

The Peace Corps Community in California

California Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	31,909	2020: 817	2017: 873
		2019: 851	2016: 916
2023 CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS	205	2018: 836	1966: 1,971

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in California

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In 2023 California led the nation in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Back In 2019, the greater Los Angeles area ranked 6th in the nation in sending volunteers. The University of California-Berkeley ranked 9th in 2019/2020 and 1st all-time among large colleges and universities sending volunteers abroad.

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California is home to six National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups, at work in San Diego, Santa Barbara, Orange County, Los Angeles, San Francisco (Bay Region), and Sacramento.

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In 2022, the Northern California Peace Corps Association donated more than \$24,000 to six different humanitarian projects, including support for internally displaced people in Ukraine, equipment and lighting to support a computer lab at a girls school in Nigeria, and funds to complete a community center in Mozambique.

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Recent activities of the San Diego Peace Corps Association included participating this past January in a clean up with the San Diego River Park Foundation, and preparing and serving dinner last June at Rachel's Women's Shelter.

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For twenty years, the RPCVs of Los Angeles donated more than \$20,000 through its Jean Yamanaka Memorial Fund to support international development projects. Volunteer work of the Orange County Peace Corps Association includes work with KCET public television, Habitat for Humanity, and Hugs for Seniors.

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