THE PEACE CORPS COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON

Washington Peace Corps Volunteers

![Graph showing the number of volunteers from 1968 to 2019.]

- **WASHINGTON VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961:** 9,980
- **CURRENTLY SERVING:** 271

*Based on Peace Corps data as of September 30, 2019.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE PEACE CORPS COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON

1. In 2019, Washington ranked eighth in the nation, sending 271 Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. On a per capita basis, the Bellingham region ranked fifth in the country in sending volunteers abroad.

2. The University of Washington ranked fifth among large colleges and universities in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas in 2019. Among small colleges and universities, Pacific Lutheran University, University of Puget Sound, Evergreen State College, and Whitworth University all ranked in the top 15 in sending volunteers abroad.

3. Washington is home to two National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups: The Seattle Area Peace Corps Association (SEAPAX) and the Spokane-based Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association.

4. In 2020, the Seattle Area Peace Corps Association will co-host Peace Corps Connect, a national gathering that will bring hundreds of members of the Peace Corps community to Seattle.

5. 2019 activities of the Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association included organizing two Peace Corps educational/recruitment movie events, participating in an oral history project at Gonzaga University, and providing food and financial support to a local immigrant family.

*Based on data from Peace Corps, “A Call to Peace,” and other National Peace Corps Association surveys.

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