

The Peace Corps Community in Virginia

Virginia Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	8,362	2020: 355	2017: 352
		2019: 384	2016: 328
2023 VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS	92	2018: 364	1966: 150

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Virginia

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In 2023, Virginia ranked 5th in the nation in sending volunteers overseas. In 2020, the Northern Virginia/Washington DC region ranked 1st in the nation among major metropolitan areas in sending volunteers abroad. In 2020, the Charlottesville area ranked 1st in sending volunteers on a per capita basis, while Blacksburg and Harrisonburg ranked 6th and 10th.

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Among large colleges and universities, the University of Virginia ranked 3rd in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas, while Virginia Tech ranked 14th and James Madison University ranked 25th. Among medium colleges and universities, William and Mary ranked 3rd in sending volunteers overseas.

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Virginia is home to four National Peace Corps affiliate groups, including the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) of Greater Washington DC, the Northern Virginia RPCVs, the RPCVs of Richmond, and the RPCVs of Hampton Roads.

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Regular activities of the Northern Virginia RPCVs include regular participation in hiking trail and watershed clean ups, preparation of welcome kits for area refugees, and staffing a booth at the Reston Multicultural Festival.

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Members of the RPCVs of Richmond are involved with ReEstablish Richmond, a group supporting local refugees. Members also packed 1,000 backpacks of food while volunteering with Feed More in Richmond.

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