



The Peace Corps Community in Utah

Utah Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

UTAH VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	1,253	2020: 36	2017: 41
		2019: 45	2016: 42
2025 UTAH VOLUNTEERS	22	2018: 40	1966: 67

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Utah

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The Peace Corps has educational partnerships with Brigham Young University, and Utah State University. Both schools' Peace Corps Prep programs outline areas of study intended to make students more competitive Peace Corps applicants.

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National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) Association of Utah. In 2024, the group conducted fundraising and assisted the organization Kiva with the disbursement of small life-changing microloans to underserved individuals around the world.

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Paul Sigala, Associate Professor with the University of Utah Department of Biochemistry, whose work includes leading efforts to combat malaria, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana from 1999-2001.

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Recent recipients of Peace Corps' prestigious Franklin Williams awards (given to community members of diverse backgrounds who make significant contributions to promote greater understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans) included Judith Oki, staff of Salt Lake City's Pathway Associates. Oki was honored for her development services to government and non-governmental organizations.

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During the first Trump administration, Peace Corps' 20th Director was Jody Olsen. Olsen was born in Utah and is a graduate of the University of Utah.

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