender and Age.** About four-fifths (79.8%) of ASHA constituents with PhDs who reside in the U.S. self-identify as female, and 50.1% are ages 55 and older. In comparison, 95.6% of all ASHA constituents self-identify as female, and 21.8% are ages 55 and older.
- **Work Setting.** The percentages of PhD holders who report their primary employment facility as a college/university are 47.9%, 57.2%, and 43.4%, 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, 13.9% work in private practice either full- or part time. The percentages are 21.3% and 37.9% 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 32.0%, 24.3%, and 33.2%, 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, 2024**

<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	—	—	—	—	—	304	304
Member and Certificate Holder	672	3,304	98	4,074	9	—	4,083
ASHA MEMBERSHIP SUBTOTAL	672	3,304	98	4,074	9	304	4,387
Nonmember Certificate Holder	9	9	1	19	0	—	19
International Affiliate	—	—	—	—	—	117	117
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>3,313</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>4,523</b>

*Note.* Among the 4,523 ASHA constituents with PhDs, 4,265 reside in the U.S., and 258 reside in 43 other countries.

**Table 2**  
**Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs Who Reside in the U.S.**  
**January 1 – December 31, 2024**  
**(n = 4,265)**

<b>Race</b> (n = 3,873)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	8.6%
Black or African American	7.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
White	80.8%
Race Not Currently Listed	0.3%
Reported 2 or More Races	2.1%

*Source. Dues Notice 2024*

<b>Ethnicity</b> (n = 4,008)	
Hispanic or Latino	5.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	94.6%

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<b>Gender</b> (n = 4,174)	
Female	79.8%
Male	19.8%
Non-Binary	0.3%
Other	0.2%

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<b>Age</b> (n = 3,891)	
34 and younger	5.8%
35–44	21.3%
45–54	22.9%
55–64	17.0%
65 and older	33.1%

*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, 2024**  
**(n = 2,276)**

<b>Race</b> (n = 2,109)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	9.8%
Black or African American	6.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
White	80.7%
Race Not Currently Listed	0.5%
Reported 2 or More Races	2.1%

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<b>Ethnicity</b> (n = 2,174)	
Hispanic or Latino	6.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	93.9%

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<b>Gender</b> (n = 2,237)	
Female	78.7%
Male	20.7%
Non-Binary	0.3%
Other	0.2%

*Source. Dues Notice 2024*

<b>Age</b> (n = 2,080)	
34 and younger	6.0%
35–44	22.7%
45–54	25.5%
55–64	18.5%
65 and older	27.3%

*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.

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**Table 4**  
**Employment Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs Who Reside in the U.S.,**  
**by Certification Status**  
**January 1 – December 31, 2024**

**Certified in Audiology Only**  
**(n = 666)**

<b>Primary Employment Facility</b> (n = 610)	
School	2.3%
College/University	47.9%
Health Care Facility	36.6%
All Other Facilities	13.3%

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

<b>Private Practice</b> (n = 625)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	8.6%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	5.3%
Not Employed in Private Practice	86.1%

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

**Certified in Speech-Language Pathology Only**  
**(n = 3,206)**

<b>Primary Employment Facility</b> (n = 2,994)	
School	12.2%
College/University	57.2%
Health Care Facility	19.6%
All Other Facilities	11.0%

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

<b>Private Practice</b> (n = 2,988)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	7.1%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	14.2%
Not Employed in Private Practice	78.7%

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

**Certified in Both Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology**  
**(n = 97)**

<b>Primary Employment Facility</b> (n = 76)	
School	9.2%
College/University	43.4%
Health Care Facility	31.6%
All Other Facilities	15.8%

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

<b>Private Practice</b> (n = 87)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	16.1%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	21.8%
Not Employed in Private Practice	62.1%

*Source. Dues Notice 2025*

*Note.* Counts in Table 4 include 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.

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