Interpreting Community,

The MRID Census Committee is proud to present the completion of the 2021 MRID Interpreter Census results with you. The data is broken down into five general sections that made the data easier for analysis and distribution, not necessarily because each question fit neatly into a category. The five parts are as follows:

1. Initial general data and demographics (page 6)
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This document will be locked as “view only”, though you will be able to download or print as desired, and it is meant to be a “living document”. The committee is happy to calculate additional data points that the community needs and add them to the collected data. Make sure you are always using the most recent version by checking the bottom right corner for the version date. Please submit any requests for additional data using this link to our Google Form.

We thank you for your patience while we analyzed the survey data. We are very proud of the work that has gone into this and are excited to see how the results of this census will benefit the community at large.

Sincerely,

MRID Census Committee
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BACKGROUND

Enclosed are the results of the 2021 MRID Census, a survey that was used to capture the current landscape of the Minnesota interpreting community at large prompted by:

MRID Motion 2020:12:03: Move to establish an ad hoc committee for a 2021 MN Interpreter Census, in which the creation of the census questions would be in collaboration with various organizations and stakeholders. The results of the survey will be compiled and interpreted as a committee and distributed to the public (Zapko/Bolduc) CARRIED.

The 60 survey questions were developed with the input and support of various stakeholders throughout the state. Thank you again to all those whose ideas and feedback helped shape the final design and delivery of the census. A complete list of stakeholders that were invited to be involved in this process can be found at this link.

While this survey is not all encompassing, questions range from demographic information to current workload, rates, and more. The survey was available for individuals to take from 11/23/2021-1/7/2022 and received 662 total responses. Through the process of reviewing the data, the committee identified 72 responses that were duplicates.

Out of the 590 valid survey responses, 66 individuals answered the first question as "I am not an interpreter" or "I've worked as interpreter but not currently working as one" which ended their survey, and 9 other individuals chose to end the survey after the first question. As the survey went on, individuals ended the survey at various data points. These factors all combine to mean there are varying total answers for each question. You will see the number of people answering any given question indicated on the data set.

One final note, the order of results displayed here do not match the order of which the questions were asked on the survey. Various data points have been crossed to give more information and inserted where they fit.
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1. How much of your work is interpreting?

590 individuals answered this question

The donut chart above indicates:

- 306 people (52%) – It’s the only work I do
- 128 people (22%) – It’s my primary work, and I also do other work
- 90 people (15%) – It’s my side job; I do other work primarily
- 46 people (8%) – I’ve worked as an interpreter but not currently working as one
- 20 people (3%) – I am not an interpreter
2. Which best describes you?  
515 individuals answered this question

The chart above indicates:

- 25 people (5%) – Deaf Interpreter
- 39 people (39%) – Deaf Parented/CODA
- 451 people (87%) – Hearing Interpreter
3. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF MRID AND/OR RID?

514 individuals answered this question

The chart above indicates:

- 472 people (92%) – RID Members
- 297 people (58%) – MRID Members
- 281 people (55%) – Member of RID and MRID
- 191 people (37%) – Member of RID but not MRID
- 16 people (3%) – Member of MRID but not RID
- 26 people (5%) – Not a member of RID or MRID
4. What year were you born?
476 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 117 people (24%) – Baby Boomers: 1945-1964, 58-77 years old
- 160 people (34%) – Gen X: 1965-1979, 43-57 years old
- 160 people (34%) – Millennials: 1980-1994, 28-42 years old
- 39 people (8%) – Gen Z: 1995-2012, 18-27 years old
5. In what region do you live?
470 individuals answered this question

The Minnesota shaped chart above indicates:

- 22 people (5%) – Northwest
- 22 people (5%) – Northeast
- 68 people (14%) – Central
- 312 people (67%) – Metro
- 31 people (6%) – Southern
6. What best describes you?*
467 individuals answered this question

- **White Interpreters**: 438 individuals (94%)
- **Interpreters of Color**: 29 individuals (6%)

*MRID recognizes the various cultural identities one person could have, so this option was a "check all that apply"

6. WHAT BEST DESCRIBES YOU*- RACE AND ETHNICITY
BREAKDOWN OF WHITE INTERPRETERS AND INTERPRETERS OF COLOR OVERALL

467 individuals answered this question

The donut chart above indicates:

- 29 people (6%) – Interpreters of Color
- 438 people (94%) – White Interpreters

*MRID recognizes the various cultural identities one person could have, so this option was a "check all that apply"
6. WHAT BEST DESCRIBES YOU*- RACE AND ETHNICITY (Continued)
RACES AND ETHNICITIES, OTHER THAN WHITE, REPRESENTED WITHIN
MINNESOTA-BASED INTERPRETERS OF COLOR

29 individuals represented in this data

The donut chart above indicates:

- 6 – Asian
- 8 – Biracial or Multicultural
- 7 – Black or African American
- 10 – Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin
- 7 – Indigenous American
- 1 – Middle Eastern or North African
- 1 – Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

*MRID recognizes the various cultural identities one person could have, so this option was a "check all that apply"
7. What best describes you?*
480 individuals answered this question

The donut charts above indicate:

- 401 people (84%) – Woman
- 30 people (6%) – Man
- 6 people (1%) – Transgender
- 11 people (2%) – Genderqueer
- 3 people (1%) – Two-Spirit
- 113 people (23%) – Cisgender
- 11 people (2%) – Non-Binary/Third Gender

*MRID recognizes the various gender identities one person could have, so this option was a "check all that apply"
8. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

487 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 7 people (1%) – Doctorate Degree
- 78 people (16%) – Graduate Degree
- 234 people (48%) – Bachelor’s Degree
- 120 people (25%) – Associate Degree
- 45 people (9%) – Some College, No Degree
- 3 people (<1%) – High School Diploma or Equivalent
9. Do you currently hold any credentials/certifications for interpreting? 
491 individuals answered this question

The pie chart above indicates:

- 74 people (15%) – No
- 417 people (85%) – Yes

*People that checked yes hold a variety of credentials recognized in Minnesota.

9. DO YOU CURRENTLY HOLD ANY CREDENTIALS/CERTIFICATIONS FOR INTERPRETING?

491 individuals answered this question

The pie chart above indicates:

- 74 people (15%) – No
- 417 people (85%) – Yes
10. HOW MUCH OF YOUR INTERPRETING WORK IS...
SOLO?

419 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 301 people (72%) – All/Most
- 86 people (20%) – Some
- 25 people (6%) – Little/Rare
- 7 people (2%) – None/Never
10. HOW MUCH OF YOUR INTERPRETING WORK IS...
TEAMED WITH A DEAF INTERPRETER?

412 individuals answered this question. The bar graph above indicates:

- 5 people (1%) – All/Most
- 65 people (16%) – Some
- 170 people (41%) – Little/Rare
- 172 people (42%) – None/Never

10. HOW MUCH OF YOUR INTERPRETING WORK IS...
TEAMED WITH A HEARING INTERPRETER?

413 individuals answered this question. The bar graph above indicates:

- 45 people (11%) – All/Most
- 195 people (47%) – Some
- 136 people (33%) – Little/Rare
- 37 people (9%) – None/Never
10. HOW MUCH OF YOUR INTERPRETING WORK IS...
IN A NEIGHBORING STATE? (ND, SD, IA, WI)

411 individuals answered this question. The bar graph above indicates:

- 11 people (3%) – All/Most
- 51 people (12%) – Some
- 58 people (14%) – Little/Rare
- 291 people (71%) – None/Never

10. HOW MUCH OF YOUR INTERPRETING WORK IS...
WITH DEAFBLIND INDIVIDUALS?

415 individuals answered this question. The bar graph above indicates:

- 5 people (1%) – All/Most
- 89 people (21%) – Some
- 139 people (34%) – Little/Rare
- 182 people (44%) – None/Never
11. How supported do you feel in this field?
419 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 22 people (5%) – Severely Under-supported
- 64 people (15%) – Lacking Support
- 135 people (32%) – Neutral
- 161 people (39%) – Supported
- 37 people (9%) – Highly Supported
12. WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS?

421 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 281 people (67%) – Continuing current work
- 93 people (22%) – Expanding to a new interpreting specialty
- 82 people (19%) – Changing professions away from interpreting
- 77 people (18%) – Retired
- 29 people (7%) – Expanding into interpreter education
- 10 people (2%) – Decrease interpreting work drastically
13. Would you recommend interpreting (as a career) to someone?

412 individuals answered this question

The pie chart above indicates:

- 358 people (87%) – Yes
- 54 people (13%) – No
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15. How many total billable hours do you work per week as an interpreter?

424 individuals answered this question

- 95 people (22.4%) – 5 or less billable hours per week
- 27 people (6.4%) – 6 to 10 billable hours per week
- 20 people (4.7%) – 11 to 15 billable hours per week
- 26 people (6.1%) – 16 to 20 billable hours per week
- 35 people (8.3%) – 21 to 25 billable hours per week
- 37 people (8.7%) – 26 to 30 billable hours per week
- 50 people (11.8%) – 31 to 35 billable hours per week
- 93 people (21.9%) – 36 to 40 billable hours per week
- 25 people (5.9%) – 41 to 45 billable hours per week
- 16 people (3.8%) – more than 45 billable hours per week
16. WHAT IS YOUR AVERAGE PAY PER HOUR*?
DAYTIME

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*Note, rates provided at $5 and under were eliminated from the data as anomalies so as not to skew averages and perceptions.
16. What is your average pay per hour?

Daytime

**STAFF POSITION (254 Responses)**

Average Rate  
Staff Position:  
$35.21/hr

**1099 AGENCY (286 Responses)**

Average Rate  
1099 Agency:  
$42.44/hr

**1099 DIRECT BILL (229 Responses)**

Average Rate  
1099 Direct Bill:  
$46.08/hr
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Average Rate/Hour $40.44 $47.18 $52.89

*Note, rates provided at $5 and under were eliminated from the data as anomalies so as not to skew averages and perceptions.*
17. What is your average pay per hour?
Evening/Weekends

**STAFF POSITION (171 Responses)**

- **Average Rate**
  - Staff Position: $40.44/hr

**1099 AGENCY (275 Responses)**

- **Average Rate**
  - 1099 Agency: $47.18/hr

**1099 DIRECT BILL (203 Responses)**

- **Average Rate**
  - 1099 Direct Bill: $52.89/hr
18. WHAT IS YOUR AVERAGE PAY PER HOUR?  
SPECIALTY INTERPRETING

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Average Rate/Hour: $39.95, $51.68, $54.63

*Note, rates provided at $5 and under were eliminated from the data as anomalies so as not to skew averages and perceptions.
18. What is your average pay per hour?

Specialty Interpreting

**STAFF POSITION (99 Responses)**

Average Rate
Staff Position:
$39.95/hr

**1099 AGENCY (200 Responses)**

Average Rate
1099 Agency:
$51.98/hr

**1099 DIRECT BILL (166 Responses)**

Average Rate
1099 Direct Bill:
$54.63/hr
19. HOW MUCH OF YOUR INTERPRETING WORK IS... IN EACH SECTOR

The bar graph above and subsequent bar graphs indicate:

**12 Steps (AA, NA, OA, SA, etc.)**
- 4 people (0.9%) – All/Most
- 69 people (15.2%) – Some
- 138 people (30.4%) – Little/Rare
- 211 people (46.5%) indicated they work in this area
- 454 individuals responded
- 243 people (53.5%) – None/Never

**Business/Corporate**
- 30 people (6.6%) – All/Most
- 153 people (33.7%) – Some
- 134 people (29.5%) – Little/Rare
- 317 people (69.8%) indicated they work in this area
- 454 individuals responded
- 137 people (30.2%) – None/Never

**Conferences/Platform**
- 10 people (2.2%) – All/Most
- 112 people (24.7%) – Some
- 154 people (34.0%) – Little/Rare
- 276 people (60.9%) indicated they work in this area
- 453 individuals responded
- 177 people (39.1%) – None/Never
Corrections

0 people (0%) – All/Most
41 people (9.1%) – Some
98 people (21.7%) – Little/Rare
139 people (30.8%) indicated they work in this area

451 individuals responded

Education: K-12

126 people (26.7%) – All/Most
63 people (13.3%) – Some
132 people (28%) – Little/Rare
321 people (68%) indicated they work in this area

472 individuals responded

Education: Post-Secondary

80 people (17.4%) – All/Most
148 people (32.1%) – Some
118 people (25.6%) – Little/Rare
346 people (75.1%) indicated they work in this area

461 individuals responded

Legal/Court

6 people (1.3%) – All/Most
27 people (6.0%) – Some
65 people (14.4%) – Little/Rare
98 people (21.8%) indicated they work in this area

450 individuals responded

Medical

116 people (25.3%) – All/Most
116 people (25.3%) – Some
88 people (19.2%) – Little/Rare
320 people (69.7%) indicated they work in this area

459 individuals responded

Mental Health

40 people (8.8%) – All/Most
148 people (32.7%) – Some
92 people (20.4%) – Little/Rare
280 people (61.9%) indicated they work in this area

452 individuals responded

Performing Arts

11 people (2.4%) – All/Most
100 people (22.2%) – Some
134 people (29.8%) – Little/Rare
245 people (54.4%) indicated they work in this area

450 individuals responded

Religious

18 people (4%) – All/Most
117 people (25.9%) – Some
130 people (28.8%) – Little/Rare
265 people (58.8%) indicated they work in this area

452 individuals responded
Social Services (Voc. Rehab, Social Work, WIC appts, etc.) 454 individuals responded
21 people (4.6%) – All/Most  144 people (31.7%) – None/Never
175 people (38.5%) – Some
114 people (25.1%) – Little/Rare
310 people (68.3%) indicated they work in this area

Sports 455 individuals responded
1 person (0.2%) – All/Most  237 people (52.1%) – None/Never
64 people (14.1%) – Some
153 people (33.6%) – Little/Rare
218 people (47.9%) indicated they work in this area

State/Government/Legislative 448 individuals responded
12 people (2.7%) – All/Most  255 people (56.9%) – None/Never
70 people (15.6%) – Some
111 people (24.8%) – Little/Rare
245 people (54.4%) indicated they work in this area

Technical (Car mechanics, engineering, computers, etc.) 452 individuals responded
5 people (1.1%) – All/Most  216 people (47.8%) – None/Never
80 people (17.7%) – Some
151 people (33.4%) – Little/Rare
265 people (58.8%) indicated they work in this area

Video Relay Service 464 individuals responded
108 people (23.3%) – All/Most  210 people (45.3%) – None/Never
96 people (20.7%) – Some
50 people (10.8%) – Little/Rare
310 people (68.3%) indicated they work in this area

Video Translation Work (pre-recorded, scripted, etc.) 445 individuals responded
5 people (1.1%) – All/Most  334 people (75.1%) – None/Never
33 people (7.4%) – Some
73 people (16.4%) – Little/Rare
111 people (24.9%) indicated they work in this area
19. How much of your interpreting work is...

**12 Steps (AA, NA, OA, SA, etc.)**

- All/Most: 4 (0.9%)
- Some: 69 (15.2%)
- Little/Rare: 138 (30.4%)
- None/Never: 243 (53.5%)

454 individuals answered this question.

**Business/Corporate**

- All/Most: 30 (6.6%)
- Some: 153 (33.7%)
- Little/Rare: 139 (34%)
- None/Never: 182 (44%)

454 individuals answered this question.

**Conference/Platform**

- All/Most: 10 (2.2%)
- Some: 112 (24.7%)
- Little/Rare: 154 (34%)
- None/Never: 177 (39.1%)

453 individuals answered this question.

**Corrections**

- All/Most: 0 (0%)
- Some: 41 (9.1%)
- Little/Rare: 98 (21.7%)
- None/Never: 312 (69.2%)

451 individuals answered this question.
19. How much of your interpreting work is...

**Education: K-12**

472 individuals answered this question

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**Education: Post-Secondary**

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**Legal/Court**

450 individuals answered this question

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19. How much of your interpreting work is...

**Medical**
- All/Most: 116 (25.3%)
- Some: 116 (25.3%)
- Little/Rare: 88 (19.2%)
- None/Never: 139 (30.3%)

**Mental Health**
- All/Most: 40 (8.8%)
- Some: 148 (32.7%)
- Little/Rare: 92 (20.4%)
- None/Never: 172 (38.1%)

**Performing Arts**
- All/Most: 11 (2.4%)
- Some: 100 (22.2%)
- Little/Rare: 134 (29.8%)
- None/Never: 205 (45.6%)

**Religious**
- All/Most: 18 (4%)
- Some: 117 (25.9%)
- Little/Rare: 130 (28.8%)
- None/Never: 187 (41.1%)
19. How much of your interpreting work is...

**Social Services (Voc Rehab, etc.)**
- 454 individuals answered this question
- All/Most: 21 (4.6%)
- Some: 175 (38.5%)
- Little/Rare: 114 (25.1%)
- None/Never: 114 (31.7%)

**Sports**
- 455 individuals answered this question
- All/Most: 1 (0.2%)
- Some: 64 (14.1%)
- Little/Rare: 153 (33.6%)
- None/Never: 237 (52.1%)

**State/Government/Legislative**
- 448 individuals answered this question
- All/Most: 12 (2.7%)
- Some: 70 (15.6%)
- Little/Rare: 111 (24.8%)
- None/Never: 255 (56.9%)

**Technical (Computers, etc.)**
- 452 individuals answered this question
- All/Most: 5 (1.1%)
- Some: 80 (17.7%)
- Little/Rare: 151 (33.4%)
- None/Never: 216 (47.8%)
19. How much of your interpreting work is...

### Video Relay Services (VRS)

464 individuals answered this question

- **All/Most**: 108 individuals (23.3%)
- **Some**: 96 individuals (20.7%)
- **Little/Rare**: 50 individuals (10.8%)
- **None/Never**: 210 individuals (45.3%)

### Video Translation Work (pre-recorded, scripted, etc.)

445 individuals answered this question

- **All/Most**: 5 individuals (1.1%)
- **Some**: 33 individuals (7.4%)
- **Little/Rare**: 73 individuals (16.4%)
- **None/Never**: 334 individuals (75.1%)
20. Where are you employed as a staff interpreter?
330 individuals answered this question

The pie graph above indicates:

- 126 people (38.2%) – Video Relay Service
- 97 people (29.4%) – Education K-12
- 28 people (8.5%) – Education Post-Secondary
- 25 people (7.6%) – Referral Agency
- 32 people (9.7%) – Medical
- 22 people (6.7%) – Other
  - Vocational Rehabilitation
  - Other Organizations
  - State of Minnesota
  - VRI companies
  - Deaf Schools
21. How many agencies do you contract with?

314 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 103 people (32.8%) – 1 Agency
- 95 people (30.3%) – 2 Agencies
- 56 people (17.8%) – 3 Agencies
- 60 people (19.1%) – 4 or more Agencies
22. Data comparison between 14 and 21
Number of agencies 1099 contractors work with compared to how often they work as 1099 with agencies

307 data points for this comparison, the donut charts above indicate:

83 people answered all (96-100%) of their work was 1099 through agencies, of that:
- 23 people – work with 1 agency
- 14 people – work with 2 agencies
- 26 people – work with 1 agency
- 13 people – work with 2 agencies
- 20 people – work with 3 agencies
- 13 people – work with 4+ agencies

44 people answered most (70-95%) of their work was 1099 through agencies, of that:
- 13 people – work with 1 agency
- 22 people – work with 2 agencies
- 13 people – work with 3 agencies
- 14 people – work with 4+ agencies

61 people answered all (30-69%) of their work was 1099 through agencies, of that:
- 8 people – work with 1 agency
- 18 people – work with 2 agencies
- 9 people – work with 3 agencies
- 13 people – work with 4+ agencies

119 people answered all (1-29%) of their work was 1099 through agencies, of that:
- 54 people – work with 1 agency
- 40 people – work with 2 agencies
- 14 people – work with 3 agencies
- 11 people – work with 4+ agencies
23. HOW OFTEN DO YOU WORK WITH EACH AGENCY?

311 individuals answered this question

The pie chart above indicates:

- 176 people (56.6%) – I work mainly with one or two agencies, sometimes with others
- 23 people (7.4%) – I work evenly between all agencies I contract with
- 112 people (36.0%) – I only work with one agency
24. Tell us about your direct bill work (check all that apply)
271 individuals answered this question

The bar graphs above indicate:

- 209 people (77.1%) – I work with a few entities per year
- 35 people (12.9%) – I don’t do direct bill interpreting
- 25 people (9.2%) – I work with many entities per year
- 25 people (9.2%) – I seek out direct bill work
- 41 people (15.1%) – I am often referred by another for direct bill work
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WHERE CERTIFIED/NON-CERTIFIED INTERPRETERS LIVE

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26. Do you hold any state license for interpreting?
491 individuals answered this question

The pie chart above indicates:

- 414 people (84.3%) – No
- 77 people (15.7%) – Yes
27. States that interpreters hold licensure
77 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 2 people – Alabama
- 3 people – Arkansas
- 20 people – Arizona
- 1 person – Colorado
- 6 people – Connecticut
- 2 people – Hawaii
- 4 people – Kentucky
- 12 people – Iowa
- 10 people – Idaho
- 7 people – Illinois
- 14 people – Michigan
- 6 people – Missouri
- 1 person – North Carolina
- 7 people – New Hampshire
- 5 people – Nevada
- 2 people – Pennsylvania
- 2 people – Ohio
- 2 people – South Dakota
- 1 person – Tennessee
- 1 person – Oregon
- 3 people – Utah
- 2 people – Vermont
- 64 people – Wisconsin
28. What year did you first become certified?
379 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 8 people (2.1%) – 1975-1979
- 19 people (5%) – 1980-1984
- 17 people (4.5%) – 1985-1989
- 19 people (5%) – 1990-1994
- 67 people (17.7%) – 1995-1999
- 76 people (20.1%) – 2000-2004
- 59 people (15.6%) – 2005-2009
- 41 people (10.8%) – 2010-2014
- 45 people (12.7%) – 2015-2019
- 25 people (6.6%) – 2020-2021
29. What credentials do you currently hold?

660 Credentials Among 411 individuals

- BEI: Basic
- BEI: Advanced
- BEI: Master
- CDI (Pre-2015)
- CSC: Comprehensive Skills Certificate
- CI: Certificate of Interpretation
- CT: Certificate of Transliteration
- Ed: K-12 Educational Certificate: K-12
- IC: Interpretation Certificate
- TC: Transliteration Certificate
- NAD/ACCI III
- NAD/ACCI IV
- NAD/ACCI V
- NIC (2012-Present)
- NIC (Pre-2012)
- NIC: Advanced
- NIC: Master
- OTC: Oral Transliteration Certificate
- QMHI: Qualified Mental Health Interpreter
- RSC: Reverse Skills Certificate
- SC:L Specialist Certificate: Legal
- MN Court Roster
- QAST III
- WITA, 1/1
- HQAS
- KQAS 5:5

No responses given for these credentials:
- BEI: Court Interpreter Certificate
- CDI (2021-Present)
- MCSC: Master Comprehensive Skills Certificate
- SC:PA Specialist Certificate: Performing Arts
- SLPI/ASLPI - Level II/ Survival
### 29. What Credentials Do You Currently Hold?

411 individuals answered this question, 660 total credentials

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69 Tests/Assessments Passed Among 43 Individuals

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NIC Knowledge Exam (Pre-2020)
RID or NAD Knowledge Exam (Pre-2006)
CASLI General Knowledge Exam (Dec 2020 - Present)
CASLI Generalist Bridge "Gap Test" (Dec 2020 - Present)
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EIPA: 3.0 - 3.4
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SLPI/ASLPI - Level III/Intermediate
SLPI/ASLPI - Level IV/Advanced
SLPI/ASLPI - Level V/Superior

No responses given for these tests/assessments:
- Test of English Proficiency (TEP - BEI Written)
- EIPA: 2.9 or below
- SLPI/ASLPI - Level I/Novice
- SLPI/ASLPI - Level II/ Survival

30. Certified: What tests/assessments have you passed?
503 Tests/Assessments Passed Among 344 individuals

CDI Knowledge Exam (Pre-2020)
NIC Knowledge Exam (Pre-2020)
RID or NAD Knowledge Exam (Pre-2006)
Test of English Proficiency (TEP - BEI Written)
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No responses given for these tests/assessments:
- CASLI General Knowledge Exam (Dec 2020-Present)
- CASLI Generalist Bridge "Gap Test" (Dec 2020-Present)
- EIPA: 2.9 or below
- SLPI/ASLPI - Level I/Novice
- SLPI/ASLPI - Level II/ Survival
30. WHAT TESTS/ASSESSMENTS HAVE YOU PASSED?

344 certified individuals answered this question, total 503 tests/assessments passed
43 non-certified individuals answered this question, total 69 tests/assessments passed

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31. WHEN DO YOU PLAN ON TAKING A CERTIFICATION TEST?
*Only those who responded “non-certified” were prompted to answer this question

71 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 29 people (40.8%) – Within the next year
- 10 people (14.1%) – Within the next 2-3 years
- 6 people (8.5%) – Sometime 3+ years from now
- 9 people (12.7%) – I’ve already taken it, and waiting for results
- 17 people (23.9%) – I do not plan on taking any certification test
32. What are the barriers to becoming certified?
68 individuals answered this question

*Only those who responded “non-certified” were prompted to answer this question

68 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 42 people – The cost of the test(s)
- 12 people – English to ASL Interpreting Skills
- 24 people – ASL to English Interpreting Skills
- 9 people – Educational requirements of the test
- 22 people – I’ve already taken it, just haven’t passed yet
- 11 people – I don’t need it; I’m getting enough work without it
- 5 people – I do not support RID or CASLI
- 6 people – Fear, Lack of Confidence, Lack of Resources
- 4 people – I don’t have any barriers
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472 individuals answered this question

The donut chart and data above indicate:
- 126 people (26.7%) – All/Most
- 63 people (13.3%) – Some
- 132 people (28%) – Little/Rare
- 321 people (68%) work in education

181 Individuals answered subsequent questions about Ed K-12 work
- 124 people who answered All/Most moving forward
  - Two (2) individuals did not answer subsequent questions
- 57 people who answered Some moving forward
  - Six (6) individuals did not answer subsequent questions
- Little/Rare and None/Never
  - The survey filtered those that answered Little/Rare and None/ Never so that they would not progress with the subsequent education questions
34. Data Comparison: Certification and education K-12 interpreting

How much of your work is in Education: K-12?

34. COMPARISON POINT: CERTIFICATION AND EDUCATION K-12 INTERPRETING

472 individuals answered this question

The left bar graph indicates non-certified and the right bar graph indicates certified interpreters

69 Individuals Non-Certified Interpreters
- 27 people (39.1%) – All/Most
- 10 people (14.5%) – Some
- 8 people (11.6%) – Little/Rare
- 24 people (34.8%) – None/Never

403 Individuals Certified Interpreters
- 99 people (24.6%) – All/Most
- 53 people (13.2%) – Some
- 124 people (30.8%) – Little/Rare
- 127 people (31.5%) – None/Never
35. Is your contract for education K-12 interpreting through school district or referral agency?  
181 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 108 people (59.7%) – Full-time directly with a school district
- 11 people (6.1%) – Full-time through a referral agency
- 17 people (9.4%) – Part-time/occasionally directly with school district (including as a sub)
- 39 people (21.5%) – Part-time/occasionally through a referral agency (including as a sub)
- 3 people (1.7%) – Part-time through agencies and direct through school districts
- 3 people (1.7%) – Other:
  - VR Interpreting in school setting
  - DHH Teacher but do sub for our interpreters
  - Part-time staffing agency
36. DATA COMPARISON: TYPE OF EDUCATION K-12 INTERPRETING AND CERTIFICATION

The chart above indicates of the 181 Working Education Some/Most/All the Time:
35 Non-Certified, 28 are full-time and 7 are part-time
- 25 people – FT through school district
- 3 people – FT through referral agency
- 0 people – PT through school district
- 7 people – PT through referral agency

146 Certified, 91 are full-time and 52 are part-time
- 83 people – FT through school district
- 8 people – FT through referral agency
- 17 people – PT through school district
- 32 people – PT through referral agency
- 3 Certified answered Other-
  - DHH Teacher but do sub for our interpreters
  - Part-Time Staffing Agency
  - VR Interpreting in School Setting
37. Working in Education: What is your job title? 
180 individuals answered this question

The graphic above indicates K-12 Job Titles for Interpreters:

- 156 people (86.7%) – Interpreter
- 5 people (2.8%) – Educational Assistant
- 4 people (2.2%) – Communication or Language Facilitator
- 2 people (1.1%) – Intervener
- 13 people (7.2%) – Other
  - Interpreter/Educational Assistant
  - Interpreter/Intervener
  - Teacher (DHH/Teacher or Interpreter/Teacher)
  - Mentor, Paraprofessional, and Special Support Specialist
### 38. DATA COMPARISON: CERTIFICATION AND JOB TITLES IN EDUCATION K-12 INTERPRETING

180 individuals answered this question

The chart above indicates:

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39. HOW MANY TOTAL YEARS HAVE YOU WORKED IN K-12?

176 individuals answered this question

The area chart above indicates:

- 40 people (22.7%) – 0-4 years
- 39 people (22.2%) – 5-9 years
- 20 people (11.4%) – 10-14 years
- 20 people (11.4%) – 15-19 years
- 19 people (10.8%) – 20-24 years
- 18 people (10.2%) – 25-29 years
- 15 people (8.5%) – 30-34 years
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40. DATA COMPARISON: YEARS IN K-12 AND CERTIFICATION?

176 individuals answered this question

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41. Data Comparison: Education K-12 Interpreting and Hourly Rates

Average hourly rate educational interpreters vs. all interpreter categories

- Educational Interpreters (144 responses) - $31.80
- All Interpreters (590 responses) - $41.73

All interpreting categories average daytime hourly rate based on employment type

- School District (90 responses) - $27.86
- Agency (9 responses) - $37.66

Educational interpreters average FULL TIME hourly rate based on employment type

- School District (8 responses) - $37.62
- Agency (32 responses) - $39.96

Educational interpreters average PART TIME hourly rate based on employment type

- Staff Position (254 responses) - $35.21
- Agency (286 responses) - $42.44
- Direct Bill (229 responses) - $46.08

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- $46.08 hourly – Direct Bill (229 responses)
42. Data Comparison: Education K-12 Interpreting Hourly Rates and Certification/EIPA Status

The bar graph above indicates:

- $25.36 hourly – Non-Certified (33 responses)
- $34.44 hourly – Certified (118 responses)
- $23.11 hourly – EIPA 3.0-3.4 (9 responses)
- $33.07 hourly – EIPA 3.5-3.9 (26 responses)
- $32.77 hourly – EIPA 4.0-4.4 (27 responses)
- $33.33 hourly – EIPA 4.5-5.0 (6 responses)
43. Do you primarily work in a MN school district?

180 individuals answered this question

The graphic above indicates:

- 169 people (93.9%) – Work primarily in Minnesota
  - 32 Non-Certified
  - 137 Certified
- 8 people (4.4%) – Work primarily for a neighboring state (ND, SD, IA, WI)
  - 2 Non-Certified
  - 6 Certified
- 3 people (1.7%) – Work primarily for an online only school
  - 1 Non-Certified
  - 2 Certified
44. As an educational interpreter, do you also feel pressured to work in community settings?

180 individuals answered this question

The pie chart above indicates:

- 17 people (9.4%) – Yes, and I feel unqualified
- 57 people (31.7%) – Yes, and I feel qualified
- 106 people (58.9%) – No, I do not feel pressured
### 45. Data Comparison: Certification and feeling pressured to work in community settings

180 individuals answered this question. The chart above indicates:

- **35 Non-Certified answered this question**
  - 6 people (17.1%) of non-certified interpreters who feel pressured to interpret in community settings feel unqualified
  - 14 people (40%) of non-certified interpreters who feel pressured to interpret in community settings feel qualified
  - 15 people (42.9%) of non-certified interpreters do not feel pressured to interpret in community settings

- **145 Certified answered this question**
  - 11 people (7.6%) of certified interpreters who feel pressured to interpret in community settings feel unqualified
  - 43 people (29.7%) of certified interpreters who feel pressured to interpret in community settings feel qualified
  - 91 people (62.8%) of certified interpreters do not feel pressured to interpret in community settings
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423 individuals answered this question

The pie chart above indicates:

- 170 people (40.2%) – I regularly have more work available to me than I need
- 174 people (41.2%) – Satisfied with how much work is available
- 26 people (6.1%) – There is not enough work available
- 53 people (12.5%) – Depends on the season
47. DATA COMPARISON: CERTIFICATION AND SATISFACTION WITH AVAILABLE WORK

How satisfied are you with the amount of work available to you?

64 non-certified individuals answered this question
359 certified individuals answered this question

The bar chart above indicates:

- 13 people (20.3%) – Non-Certified: Regularly have more work available than needed
- 157 people (43.7%) – Certified: Regularly have more work available than needed
- 30 people (46.9%) – Non-Certified: Satisfied with amount of work available
- 144 people (40.1%) – Certified: Satisfied with amount of work available
- 11 people (17.2%) – Non-Certified: Not enough work available
- 15 people (4.2%) – Certified: Not enough work available
- 10 people (15.6%) – Non-Certified: Depends on the season
- 43 people (12%) – Certified: Depends on the season
48. HOW MUCH OF YOUR WORK IS ON SITE V. VIDEO?

381 individuals answered this question

The line chart above indicates:

- 211 people (55.4%) – mostly work on-site
  - 100 people (26.2%) – work on-site 86-100% of the time
  - 79 people (20.7%) – work on-site 71-85% of the time
  - 32 people (8.4%) – work on-site 56-70% of the time

- 51 people (13.4%) – work is evenly balanced between video and on-site

- 119 people (31.2%) – mostly work through video (VRS, VRI, Over Video i.e., Zoom, etc.)
  - 14 people (3.7%) – work through video 56-70% of the time
  - 33 people (8.7%) – work through video 71-85% of the time
  - 72 people (18.9%) – work through video 86-100% of the time
49. How much of your work is ongoing v. sporadic?
340 individuals answered this question

The line chart above indicates:

- **161 people (47.4%)** – mostly work ongoing/consistent jobs
  - 93 people (27.4%) – work ongoing/consistent jobs 86-100% of the time
  - 51 people (15%) – work ongoing/consistent jobs 71-85% of the time
  - 17 people (5%) – work ongoing/consistent jobs 56-70% of the time

- **55 people (16.2%)** – work is evenly balanced between ongoing and sporadic jobs

- **124 people (36.5%)** – mostly work sporadic/various jobs
  - 31 people (9.1%) – work sporadic/various jobs 56-70% of the time
  - 37 people (10.9%) – work sporadic/various jobs 71-85% of the time
  - 56 people (16.5%) – work sporadic/various jobs 86-100% of the time
50. HOW TOTAL TIME DO YOU SPEND COMMUTING FOR INTERPRETING WORK?

352 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 84 people (23.9%) – 0 hours
- 125 people (35.5%) – 1 hour
- 92 people (26.1%) – 2 hours
- 28 people (8.0%) – 3 hours
- 12 people (3.4%) – 4 hours
- 11 people (3.1%) – 5 hours
51. When you bill for travel, what rate do you typically charge? (Check all that apply)

384 individuals answered this question

The pie chart above indicates:

- 15 people (3.9%) – Flat $30/hour
- 17 people (4.4%) – It varies depending on the job
- 44 people (11.5%) – I don’t bill for travel (staff, education, VRS, work from home, etc.)
- 90 people (23.4%) – Half interpreting rate per hour
- 110 people (28.6%) – Full interpreting rate per hour
- 140 people (36.5%) – IRS mileage rate per hour
52. How often do you work during....

**7am - Noon**
- 249 All/Most
- 117 Some
- 34 Little/Rare
- 16 None/Never

416 individuals answered this question

**Noon - 5pm**
- 247 All/Most
- 134 Some
- 22 Little/Rare
- 12 None/Never

415 individuals answered this question

**5pm - Midnight**
- 38 All/Most
- 134 Some
- 162 Little/Rare
- 66 None/Never

400 individuals answered this question

**Midnight - 7am**
- 9 All/Most
- 17 Some
- 81 Little/Rare
- 275 None/Never

382 individuals answered this question
52. HOW OFTEN DO YOU WORK DURING... TIME OF DAY/NIGHT

The bar charts above indicate:

**7am - Noon**
- 249 people (59.9%) – All/Most
- 117 people (28.1%) – Some
- 34 people (8.2%) – Little/Rare
- 400 people (96.2%) indicated they work during this time of day

**Noon - 5pm**
- 247 people (59.5%) – All/Most
- 134 people (32.3%) – Some
- 22 people (5.3%) – Little/Rare
- 403 people (97.1%) indicated they work during this time of day

**5pm - Midnight**
- 38 people (9.5%) – All/Most
- 134 people (33.5%) – Some
- 162 people (40.5%) – Little/Rare
- 334 people (83.5%) indicated they work during this time of day

**Midnight - 7am**
- 9 people (2.4%) – All/Most
- 17 people (4.5%) – Some
- 81 people (21.2%) – Little/Rare
- 107 people (28%) indicated they work during this time of day
53. How often do you work during....

**Weekdays**

- All/Most: 363
- Some: 42
- Little/Rare: 11
- None/Never: 5

421 individuals answered this question

**Weekends**

- All/Most: 175
- Some: 151
- Little/Rare: 60
- None/Never: 32

418 individuals answered this question

**Holidays**

- All/Most: 18
- Some: 78
- Little/Rare: 166
- None/Never: 148

410 individuals answered this question
53. HOW OFTEN DO YOU WORK DURING... WEEKDAYS, WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS

The bar charts above indicate:

**Weekdays**
- 363 people (86.2%) – All/Most
- 42 people (10%) – Some
- 11 people (2.6%) – Little/Rare
- 416 people (98.8%) indicated they work during these days

**Weekends**
- 32 people (7.7%) – All/Most
- 151 people (36.1%) – Some
- 175 people (41.9%) – Little/Rare
- 358 people (85.6%) indicated they work during these days

**Holidays**
- 18 people (4.4%) – All/Most
- 78 people (19%) – Some
- 78 people (40.5%) – Little/Rare
- 262 people (63.9%) indicated they work during these days
54. How often do you work with these ages?

**Young Children (0 - 5 years)**
- 404 individuals answered this question

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**Children (6 - 12 years)**
- 417 individuals answered this question

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**Adolescents (13 - 18 years)**
- 411 individuals answered this question

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**Young Adults (18 - 30 years)**
- 411 individuals answered this question

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54. How often do you work with these ages?

The bar charts above indicate:

**Young Children (0-5 years)**
- 15 people (3.7%) – All/Most
- 78 people (19.3%) – Some
- 168 people (41.6%) – Little/Rare
- 261 people (64.6%) indicated they work with these ages

**Children (6-12 years)**
- 58 people (13.9%) – All/Most
- 116 people (27.8%) – Some
- 164 people (39.3%) – Little/Rare
- 338 people (81.1%) indicated they work with these ages

**Senior Citizens (65+ years)**
- 91 people (22.3%) – All/Most
- 64 people (15.8%) – Some
- 62 people (15.8%) – None/Never
- 194 people (50.0%) indicated they work with these ages
### Adolescents (13-18 years)
- **411 individuals responded**
  - 53 people (12.9%) – All/Most
  - 157 people (38.2%) – Some
  - **155 people (37.7%) – Little/Rare**
  - 365 people (88.8%) indicated they work with these ages

### Young Adults (18-30 years)
- **411 individuals responded**
  - 121 people (29.4%) – All/Most
  - 206 people (50.1%) – Some
  - **52 people (12.7%) – Little/Rare**
  - 379 people (92.2%) indicated they work with these ages

### Adults (31-65 years)
- **417 individuals responded**
  - 190 people (45.6%) – All/Most
  - 160 people (38.4%) – Some
  - **34 people (8.2%) – Little/Rare**
  - 384 people (92.1%) indicated they work with these ages

### Senior Citizens 65+ years)
- **411 individuals responded**
  - 91 people (22.1%) – All/Most
  - 194 people (47.2%) – Some
  - **64 people (15.6%) – Little/Rare**
  - 349 people (84.9%) indicated they work with these ages
55. Do you have professional liability insurance?
412 individuals answered this question

The pie chart above indicates:

- 238 people (57.5%) – Yes
- 174 people (42.2%) – No
56. DO YOU HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?

385 of 428 (90%) Indicated they have health insurance on their own or with employer contributions

The pie chart above indicates:

- 190 people (44.4%) – Health insurance provided by yourself or someone other than employer
- 175 people (40.1%) – Health insurance provided by an employer
- 20 people (4.7%) – Have both
- 43 people (10%) – Have neither
57. Do you have retirement?

351 / 428 indicated they have a retirement plan on their own or with employer contributions

- 120 people (28%) – Retirement plan (IRA/401K) with employer contributions
- 104 people (24.3%) – Retirement plan (IRA/401K) on your own
- 127 people (29.7%) – Have both
- 77 people (18%) – Have neither

57. DO YOU HAVE RETIREMENT?

351 of 428 (82%) Indicated they have a retirement plan on their own or with employer contributions

The pie chart above indicates:

- 120 people (28%) – Retirement plan (IRA/401K) with employer contributions
- 104 people (24.3%) – Retirement plan (IRA/401K) on your own
- 127 people (29.7%) – Have both
- 77 people (18%) – Have neither
58. HOW DID YOU GET INTO THE FIELD OF INTERPRETING?

430 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 68 people (15.8%) – Immediate family are D/HH/DB
- 75 people (17.4%) – Extended family or close friends are D/HH/DB
- 12 people (2.8%) – Partner or spouse is D/HH/DB
- 95 people (22.1%) – Met an interpreter or Deaf person
- 100 people (23.3%) – I took ASL classes in K-12
- 180 people (41.9%) – I took ASL classes in college
- 146 people (34%) – Decided to pursue interpreting in college
- 75 people (17.4%) – Socializing in the Deaf community
- 32 people (7.4%) – Saw an interpreter or Deaf person in public
- 7 people (1.6%) – Family are interpreters or DHH teachers
59. How did you receive training to become an interpreter? (check all that apply)  
429 individuals answered this question

The donut chart above indicates:

- 385 people (89.7%) – Interpreter Training Program
- 90 people (21%) – Workshops, Trainings, Independent Study
- 65 people (15.2%) – Deaf Community Engagement (no formal training)
- 12 people (2.8%) – 40-hour CDI training (Post – 2016)
- 12 people (2.8%) – 16-hour CDI Training (pre-2016)
60. What year did you begin interpreting for pay?
419 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 12 people – 1975-1979
- 26 people – 1980-1984
- 36 people – 1985-1989
- 43 people – 1990-1994
- 58 people – 2000-2004
- 54 people – 2010-2014
- 56 people – 2015-2019
- 29 people – 2020-2021
61. IF YOU ATTENDED AN ITP, HOW LONG WAS YOUR PROGRAM?

421 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 22 people (5.2%) – Certificate program: 6 months or less
- 53 people (12.6%) – Certificate program: 1 year or less
- 24 people (5.7%) – Certificate program: 2 years or less
- 177 people (42%) – AA/AAS degree: 2-year program
- 106 people (25.2%) – BA/BS degree: 4-year program
- 39 people (9.3%) – I did not attend an ITP
62. What year did you graduate or complete your interpreter training program?

376 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 9 people – 1975-1979
- 23 people – 1980-1984
- 24 people – 1985-1989
- 49 people – 1990-1994
- 40 people – 1995-1999
- 55 people – 2000-2004
- 51 people – 2005-2009
- 52 people – 2010-2014
- 50 people – 2015-2019
- 23 people – 2020-2021
63. YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MOST COMMONLY CONSISTS OF? (Choose 3)

417 individuals answered this question

The pie chart above indicates:

- 105 people (25.2%) – Mentoring/practice sessions
- 126 people (30.2%) – Community involvement
- 141 people (33.8%) – Independent study
- 314 people (75.3%) – In-Person workshops or conferences
- 292 people (70%) – Live webinars
- 58 people (13.9%) – Immersion opportunities (i.e., Camp ASL)
- 130 people (31.2%) – Regional or National conferences
64. How many hours of professional development do you do per year?
418 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 83 people (19.9%) – 0-10 hours
- 150 people (35.9%) – 11-20 hours
- 99 people (23.7%) – 21-30 hours
- 33 people (7.9%) – 31-40 hours
- 53 people (12.7%) – 40+ hours
65. Within the last two years, what has been your mentoring experience? (check all that apply)

419 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 183 people (43.7%) – Have not participated in mentoring
- 145 people (34.6%) – Worked as a mentor
- 32 people (7.6%) – Worked with a Deaf language mentor
- 36 people (8.6%) – Worked with a Deaf interpreter mentor
- 96 people (22.9%) – Worked with a hearing interpreter mentor
- 66 people (15.8%) – Participated in group mentoring
- 37 people (8.8%) – Participated in an organized program
- 23 people (5.5%) – Paid for a mentor out of pocket
66. Where are the top 3 places you go to seek out professional support and involvement?
417 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 72 people (17.3%) – Professors/Presenters
- 127 people (30.5%) – Mentors
- 69 people (16.5%) – Supervisor
- 333 people (79.9%) – Interpreter Colleagues
- 51 people (12.2%) – Email Listservs
- 69 people (16.5%) – Interpreter Referral Agencies
- 19 people (4.6%) – Alumni Groups
- 237 people (56.8%) – Workshops or conferences
- 95 people (22.8%) – Local MN organizations
- 59 people (14.1%) – National Organizations
- 14 people (3.4%) – Other: Deaf consumers and friends, therapist, life coach, and church

419 individuals answered this question

• 237 people (56.8%) – Workshops or conferences
• 95 people (22.8%) – Local MN organizations
• 59 people (14.1%) – National Organizations
• 14 people (3.4%) – Other: Deaf Consumers, colleagues, friends, church, life coach, professional counselor
67. Outside of your (paid) work as an interpreter, how much time do you use ASL? 
421 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 37 people (8.8%) – Always
- 101 people (24%) – Often
- 158 people (37.5%) – Sometimes
- 112 people (26.6%) – Rarely
- 13 people (3.1%) – Never
68. On average, how many volunteer/pro-bono interpreting hours do you do per year? 
404 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:

- 105 people (26%) – 0 hours
- 91 people (22.5%) – 1-5 hours
- 90 people (22.3%) – 6-10 hours
- 16 people (4%) – 11-15 hours
- 35 people (8.7%) – 16-20 hours
- 21 people (5.2%) – 21-30 hours
- 6 people (1.5%) – 31-40 hours
- 10 people (2.5%) – 41-50 hours
- 17 people (4.2%) – 51-100 hours
- 13 people (3.2%) – 101+ hours
69. HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?
(Check all that apply)

402 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates percent of the total 402 people for each:

- 209 people (52%) – Advocating for a Deaf Interpreter team
- 171 people (42.5%) – Encouraged someone to become a Deaf interpreter
- 265 people (65.9%) – Encouraged someone to become a hearing interpreter
- 177 people (44%) – Repetitive Motion Injuries
- 70 people (17.4%) – Injury of another nature from interpreting assignments
- 204 people (50.7%) – Stress impacting family or personal mental health
- 219 people (54.5%) – Burnout from interpreting
- 103 people (25.6%) – Blatant discrimination while interpreting
- 174 people (43.3%) – Microaggressions while interpreting
- 207 people (51.5%) – Vicarious Trauma from interpreting
- 86 people (21.4%) – Vicarious Trauma from interpreting
- 188 people (46.8%) – Isolation as a working interpreter
69. Continued... 21 Other comments from this section:

Body:
• Depression due to having severe arthritis and not being able to work like I used to
• Muscle pain and mental fatigue
• Ergonomics with DB persons in neck and shoulders

Emotional/mental harm:
• Abuse from clients
• Stalker, slashed tires, threats
• Interpreting for immediate Deaf family in stressful situations
• Impact on family life due to last minute interpreting ER
• Compassion fatigue

Related to Money:
• Overworked to make a living in VRS
• Not being able to raise my rate to a decent rate because of all the agency's competition and price capping. We are supposed to be independent contractors who set our own rates, yet agencies set caps and won't advocate for higher pay for senior level interpreters
• Training and certification requirements outpace how much I am able to make both financially and timewise

Work Ethic
• Witnessed unprofessional work ethic by co-workers (interpreters)
• Explain the role of Deaf interpreters
• Extreme frustration working with inadequate teams.
• Deaf cultural confusion of working with VRS interpreter

Related to Education Admin and DHH Teachers
• Encouraged someone to become a DHH teacher
• For #57, lacking support from administration in the school district, but NOT from my colleagues in the school or the community.
• Horizontal violence from DHH teachers and other staff at my primary worksite

Other:
• None. I am so fried with interpreting that sadly interpreting pro-bono or just for enjoyment anymore is not an option. This career choice has completely made me burn out. I work now to pay my bills sadly and don't find joy in it anymore. I work a ton of hours and many interpreters feel the way I do. I give and give and give and volunteered for many years now I cannot anymore. When I'm not working, I don't want to sign or spend time with the deaf community at all. I'm trying daily and desperately to make a career change. I had no idea this field takes and takes from interpreters, sadly I no longer enjoy my work. I used to love providing for the Deaf community. I would sadly never encourage anyone to go into this field, it's so isolating, there is no ladder to climb and VRS destroys your body, and they don't give pay increases it's so sad.
• A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT JOB
• YEP all of it!
70. Data Comparison: Encouraging growth of our field
402 individuals answered this question

The bar graph above indicates:
• 52% Total – Have advocated for a Deaf Interpreter team
  - 71% DI  - 62% CODA  - 50% HI
• 43% Total – Have encouraged someone to become a Deaf interpreter
  - 82% DI  - 54% CODA  - 39% HI
• 66% Total – Have encouraged someone to become a hearing interpreter
  - 71% DI  - 82% CODA  - 64% HI
71. Data Comparison: Discrimination, Microaggression, and Horizontal Violence among POC, DI, and CODA

402 individuals answered this question
- 23 People of Color (POC)
- 17 Deaf Interpreters (DI)
- 39 Children of Deaf Adults/Deaf Parented (CODA) *Note, two are also Deaf Interpreters

The bar graph above indicates:
- 26% Total – Have experienced blatant discrimination while interpreting
  - 35% POC  - 6% DI  - 28% CODA
- 43% Total – Have experienced microaggression while interpreting
  - 48% POC  - 29% DI  - 51% CODA
- 21% Total – Have experienced horizontal violence while interpreting
  - 22% POC  - 18% DI  - 23% CODA
72. DATA COMPARISON, YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND RATE FOR DAYS AND EVENINGS/WEEKENDS

The bar chart above indicates average rate for day, evening/weekends, and overall average:

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* Those represented in other states were three from ND, 1 from NV, 1 from WA, 8 from WI. Not all individuals answered each rate question.

*Answers with $5 or less were eliminated so as not to skew data.

On the next page (or below) is another bar chart of this same data grouped in a different configuration to easier compare variation among regions.
73. Data Comparison: Regions and Average Rate for Days and Evening/Weekends

- Central
- Metro
- North East
- North West
- Southern
- Other States

Days

Evenings/Weekends

Overall Average