

The Peace Corps Community in Idaho

Idaho Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

IDAHO VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	1,530	2020: 41	2017: 60
		2019: 58	2016: 54
2025 IDAHO VOLUNTEERS	30	2018: 60	1966: 54

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Idaho

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National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Inland-Northwest Peace Corps Association and the Boise based Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs). Recent activities of the Idaho RPCVs included raising \$1,500 to support the work of the Boise-based Agency for New Americans, and volunteering at the community garden in Boise's Liberty Park.

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Among lesser populated states, Idaho currently ranks first in the nation, sending approximately 30 Peace Corps Volunteers overseas.

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Peace Corps has educational partnerships with Boise State University and Idaho State University. The schools' Peace Corps Prep programs outline areas of study intended to make students more competitive applicants for Peace Corps service.

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Former Rexburg mayor Shawn Larsen, who is serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Timor-Leste, is working with a counterpart on a project to introduce bamboo pellet cooking stoves, which would reduce CO2 emissions compared to wood fires.

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Judith Eighmy of Meridian, who served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana at age 72, was one of the first to be honored with the Idaho Women Veterans Medallion. After serving in the Navy, Eighmy worked as a nursing consultant and educator in long-term care and hospice.

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