

## The Peace Corps Community in Texas

### Texas Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

TEXAS VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	8,239	2020: 352	2017: 327
		2019: 368	2016: 277
2023 TEXAS VOLUNTEERS	98	2018: 351	1966: 334

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

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In 2023, Texas ranked 4th in the nation in sending Peace Corps volunteers overseas. Over the past decade, Texas has annually ranked among the top ten states in sending volunteers abroad, often ranking in the top five.

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Among large colleges and universities, the University of Texas-Austin ranked 13th in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Among medium colleges and universities, Baylor University was tied for 21st in sending volunteers overseas. The Peace Corps has educational partnerships with eleven colleges and universities across Texas.

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Texas is home to four National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups; the North Texas Peace Corps Association, the Heart of Texas (Austin) Peace Corps Association, the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) of San Antonio, and the Houston Peace Corps Association.

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Members of the Houston Peace Corps Association have provided support to Afghan refugees arriving in the region. Activities include collecting clothes and houseware items, English in the Park, and employment assistance.

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The Heart of Texas Peace Corps Association holds at least one volunteer project each quarter. Over the past year, volunteer projects have focused on assisting with community gardens around Austin, and assisting asylum seekers and refugees.

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