

The Peace Corps Community in Minnesota

Minnesota Peace Corps Volunteers		Volunteers Through the Years	
MINNESOTA VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	7,093	2020: 171	2017: 217
		2019: 195	2016: 232
2023 MINNESOTA VOLUNTEERS	41	2018: 215	1966: 404

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Minnesota

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In 2020, Minnesota ranked 15th in the nation in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. On a per capita basis, Minnesota ranked 10th in the nation. Also in 2020, among major metropolitan areas, the Minneapolis–Saint Paul–Bloomington region ranked 4th in the nation in sending volunteers abroad.

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Among large colleges and universities, the University of Minnesota ranked 7th in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Among small colleges and universities, Macalester College was tied for 7th and Carleton College was tied for 16th in sending volunteers overseas.

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The University of Minnesota and St. Catherine University have educational partnerships with the Peace Corps. St. Catherine University also has a Peace Corps Prep program, providing areas of study to make students more competitive Peace Corps applicants.

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National Peace Corps Association affiliates include the Minnesota Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (MNRPCVs). Recent activity includes fundraising and volunteer initiatives to address local poverty, refugee assistance and climate change.

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Service leaders from around the country came to Plainview on November 4, 2023 to mark the launch of a National Service Park. Plans for this park include the creation of a Peace Corps Plaza.

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