

The Peace Corps Community in New York

New York Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	14,561	2020: 395	2017: 485
		2019: 413	2016: 449
2023 NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS	104	2018: 475	1966: 1,460

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in New York

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In 2023, and for more than a decade, New York ranks 2nd in the nation in recruiting Peace Corps Volunteers. Most recent statistics ranked the greater New York City region 2nd among major metropolitan areas in recruiting volunteers. The Ithaca region ranked 4th in the nation on a per capita basis.

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Among medium colleges and universities, Cornell ranked 6th in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas, while SUNY Geneseo ranked 8th. Among small colleges and universities, St. Lawrence University ranked 1st in sending volunteers, while Hobart and William Smith Colleges tied for 16th.

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New York is home to six National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups, at work in Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Long Island, New York City, and Rochester.

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Recent activities of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) of Buffalo and Western New York have included support services for local refugees and asylum seekers, and fundraising support for global solar energy projects.

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2023 recipients of Peace Corps' prestigious Franklin Williams awards (given to community members of diverse backgrounds who make significant contributions to promote greater understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans) included Terrell Starr of Brooklyn and Rob Watson Jr. of Poughkeepsie.

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