

## The Peace Corps Community in Virginia

### Virginia Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

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| VIRGINIA<br>VOLUNTEERS<br>SINCE 1961 | 8,620 | 2020: 355 | 2017: 352 |
|                                      |       | 2019: 384 | 2016: 328 |
| 2025<br>VIRGINIA<br>VOLUNTEERS       | 166   | 2018: 364 | 1966: 150 |

### 5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Virginia

1

Virginia currently ranks 3rd in the nation with approximately 170 Virginians serving in the Peace Corps. Historically, Virginia ranks 8th in the nation in sending volunteers overseas since 1961. Historically among medium colleges and universities, William and Mary ranks 8th nationally, providing nearly 700 volunteers since 1961.

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Peace Corps has educational partnerships with nine colleges/universities: George Mason University, James Madison University, University of Mary Washington, Mennonite University, William & Mary, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia State University, and Virginia Tech.

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Virginia is home to four National Peace Corps affiliate groups, including the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) of Greater Washington DC, the Northern Virginia RPCVs, the RPCVs of Richmond, and the RPCVs of Hampton Roads.

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Regular activities of the Northern Virginia RPCVs include regular participation in hiking trail and watershed clean ups, preparation of welcome kits for area refugees, and staffing a booth at the Reston Multicultural Festival.

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RPCV JJ Singh (Bolivia 2002-04) is the newest member of the Virginia House of Delegates, winning a special election in January, 2025. He represents part of Loudoun County.

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