



2024 FACT SHEET

WHO WE ARE

Assistance Dogs International (ADI) is a worldwide coalition of non-profit programs that train and place assistance dogs for 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.

2024 MEMBERSHIP

224 MEMBERS WORLDWIDE

167 ACCREDITED MEMBERS

57 CANDIDATE PROGRAMS

2024 TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS

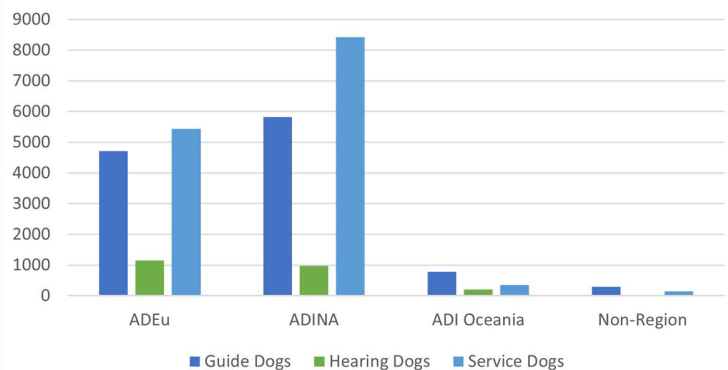
Guide Dogs – 11,616 – 41%

Hearing Dogs – 2,345 – 8%

Service Dogs – 14,347 – 51%

TOTAL – 28,308

Total Active Placement Types



167 Accredited Members

ADEu – 55 Accredited Members, 19 Candidate Programs

ADI NA – 91 Accredited Members, 35 Candidate Programs

Oceania – 13 Accredited Members, 1 Candidate Program

Non-regions – 8 Accredited Members, 2 Candidate Programs

REGIONAL STATISTICS

ADEu - 2024 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 11,305

Guide Dogs – 4,710 – 42%

Hearing Dogs – 1,157 – 10%

Service Dogs – 5,438 – 48%

ADINA – 2024 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 15,210

Guide Dogs – 5,821 – 38%

Hearing Dogs – 972 – 6%

Service Dogs – 8,417 – 56%

ADI Oceania - 2024 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 1,340

Guide Dogs – 785 – 59%

Hearing Dogs – 205 – 15%

Service Dogs – 350 – 26%

Non-Region – 2024 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 453

Guide Dogs – 300 – 66%

Hearing Dogs – 11 – 2%

Service Dogs – 142 – 32%

SERVICE DOG TYPES – 2024 CENSUS – (# OF PROGRAMS/% OF TOTAL SERVICE DOGS)

Mobility Service Dogs (111) – 47%

Psychiatric Service Dogs (42) – 6%

Seizure Service Dogs (37) – 3%

PTSD Veterans Service Dogs (68) – 17%

Autism Service Dogs (74)– 23%

Medical Alert Service Dogs (21) - 1%

Diabetic Alert Service Dogs (30) – 3%

OTHER TYPES OF PLACEMENTS

ADI - Total Other Types of Placements (2024): 3,214

Facility Dogs – 2,393

Other Types– 821

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

Number of Accredited Programs that will train with an owner and their personal dog: 45

Number of Accredited Programs training Guide Dogs: 45

Number of Accredited Programs training Hearing Dogs: 36

Number of Accredited Programs training Service Dogs: 152

Number of Accredited Programs training Facility Dogs: 87

Number of Accredited Programs training Social/Companion Dogs: 24

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

ADI Accredited Member Programs employ 5,035 Full-time employees and 1,986 Part-time employees.

54,034 Volunteers are assisting ADI Accredited Member programs.

94 ADI Accredited Member programs have breeding programs.

39 ADI Accredited Member programs utilize shelter/rescue programs.

109 ADI Accredited Member programs will consider receiving breeder donations.

As of 12/31/2024, there are 12,450 dogs/puppies in training with ADI Accredited Member programs with a wait list of 7,614 potential clients.

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

170 Accredited Members. In 2024, the number of programs (percentage) that train and place:

- 0-10 dogs per year: 81 (48%)
- 11-25 dogs per year: 49 (29%)
- 26-50 dogs per year: 21 (12%)
- 51-99 dogs per year: 10 (6%)
- 100+ dogs per year: 9 (5%)

In 2024, ADI accredited members placed 4,498 new assistance dog teams.