

WHO WE ARE

Assistance Dogs International (ADI) is a worldwide coalition of non-profit organizations 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 organizations
- Educate the public about the benefits of Assistance Dogs and ADI membership.

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

2025 MEMBERSHIP

239 MEMBERS WORLDWIDE

175 ACCREDITED MEMBERS

64 CANDIDATE PROGRAMS

2025 TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS

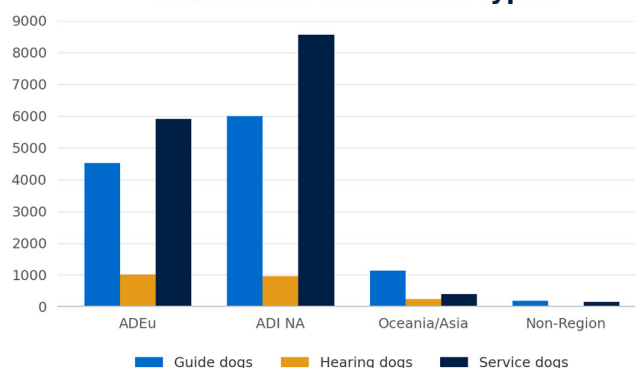
Guide Dogs – 11,842 – 41%

Hearing Dogs – 2,203 – 8%

Service Dogs – 14,999 – 52%

TOTAL – 29,044

Total Active Placement Types



175 Accredited Members

ADEu – 56 Accredited Members, 24 Candidate Programs

ADI NA – 97 Accredited Members, 37 Candidate Programs

Oceania / Asia – 20 Accredited Members, 1 Candidate Program

Non-regions – 2 Accredited Members, 2 Candidate Programs

REGIONAL STATISTICS

ADEu - 2025 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 11,441

Guide Dogs – 4,527 – 40%

Hearing Dogs – 1,012 – 9%

Service Dogs – 5,902 – 52%

ADINA - 2025 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 15,521

Guide Dogs – 5,994 – 39%

Hearing Dogs – 961 – 6%

Service Dogs – 8,566 – 55%

ADI Oceania / Asia - 2025 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 1,755

Guide Dogs – 1,136 – 65%

Hearing Dogs – 230 – 13%

Service Dogs – 389 – 22%

Non-Region - 2025 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 327

Guide Dogs – 185 – 57%

Hearing Dogs – 0 – 0%

Service Dogs – 142 – 43%

SERVICE DOG TYPES – 2025 CENSUS – (# OF ORGANIZATIONS/% OF TOTAL SERVICE DOGS)

Mobility Service Dogs (111) – 42%

Seizure Service Dogs (36) – 3%

Autism Service Dogs (77) – 21%

Diabetic Service Dogs (28) – 3%

Psychiatric Service Dogs (47) – 6%

Veteran PTSD Service Dogs (71) – 17%

Medical Alert Dogs (26) – 1%

Other Service Dogs (36) – 8%

OTHER TYPES OF PLACEMENTS

ADI - Total Other Types of Placements (2025): 4,686

Facility Dogs – 3,729

Other Types – 957

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

Number of Accredited Organizations that will train with an owner and their personal dog: 49

Number of Accredited Organizations training Guide Dogs: 51

Number of Accredited Organizations training Hearing Dogs: 38

Number of Accredited Organizations training Service Dogs: 155

Number of Accredited Organizations training Facility Dogs: 99

Number of Accredited Organizations training Social/Companion Dogs: 51

53 ADI Accredited Member Organizations operate a prison-based training program.

ADI Accredited Member Organizations employ 5,206 full-time employees and 2,235 part-time employees.

58,118 volunteers are assisting ADI Accredited Member organizations.

97 ADI Accredited Member Organizations have breeding programs.

36 ADI Accredited Member Organizations utilize shelter/rescue programs.

102 ADI Accredited Member Organizations will consider receiving breeder donations.

As of the 2025 census, there are 11,426 dogs/puppies in training with ADI Accredited Member organizations, with a wait list of 7,887 potential clients.

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

172 Accredited Members submitted a 2025 census. In 2025, the number of organizations (percentage) that train and place:

- 0-10 dogs per year: 95 (55%)
- 11-25 dogs per year: 42 (24%)
- 26-50 dogs per year: 18 (10%)
- 51-99 dogs per year: 10 (6%)
- 100+ dogs per year: 7 (4%)

In 2025, ADI accredited members placed 4,291 new assistance dog teams.