

## The Peace Corps Community in Idaho

### Idaho Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

IDAHO VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	1,471	2020: 41	2017: 60
		2019: 58	2016: 54
2023 IDAHO VOLUNTEERS	19	2018: 60	1966: 54

## 5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Idaho

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National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Inland-Northwest Peace Corps Association and the Boise based Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs). 2023 activities of the Idaho RPCVs included raising \$1,500 to support the work of the Boise-based Agency for New Americans.

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Among medium colleges and universities, Boise State University tied for 14th in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas.

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Peace Corps has educational partnerships with Boise State University and Idaho State University. The school's Peace Corps Prep programs outline areas of study intended to make students more competitive applicants for Peace Corps service.

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Former Rexburg mayor Shawn Larsen, who is currently serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Timor-Leste, is working with a counterpart on a project to introduce bamboo pellet cooking stoves, which would reduce CO2 emissions compared to wood fires.

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Judith Eighmy of Meridian, who served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana at age 72, was one of the first to be honored with the Idaho Women Veterans Medallion. After serving in the Navy, Eighmy worked as a nursing consultant and educator in long-term care and hospice.

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