

The Peace Corps Community in North Carolina

North Carolina Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years			
NORTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS 4,969	2020: 217	2017: 230	
SINCE 1961	2019: 229	2016: 214	
2025 NORTH CAROLINA 109 VOLUNTEERS	2018: 230	1966: 127	

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in North Carolina

North Carolina currently ranks 8th in the nation, sending approximately 110 Peace Corps Volunteers overseas.

Peace Corps has educational partnerships with Appalachian State University, Duke University, Elon University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Central University, UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Pembroke, and Wake Forest University.

National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Charlotte Area Peace Corps Association, the Coastal Carolina Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs), the North Carolina Peace Corps Association, the Winston-Salem RPCVs, and the Western North Carolina RPCVs.

Fundraising by the Western North Carolina RPCVs allowed the group to purchase 200 quality children's books and donate them in early 2025 to the Literacy Together Education Center in Asheville.

For more than 20 years, the North Carolina Peace Corps Association has awarded its North Carolina Peace Prize, which honors small, community based groups that honor the values of the Peace Corps. The 2025 Peace Prize was awarded to the non-profit Vets to Vets United, which uses therapy dogs to help military veterans deal with challenges resulting from their service.

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