

## ASHA COVID-19 Survey Results - March 2020

### Introduction

A survey was fielded on March 23, 2020 to all ASHA members and affiliates ( $n = 211,000$ ; ASHA-certified members, noncertified members, individuals in process of applying for certification, certified nonmembers, Clinical Fellows, international affiliates, associates/assistants, and NSSLHA members) via an email blast. The purpose of the survey was to understand how ASHA could best help address member needs during the pandemic. The survey closed at midnight on Sunday, March 29. A total of 33,975 responses were received for an approximate response rate of 16.1%.

Results to the quantitative questions follow. Qualitative (open-ended) responses are unpublished due to the volume of them.

### Results

1. Which of the following best describes your current ASHA affiliation status? (Check one.)

Response	Number	Percent
ASHA-certified in audiology	1,270	3.7
ASHA-certified in speech-language pathology	27,041	79.6
ASHA-certified in both audiology and speech-language pathology	132	0.4
Noncertified member	98	0.3
Clinical Fellow	1,779	5.2
International affiliate	53	0.2
Speech-language pathology or audiology assistant	124	0.4
Student (undergraduate, graduate or research doctoral)	3,408	10.0
Other	70	0.2

NOTE: All respondents – except students – were automatically skipped to Question 4.

2. What is your current field of study? (Check one.)

Response	Number	Percent
Audiology	106	3.1
Communication sciences and disorders	613	18.2
Speech, language, or hearing science	89	2.6
Speech-language pathology	2,561	75.9
Other	4	0.1

3. Which of the following best describes your current student status? (Check one.)

Response	Number	Percent
Undergraduate student (National NSSLHA Member)	201	6.0
Undergraduate student ( <u>non</u> -National NSSLHA member)	86	2.5
Graduate student (National NSSLHA Member)	2,139	63.4
Graduate student ( <u>non</u> -National NSSLHA member)	921	27.3
Research doctoral (PhD) student	16	0.5
Other	10	0.3

4. Which of the following best describes your current employment facility? (Check all that apply.)

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Early intervention/home health	4,964	14.6
School (preschool, elementary, etc.)	15,532	45.7
College/university	1,895	5.6
Hospital	4,466	13.1
Nonresidential health care facility (clinic, physician's office, etc.)	2,014	5.9
Residential health care facility (skilled nursing facility, etc.)	3,231	9.5
Private practice	4,620	13.6
Industry	94	0.3
Government	243	0.7
In audiology externship and/or clinical practicum	297	0.9
Not employed (student, retired, on leave of absence, etc.)	3,078	9.1
Other	1,246	3.7

<b>Audiologists</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Early intervention/home health	29	2.3
School (preschool, elementary, etc.)	114	9.0
College/university	178	14.0
Hospital	310	24.4
Nonresidential health care facility (clinic, physician's office, etc.)	319	25.1
Residential health care facility (skilled nursing facility, etc.)	14	1.1
Private practice	300	23.6
Industry	43	3.4
Government	64	5.0
In audiology externship and/or clinical practicum	2	0.2
Not employed (student, retired, on leave of absence, etc.)	30	2.4
Other	53	4.2

<b>SLPs</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Early intervention/home health	4,553	16.8
School (preschool, elementary, etc.)	13,800	51.0
College/university	1,188	4.4
Hospital	3,849	14.2
Nonresidential health care facility (clinic, physician's office, etc.)	1,475	5.5
Residential health care facility (skilled nursing facility, etc.)	2,955	10.9
Private practice	3,945	14.6
Industry	41	0.2
Government	153	0.6
In audiology externship and/or clinical practicum	5	0.0
Not employed (student, retired, on leave of absence, etc.)	652	2.4
Other	838	3.1

5. What impact is the pandemic having on you, personally?

Response	Number	Percent
Major impact	14,591	43.4
Moderate impact	14,788	44.0
Minor impact	4,047	12.0
No impact	188	0.6

ASHA Certificate Holders*	All (n = 28,171)	Schools (n = 13,922)	Health Care** (n = 8,208)	Private Practice (n = 4,250)	University (n = 1,376)
Major impact	43.9	42.2	42.4	55.1	48.0
Moderate impact	43.4	45.5	44.5	36.3	41.1
Minor impact	12.1	11.9	12.5	8.2	10.5
No impact	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4

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Audiologists	All (n = 1,247)	Schools (n = 114)	Health Care (n = 610)	Private Practice (n = 299)	University (n = 177)
Major impact	41.3	37.7	42.3	45.2	47.5
Moderate impact	42.7	50.0	41.8	40.8	41.2
Minor impact	15.2	11.4	15.4	14.0	11.3
No impact	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.0

SLPs	All (n = 26,794)	Schools (n = 13,753)	Health Care (n = 7,569)	Private Practice (n = 3,927)	University (n = 1,186)
Major impact	44.0	42.2	42.4	55.8	47.7
Moderate impact	43.5	45.5	44.8	36.0	41.3
Minor impact	12.0	11.9	12.2	7.8	10.5
No impact	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5

Students	All (n = 3,352)	Undergrad (n = 282)	Graduate – Audiology (n = 96)	Graduate – SLP (n = 2,372)	Research Doctoral (n = 16)
Major impact	42.2	33.3	38.5	43.4	56.3
Moderate impact	45.7	54.3	41.7	44.6	31.3
Minor impact	11.6	12.4	19.8	11.4	12.5
No impact	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0

6. What impact is the pandemic having on you, professionally, or academically if you are a student?

Response	Number	Percent
Major impact	17,547	58.7
Moderate impact	7,138	23.9
Minor impact	1,276	4.3
No impact	3,911	13.1

ASHA Certificate Holders*	All (n = 24,597)	Schools (n = 12,306)	Health Care** (n = 7,181)	Private Practice (n = 3,636)	University (n = 1,073)
Major impact	56.8	63.5	45.1	61.3	71.3
Moderate impact	23.7	20.1	32.9	20.0	19.5
Minor impact	4.5	2.3	8.0	3.0	2.8
No impact	14.9	14.1	14.1	15.7	6.4

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Audiologists	All (n = 1,088)	Schools (n = 97)	Health Care (n = 536)	Private Practice (n = 265)	University (n = 145)
Major impact	58.5	58.8	55.0	64.5	75.9
Moderate impact	22.4	20.6	27.4	16.2	20.7
Minor impact	6.2	5.2	7.1	4.5	0.0
No impact	12.9	15.5	10.4	14.7	3.4

SLPs	All (n = 23,402)	Schools (n = 12,161)	Health Care (n = 6,623)	Private Practice (n = 3,355)	University (n = 918)
Major impact	56.7	63.5	44.3	61.1	70.5
Moderate impact	23.7	20.1	33.3	20.2	19.4
Minor impact	4.5	2.3	8.0	2.8	3.2
No impact	15.0	14.1	14.4	15.9	7.0

Students	All (n = 3,345)	Undergrad (n = 281)	Graduate – Audiology (n = 96)	Graduate – SLP (n = 2,368)	Research Doctoral (n = 16)
Major impact	73.8	65.8	62.5	75.3	56.3
Moderate impact	23.6	29.9	37.5	22.1	31.3
Minor impact	2.4	3.9	0.0	2.3	12.5
No impact	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0

7. How has the pandemic impacted the demand for your clinical services?

Response	Number	Percent
I do not provide clinical services.	3,825	11.5
Demand for my services is higher.	2,832	8.5
Demand for my services is the same.	8,032	24.2
Demand for my services is lower.	12,929	39.0
Do not know	5,575	16.8

*Excluding "I do not provide clinical services" responses*

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Demand for my services is lower.	12,929	44.0
Do not know	5,575	19.0

ASHA Certificate Holders*	All (n = 27,798)	Schools (n = 13,743)	Health Care** (n = 8,119)	Private Practice (n = 4,219)
I do not provide clinical services.	8.7	9.5	2.1	2.6
Demand for my services is higher.	9.1	11.5	9.6	5.7
Demand for my services is the same.	26.5	26.8	32.9	17.5
Demand for my services is lower.	39.7	26.4	50.7	66.7
Do not know	16.0	25.9	4.7	7.5

*Excluding "I do not provide clinical services" responses*

ASHA Certificate Holders*	All (n = 25,373)	Schools (n = 12,442)	Health Care** (n = 7,945)	Private Practice (n = 4,110)
Demand for my services is higher.	10.0	12.7	9.8	5.8
Demand for my services is the same.	29.0	29.6	33.6	17.9
Demand for my services is lower.	43.4	29.1	51.8	68.5
Do not know	17.5	28.6	4.8	7.7

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Audiologists	All (n = 1,225)	Schools (n = 113)	Health Care (n = 600)	Private Practice (n = 295)
I do not provide clinical services.	9.4	15.0	2.7	0.7
Demand for my services is higher.	2.5	3.5	2.7	2.4
Demand for my services is the same.	14.2	15.0	14.8	13.9
Demand for my services is lower.	66.0	47.8	74.8	79.0
Do not know	7.8	18.6	5.0	4.1

*Excluding "I do not provide clinical services" responses*

Audiologists	All (n = 1,110)	Schools (n = 96)	Health Care (n = 584)	Private Practice
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Demand for my services is higher.	2.8	4.2	2.7	2.4
Demand for my services is the same.	15.7	17.7	15.2	14.0
Demand for my services is lower.	72.9	56.3	76.9	79.5
Do not know	8.6	21.9	5.1	4.1

SLPs	All (n = 26,445)	Schools (n = 13,575)	Health Care (n = 7,491)	Private Practice (n = 3,900)
I do not provide clinical services.	8.7	9.4	2.1	2.7
Demand for my services is higher.	9.4	11.6	10.1	5.9
Demand for my services is the same.	27.1	26.9	34.4	17.7
Demand for my services is lower.	38.4	26.2	48.7	65.8
Do not know	16.4	26.0	4.7	7.8

*Excluding "I do not provide clinical services" responses*

SLPs	All (n = 24,151)	Schools (n = 12,298)	Health Care (n = 7,335)	Private Practice (n = 3,793)
Demand for my services is higher.	10.3	12.8	10.3	6.1
Demand for my services is the same.	29.7	29.7	35.1	18.2
Demand for my services is lower.	42.1	28.9	49.8	67.6
Do not know	17.9	28.7	4.8	8.0

8. How is the pandemic affecting your students, patients, clients, or students in CSD academic programs? If you are currently a student, how is it affecting you and your classmates?

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9. What resources can ASHA provide to assist you professionally at this time? (List up to three, each on a separate line.)

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10. Have you visited the *Coronavirus/COVID-19 Updates* page on the ASHA and/or NSSLHA website? (<https://www.asha.org/About/Coronavirus-Updates/> and <https://www.nsslha.org/about/coronavirus-updates/>)

Response	Number	Percent
Yes	11,867	39.7
No	6,849	22.9
Was unaware of this page	11,200	37.4

ASHA Certificate Holders*	All (n = 25,056)	Schools (n = 12,262)	Health Care** (n = 7,316)	Private Practice (n = 3,893)	University (n = 1,294)
Yes	37.4	35.8	37.5	44.1	59.8
No	25.0	25.3	24.6	20.7	19.7

Was unaware of this page	37.6	38.9	37.9	35.2	20.5
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<b>Audiologists</b>	<b>All</b> (n = 1,120)	<b>Schools</b> (n = 106)	<b>Health Care</b> (n = 542)	<b>Private Practice</b> (n = 265)	<b>University</b> (n = 173)
Yes	32.7	26.4	28.0	37.7	52.6
No	32.6	37.7	33.2	28.3	19.1
Was unaware of this page	34.7	35.8	38.7	34.0	28.3

<b>SLPs</b>	<b>All</b> (n = 23,820)	<b>Schools</b> (n = 12,107)	<b>Health Care</b> (n = 6,751)	<b>Private Practice</b> (n = 3,604)	<b>University</b> (n = 1,108)
Yes	37.6	35.9	38.2	44.6	60.8
No	24.6	25.3	23.9	20.0	19.9
Was unaware of this page	37.8	38.9	37.9	35.4	19.2

<b>Students</b>	<b>All</b> (n = 3,044)	<b>Undergrad</b> (n = 244)	<b>Graduate – Audiology</b> (n = 87)	<b>Graduate – SLP</b> (n = 2,174)	<b>Research Doctoral</b> (n = 15)
Yes	49.8	37.3	35.6	51.6	26.7
No	12.5	16.4	20.7	12.1	26.7
Was unaware of this page	37.7	46.3	43.7	36.3	46.7

11. Please offer any other comments that you may have regarding the pandemic and its impact on you, your ability to work or meet near-term goals, and/or the professions/discipline.

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