

The Peace Corps Community in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

PENNSYLVANIA

VOLUNTEERS

SINCE 1961

8,710

2020: **271**

2017: **296**

2019: **293**

2016: **300**

2023

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VOLUNTEERS

66

2018: **291**

1966: **630**

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Pennsylvania

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In 2023, Pennsylvania ranked ninth in the nation in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. In 2020, on a per capita basis, the State College region ranked 9th nationally, in sending volunteers abroad.

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Among large colleges and universities, Penn State University ranked 15th in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Among medium colleges and universities, the University of Pennsylvania tied for 21st in sending volunteers overseas, while Bucknell University and Allegheny College tied for 4th among small institutions.

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Pennsylvania is home to four National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups: the Philadelphia Area Peace Corps Association, the Pittsburgh Area Peace Corps Association, the Mountain Laurel Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Northeast Pennsylvania, and the South Central Pennsylvania Peace Corps Association.

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Members of the Pittsburgh Area Peace Corps Association organize volunteering at Global Links, a medical relief and development organization which promotes environmental and health care improvements in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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In January 2023, the Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania (GSHPA) hired Lisa Powers as Chief Operations Officer. Powers previously worked 16 years with the Peace Corps. Her work included co-designing and implementing strategies to promote gender equity and leadership programs for youth around the world.

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