

## The Peace Corps Community in Florida

### Florida Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

FLORIDA VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	8,901	2020: 306	2017: 355
		2019: 341	2016: 313
2025 FLORIDA VOLUNTEERS	146	2018: 311	1966: 223

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

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Florida ranks 5th in the nation in sending current Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Historically, Florida ranks 4th in the nation in sending Peace Corps volunteers abroad since 1961.

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Peace Corps has educational partnerships with thirteen universities across the state, including the University of Miami, Eckerd College, the University of Florida, the Universities of Central Florida and South Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida A&M, the University of North Florida, and Florida State University.

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Florida is home to five National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups, located in Jacksonville, Miami, Sarasota, Tallahassee, and Tampa Bay.

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One of the longest service projects of the RPCVs of North Florida is participating in the adopt-a-street program with Keep Tallahassee/Leon County Beautiful. Meanwhile, a longstanding program of the RPCVs of South Florida is an annual outing when up to 100 underprivileged children and youth get to experience Everglades National Park.

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In early 2024, Gene McAvoy of LaBelle was inducted into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame. McAvoy, who spent 25 years as a horticulture agent with the Hendry County Agricultural Extension Office, began his career as a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger, working with local farmers on improving agricultural techniques.

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