



The Peace Corps Community in Massachusetts

Massachusetts Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

MASSACHUSETTS

VOLUNTEERS

8,957

2020: 241

2017: 232

SINCE 1961

2019: 247

2016: 224

2025

2018: 242

1966: 562

MASSACHUSETTS

91

VOLUNTEERS

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Massachusetts

1

Massachusetts currently ranks 14th in the nation with roughly 90 citizens serving as Peace Corps volunteers overseas. Historically, Massachusetts ranks 8th in the nation concerning the total number of citizens from the state who served in the Peace Corps since 1961.

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The Peace Corps has educational partnerships with eight Massachusetts colleges and universities: Brandeis University, Boston University, Clark University, Mount Holyoke College, Springfield College, Suffolk University, UMass-Boston, and Westfield State University.

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Massachusetts is home to the Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (BARPCV), a National Peace Corps Association affiliate group.

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Recent BARPCV service projects range from volunteering at the Boston Marathon, to supporting the Red Cross Food Pantry in Roxbury and the Greater Boston Food Bank in Dorchester, to invasive plant removal at Arlington Reservoir, and more.

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Beverly resident Larry Durkin, who served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Lesotho in the 1980s, received the 2024 State Leadership Award for Massachusetts from the New England Water Works Association.

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