

The Peace Corps Community in Illinois

Illinois Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

ILLINOIS
VOLUNTEERS
SINCE 1961

9,318

2020: **274**

2017: **325**

2019: **279**

2016: **301**

2023
ILLINOIS
VOLUNTEERS

53

2018: **312**

1966: **699**

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Illinois

1

In 2023, Illinois was tied for 14th in the nation in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. In 2020 the greater Chicago region ranked 3rd among major metropolitan areas in sending volunteers.

2

Among medium colleges and universities, Loyola University of Chicago tied for 11th in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Northwestern University and Southern Illinois University ranked 16th and 19th in sending volunteers overseas.

3

Peace Corps has educational partnerships with Twelve Institutions, across the state, including Aurora University, DePaul University, Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, Northeastern Illinois University, Monmouth College, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and Western Illinois University.

4

National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Chicago Area Peace Corps Association (CAPCA), which held its annual fundraising dinner in December, 2023. Proceeds will support small grants to serving volunteers, CAPCA's scholarship program, and other local non-profit organizations.

5

Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and Springfield native Carlos Ortega was recently appointed as the new executive director of Downtown Springfield Incorporated, the city's downtown business association.

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