

The Peace Corps Community in Michigan

Michigan Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

MICHIGAN
VOLUNTEERS
SINCE 1961

7,904

2020: 199

2017: 266

2019: 211

2016: 239

2025
MICHIGAN
VOLUNTEERS

76

2018: 225

1966: 542

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Michigan

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Historically, Michigan ranks 12th in the nation in sending volunteers abroad to serve in the Peace Corps. The University of Michigan ranks 5th in the nation historically in recruiting Peace Corps volunteers, while Michigan State ranks 6th.

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Peace Corps has educational partnerships with four Michigan institutions: Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University, Michigan Tech, and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

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National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Southeastern Michigan Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs), the RPCVs of West Michigan, the Southwestern Michigan RPCVs, and the RPCVs of North Michigan.

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Charitable giving over the years by the Southeastern Michigan RPCVs has included supporting Peace Corps Volunteers in the field working on development projects in Albania, Ecuador, Ghana, Namibia, Senegal, and Togo.

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2023 and early 2024 activities of the RPCVs of North Michigan include preparing dinners at the Safe Harbor homeless shelter in Traverse City, volunteering once a month at a book distribution center that sends books to students in 17 countries. They also sponsored two refugee families (Afghanistan and Ukraine) during the holidays, and volunteered at a MLK Day movie at a local theatre.

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