

## The Peace Corps Community in Maryland

### Maryland Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

MARYLAND  
VOLUNTEERS  
SINCE 1961

6,549

2020: 255

2017: 250

2019: 259

2016: 241

2023

MARYLAND  
VOLUNTEERS

75

2018: 257

1966: 193

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

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In 2023, Maryland ranked 8th in the nation in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. In 2020, the Washington D.C./Suburban Maryland region ranked 1st among major metropolitan areas in sending volunteers.

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Among large colleges and universities, the University of Maryland-College Park ranked 4th in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Among small colleges and universities, St. Mary's College was tied for 13th in sending volunteers overseas.

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Maryland is home to two National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups: The Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) of Greater Washington, and the Baltimore based Maryland Peace Corps Association.

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In December 2023, RPCV Martha Shimkin was named by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as the Director of the Chesapeake Bay Program Office, which has managed and coordinated restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed over the past four decades.

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RPCV Susan Elias is the Executive Director of Moveable Feast, a Baltimore-based non-profit organization helping residents with chronic illnesses by providing travel dieticians for thousands of afflicted Marylanders each year.

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