

The Peace Corps Community in California

California Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	32,503	2020: 817	2017: 873
		2019: 851	2016: 916
2025 CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS	329	2018: 836	1966: 1,971

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in California

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California leads the nation as nearly one out of every ten currently serving Peace Corps Volunteers come from the state. California also ranks first historically in sending volunteers overseas. The University of California-Berkeley also ranks 1st all-time among large colleges and universities sending volunteers abroad.

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California has National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups in San Diego, Santa Barbara, Orange County, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Sacramento.

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In 2024, the Northern California Peace Corps Association donated nearly \$20,000 to five different humanitarian projects in Guatemala, Sierra Leone, Lesotho, Mali, and Uganda. Sacramento RPCVs raised nearly \$600 for development projects in Tanzania and Togo. An additional \$750 grant from Santa Barbara RPCVs supported a development project in Panama.

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Recent activities of the San Diego Peace Corps Association included donating \$12,000 to support approximately 20 Peace Corps volunteer projects around the world. Volunteer projects include preparing meals at orphanages, providing meals to women's shelters, working at a local food bank, and participating in beach clean ups and habitat restoration.

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For twenty years, the RPCVs of Los Angeles donated more than \$20,000 through its Jean Yamanaka Memorial Fund to support international development projects.

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