



## MISSION STATEMENT

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.

## OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Assistance Dogs International are to:

- 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.

**2018 MEMBERSHIP**

173 MEMBERS WORLDWIDE

134 ACCREDITED MEMBERS

39 CANDIDATE PROGRAMS

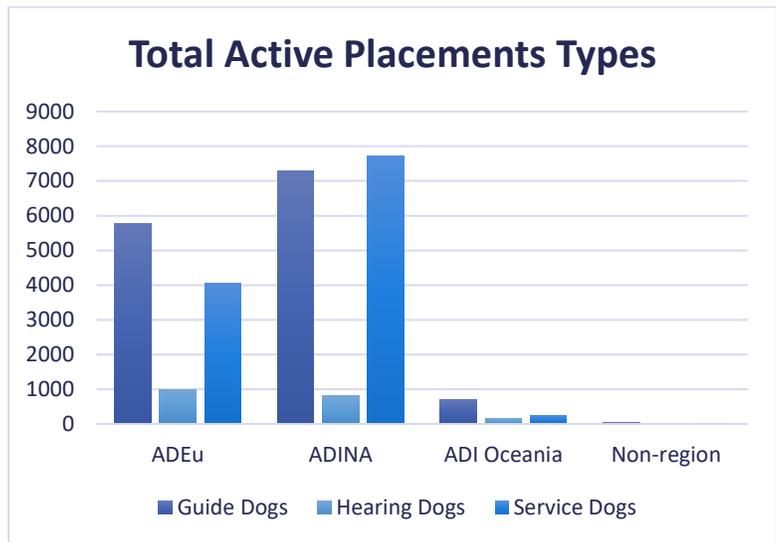
**2018 TOTAL PLACEMENTS**  
ADINA, ADI Oceania, & Non-regions

**TOTAL 16,766**

Guide Dogs – 8,030 – 48%

Hearing Dogs – 1003 – 6%

Service Dogs – 7,733 – 46%



**2017 (most recent) TOTAL PLACEMENTS – ADEu**

**TOTAL – 10,845**

Guide Dogs – 5,784 – 53%

Hearing Dogs – 1,000 – 9%

Service Dogs – 4,061 – 37%

## REGIONAL STATISTICS

### **ADINA - 2018 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 15,573**

Guide Dogs – 7,283 – 47%

Hearing Dogs – 826 – 5%

Service Dogs – 7,464 – 48%

### **ADI Oceania - 2018 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS - 1,138**

Guide Dogs – 714 – 62%

Hearing Dogs – 166 – 15%

Service Dogs – 258 – 23%

### **ADEu - 2017 Census (most recent) – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 10,845**

Guide Dogs – 5,784 – 53%

Hearing Dogs – 1,000 – 9%

Service Dogs – 4,061 – 37%

### **Non-Region - 2018 Census – TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS – 55**

Guide Dogs – 33 – 60%

Hearing Dogs – 11 – 20%

Service Dogs – 11 – 20%

## SERVICE DOG TYPES – 2018 CENSUS – ADINA, ADI OCEANIA & NON-REGIONS (# OF PROGRAMS)

Mobility Service Dogs (62) – 48%

Psychiatric Service Dogs (12) – 1.5%

Seizure Service Dogs (17) – 2.5%

PTSD Veterans Service Dogs (41) – 19%

Autism Service Dogs (36)– 23%

Medical Alert Service Dogs (9) - <1%

Diabetic Alert Service Dogs (17) – 4%

Other Service Dogs (31) – 1%

## OTHER TYPES OF PLACEMENTS

ADI NA, ADI Oceania and Non-regions - Total Other Types of Placements (2018): 3189

- Facility Dogs – 997
- Companion/Therapy – 1407
- Other (Courthouse, AAI, etc) – 785

ADEu – Total Other Types of Placements (2017): 2,008

- Medical Detection Dogs/Medical Alert – 191
- Autism - 563
- PTSD dogs - 152
- Other (Social, Therapy, Buddy, etc.) – 1,102
- AAI Teams - 154

## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

Number of Accredited Programs that will consider working with an owner-owned team: 20

Number of Accredited Programs training Guide Dogs: 23

Number of Accredited Programs training Hearing Dogs: 23

Number of Accredited Programs training Service Dogs: 81

Number of Accredited Programs training Facility Dogs: 55

Number of Accredited Programs training Social/Therapy Dogs: 34

42 ADI Accredited member programs operate a prison-based training program within 136 prisons that includes 1204 puppies/dogs in training.

ADI Accredited Member Programs employ 1904 Full-time employees and 767 Part-time employees

26,082 Volunteers are assisting ADI Accredited Member programs.

60 ADI Accredited Member programs have breeding programs.

30 ADI Accredited Member programs utilize shelter/rescue programs.

60 ADI Accredited Member programs will consider receiving breeder donations.

As of 12/31/18, there are 8,547 dogs/puppies in training with ADI Accredited Member programs with a wait list of 4,040 potential clients.

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

92 Accredited Members in ADI North America, ADI Oceania and Non-regions. In 2018, the number of programs that train and place:

- 0 – 10 dogs per year: 40
- 11-25 dogs per year: 28
- 26-50 dogs per year: 11
- 50 – 99 dogs per year: 4
- 100+ dogs per year: 9

In 2018, ADI accredited members placed 2,864 new assistance dog teams in the North America and Oceania regional chapters.