

The Peace Corps Community in Oregon

Oregon Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

OREGON VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	6,722	2020: 167	2017: 177
		2019: 177	2016: 156
2025 OREGON VOLUNTEERS	80	2018: 190	1966: 238

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Oregon

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Historically, Oregon ranks 15th in the nation in sending volunteers overseas since 1961. The Portland–Vancouver–Hillsboro region regularly ranks in the top ten among major metropolitan areas in producing volunteers.

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Among small colleges and universities, Oregon Health and Science University ranks 4th in the nation historically, producing nearly 450 Peace Corps Volunteers since 1961. Lewis and Clark College ranks 10th, producing nearly 350 Peace Corps Volunteers since 1961.

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Through its Coverdell Fellowship program, the Peace Corps has educational partnerships with the University of Oregon's Department of Global Studies, and Willamette University's Law School as well as the Atkinson Graduate School of Management. The University of Oregon also has a Peace Corps Prep program.

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National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Portland Peace Corps Association, and the Eugene based West Cascade Peace Corps Association (WCPCA).

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Activities of the Portland Peace Corps Association include volunteering weekly at the Oregon Food Bank. The group has raised more than \$53,000 for charitable grants since 2009. In 2022 WCPCA raised \$15,000 to support humanitarian relief to Ukraine. Since 1986, WCPCA charitable giving has surpassed \$65,000.

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