

The Peace Corps Community in the District of Columbia

D.C. Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

D.C. VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	2,525	2020: 124	2017: 60
		2019: 128	2016: 54
2023 D.C. VOLUNTEERS	17	2018: 100	1966: 79

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in D.C.

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In 2020, the greater Washington D.C. region led the nation among major metropolitan areas in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. The region also ranked 1st in 2020 when compared with states in sending volunteers on a per capita basis.

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Among medium colleges and universities, the George Washington University ranked 1st in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas, while American University ranked 2nd and Georgetown University was tied for 11th.

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The Peace Corps has educational partnerships with American University, the Catholic University of America, Gallaudet University, Georgetown University, and George Washington University.

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2023 community service activities of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of greater Washington included participating in a clean up of the Potomac River, and volunteering with the Capital Area Food Bank.

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After serving in the Peace Corps, D.C. resident Rahama Wright launched Shea Yeleen, a shea butter brand with the mission to create living wage jobs for women in Northern Ghana. Because of her efforts, Wright was appointed in 2014 and remains a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa.

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

