The Peace Corps Community in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Peace Corps Volunteers

- **Pennsylvania Volunteers since 1961**: 8,671
- **Evacuated Pennsylvania Volunteers as of March 2020**: 273

Volunteers Through the Years

- **2019**: 293
- **2016**: 300
- **2018**: 291
- **2015**: 286
- **2017**: 296
- **1966**: 630

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Pennsylvania

1. In 2020, Pennsylvania ranked 6th in the nation, sending 273 Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. On a per capita basis, the State College region ranked 9th in the country in sending volunteers abroad.

2. Among large colleges and universities, Penn State University ranked 15th in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Among medium colleges and universities, the University of Pennsylvania tied for 21st in sending volunteers overseas, while Bucknell University and Allegheny College tied for 4th among small institutions.

3. Pennsylvania is home to four National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups: the Philadelphia Area Peace Corps Association, the Pittsburgh Area Peace Corps Association, the Mountain Laurel Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) of Northeast Pennsylvania (Lehigh Valley), and the South Central Pennsylvania Peace Corps Association (Gettysburg).

4. For many years, members of the Pittsburgh Area Peace Corps Association organize monthly volunteering at Global Links, a medical relief and development organization dedicated to promoting environmental stewardship and improved health in Latin America and the Caribbean.

5. Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in India from 1968-1970. Former mayors Thomas Murphy of Pittsburgh and Tom McMahon of Reading also served in the Peace Corps.

*Based on data from Peace Corps, National Peace Corps Association, and other news sources.*