

The Peace Corps Community in Missouri

Missouri Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

MISSOURI VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	3,715	2020: 117	2017: 110
		2019: 130	2016: 111
2025 MISSOURI VOLUNTEERS	49	2018: 125	1966: 182

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Missouri

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Peace Corps has educational partnerships with Truman State University, University of Central Missouri, Fontbonne University, Missouri State University-Springfield, University of Missouri-Columbia, and Washington University of St. Louis.

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National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the St. Louis Peace Corps Association, the Central Missouri Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs), and the Kansas City Peace Corps Association (KCPCA).

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2024 KCPCA community service projects included volunteering with After the Harvest, which distributes rescued produce to people in need in northwest Missouri.

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In September 2024, the University of Missouri featured Alex McCarty, a graduate from Lee's Summit and Panama Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, who teamed up with another grad to launch an online retail business that specializes in barbecue grills, gas and electric heaters, and outdoor cooking accessories.

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Missouri native and University of Missouri graduate David Gressly has had a forty year career with the United Nations, with high profile roles in Yemen, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, South Sudan, India, Guinea, and Nigeria. His career was launched when he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kenya.

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