

The Peace Corps Community in New Jersey

New Jersey Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

**NEW JERSEY
VOLUNTEERS
SINCE 1961**

5,568

2020: 157

2017: 179

2019: 150

2016: 185

2025

**NEW JERSEY
VOLUNTEERS**

74

2018: 165

1966: 435

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in New Jersey

1

The Peace Corps has educational partnerships with Rutgers University, Monmouth University, William Paterson University, Seton Hall University, and the College of New Jersey.

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At Rutgers University, a plaque has been placed at the first training site for Peace Corps Volunteers. On June 25, 1961, the first volunteers headed for Colombia converged on the Rutgers campus to begin their training.

3

National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) of New Jersey.

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The RPCVs of New Jersey take part in a longstanding volunteer project involving potato planting in April and August at the Howell Living History Farm in Lambertville. The produce is donated to Trenton area soup kitchens and food pantries, averaging one ton per year since 1986.

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Since 2011 – the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps – the north and southbound lanes of Interstate 78 in New Jersey have included road signs honoring the Peace Corps and the thousands of state residents who served their nation.

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

