

## The Peace Corps Community in Utah

### Utah Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

UTAH VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	1,222	2020: 36	2017: 41
		2019: 45	2016: 42
2023 UTAH VOLUNTEERS	9	2018: 40	1966: 67

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

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The Peace Corps has educational partnerships with Brigham Young University, and Utah State University. Both schools' Peace Corps Prep programs outline areas of study intended to make students more competitive Peace Corps applicants.

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National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) Association of Utah. In 2022, the group partnered with the fundraising efforts of the RPCVs Alliance for Ukraine, selling Ukrainian calendars and cookbooks.

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Recipients of the University of Utah's 2023 Community Engagement Champions included RPCV Shonna Hemmis, honored for overseeing all aspects of running an Americorps/VISTA project as Director of Public and School Partnerships.

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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 Judith Oki, staff of Salt Lake City's Pathway Associates. Oki was honored for her development services to government and non-governmental organizations.

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During the Trump administration, Peace Corps' 20th Director was Jody Olsen. Olsen was born in Utah and is a graduate of the University of Utah.

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