

The Peace Corps Community in Colorado

Colorado Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

COLORADO
VOLUNTEERS
SINCE 1961

7,880

2020: **215**

2017: **218**

2019: **233**

2016: **209**

2025
COLORADO
VOLUNTEERS

108

2018: **230**

1966: **256**

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Colorado

1

Colorado ranks 9th in the nation, with more than 100 citizens currently serving in the Peace Corps. Historically, Colorado ranks 11th in the nation in sending volunteers overseas since 1961. Meanwhile, the University of Colorado-Boulder ranks 4th all-time among universities sending Peace Corps volunteers.

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Peace Corps has educational partnerships with seven institutions, including Colorado College, the Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, Regis University, the University of Colorado-Boulder, the University of Denver, and Western Colorado University.

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In 2023 the state of Colorado passed legislation to provide in-state tuition for graduate studies to any Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV), recognizing the qualities, skills, and community leadership that RPCVs can bring to the state.

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2024 service projects of the RPCVs of Colorado included planting and harvesting an RPCV Garden at Civic Center Park in Denver, with produce donated to local food banks. The group also has an adopt-a-highway site in Poudre Canyon, and an ongoing volunteer project at the Colorado Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

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Colorado State University has a Peace Corps Tribute Garden, to commemorate the school's long history with the Peace Corps, dating back to its inception in 1961.

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