

The Peace Corps Community in Ohio

Ohio Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

OHIO VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	7,943	2020: 223	2017: 218
		2019: 236	2016: 224
2025 OHIO VOLUNTEERS	102	2018: 225	1966: 558

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Ohio

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Historically, Ohio ranks 11th in the nation in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas since 1961. Ohio currently ranks 12th in the nation, with approximately 100 citizens serving in the Peace Corps at this time.

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Peace Corps has educational partnerships with ten institutions: Antioch University, Bowling Green State University, Case Western Reserve University, the University of Cincinnati, College of Wooster, Hiram College, Kenyon College, Walsh University, Wilmington College, and Wittenberg University.

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National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Cincinnati Returned Volunteers, the Central Ohio Returned Volunteer Association, and the Northern Ohio Returned Volunteer Association.

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Since 2001, the Central Ohio Returned Volunteers sold watermelon at the Columbus community arts festival, raising more than \$56,000 for charitable giving, including more than \$4,300 raised in 2024. Recent donations were made to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Community Refugee & Immigration Services - Ohio, Heifer Project, and Pedals for Progress.

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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers from Ohio include former Governor Bob Taft (Tanzania 1963-65), for Congressman Tony Hall (Thailand 1966-67), and former Congressman Steve Driehaus (Senegal 1988-90).

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