

## WHO WE ARE

Assistance Dogs International (ADI) is a worldwide coalition of non-profit programs that train and place assistance dogs with individuals with disabilities to improve their quality of life. Founded in 1986, ADI has become the leading authority in the Assistance Dogs industry.

## MISSION STATEMENT

ADI fosters a collaborative global community dedicated to the highest standards of excellence for the assistance dog industry.

## OBJECTIVES

- Establish and promote standards of excellence in all areas of assistance dog acquisition, training and partnership
- Facilitate communication and learning among member programs
- Educate the public to the benefits of Assistance Dogs and ADI membership.

Assistance Dogs organizations that pass ADI’s accreditation process become ADI Accredited Member programs, and are regularly assessed to ensure they meet the highest standards in the industry.

**2023 MEMBERSHIP**

213 MEMBERS WORLDWIDE

159 ACCREDITED MEMBERS

54 CANDIDATE PROGRAMS

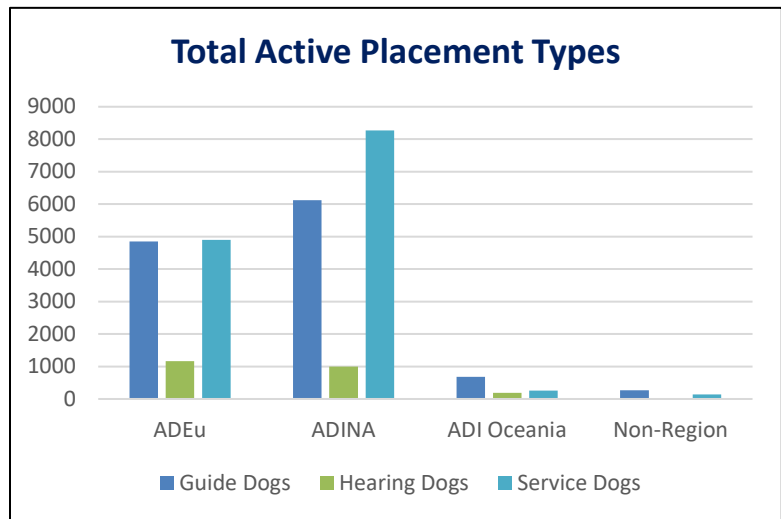
**2023 TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS**

Guide Dogs – 11,930– 43%

Hearing Dogs – 2,355 – 8%

Service Dogs – 13,561– 49%

**TOTAL – 27,846**



**159 Accredited Members**

ADEu – 52 Accredited Members, 16 Candidate Programs

ADI NA – 87 Accredited Members, 36 Candidate Programs

Oceania – 12 Accredited Members, 1 Candidate Program

Non-regions – 8 Accredited Members, 1 Candidate Program

## REGIONAL STATISTICS

### **ADEu - 2023 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 10,917**

Guide Dogs – 4,852 – 44%

Hearing Dogs – 1,168 – 11%

Service Dogs – 4,897 – 45%

### **ADINA – 2023 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 15,375**

Guide Dogs – 6,107 – 40%

Hearing Dogs – 998 – 6%

Service Dogs – 8,270 – 54%

### **ADI Oceania - 2023 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 1,126**

Guide Dogs – 682 – 60%

Hearing Dogs – 189 – 17%

Service Dogs – 255 – 23%

### **Non-Region – 2023 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 428**

Guide Dogs – 271 – 64%

Hearing Dogs – 18 – 4%

Service Dogs – 139 – 32%

## SERVICE DOG TYPES – 2023 CENSUS – (# OF PROGRAMS/% OF TOTAL SERVICE DOGS)

Mobility Service Dogs (102) – 48%

Psychiatric Service Dogs (36) – 4%

Seizure Service Dogs (33) – 3%

PTSD Veterans Service Dogs (59) – 23%

Autism Service Dogs (70)– 18%

Medical Alert Service Dogs (21) - 1%

Diabetic Alert Service Dogs (28) – 3%

## OTHER TYPES OF PLACEMENTS

ADI - Total Other Types of Placements (2023): 3,770

Facility Dogs – 2,172

Other Types– 948

Companion/Therapy – 650

## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

Number of Accredited Programs that will train with an owner and their personal dog: 37

Number of Accredited Programs training Guide Dogs: 38

Number of Accredited Programs training Hearing Dogs: 34

Number of Accredited Programs training Service Dogs: 135

Number of Accredited Programs training Facility Dogs: 83

Number of Accredited Programs training Social/Companion Dogs: 22

42 ADI Accredited member programs operate a prison-based training program.

ADI Accredited Member Programs employ 5,077 Full-time employees and 1,911 Part-time employees.

52,015 Volunteers are assisting ADI Accredited Member programs.

83 ADI Accredited Member programs have breeding programs.

35 ADI Accredited Member programs utilize shelter/rescue programs.

99 ADI Accredited Member programs will consider receiving breeder donations.

As of 12/31/2023, there are 10,969 dogs/puppies in training with ADI Accredited Member programs with a wait list of 8,481 potential clients.

15 ADI Accredited Member programs state they offer a structured internship program for assistance dog trainers to the public.

159 Accredited Members. In 2023, the number of programs (percentage) that train and place:

- 0-10 dogs per year: 65 (41%)
- 11-25 dogs per year: 57 (36%)
- 26-50 dogs per year: 15 (9%)
- 51-99 dogs per year: 13 (8%)
- 100+ dogs per year: 9 (6%)

In 2023, ADI accredited members placed 4,402 new assistance dog teams.