

The Peace Corps Community in Washington

Washington Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

WASHINGTON
VOLUNTEERS
SINCE 1961

10,180

2020: **241**

2017: **300**

2019: **271**

2016: **317**

2025
WASHINGTON
VOLUNTEERS

103

2018: **285**

1966: **381**

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Washington

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Currently, Washington ranks 11th eleventh in the nation in sending volunteers overseas at this time. Historically, Washington ranks 3rd in the nation in producing Peace Corps Volunteers since 1961.

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Among large colleges and universities, the University of Washington ranks 3rd historically, providing more than 2,300 graduates to the Peace Corps since 1961. Among medium colleges and universities, Western Washington State ranks 1st historically, providing nearly 1,000 graduates to the Peace Corps since 1961.

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Washington is home to two National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups, the Seattle Area Peace Corps Association (SEAPAX) and the Spokane based Inland-Northwest Peace Corps Association (INPCA).

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In 2024, the Inland-Northwest Peace Corps Association made cash donations to Feast World Kitchen, Refugee and Immigrant Connections/Spokane, and Manzanita House, all of which work with refugee/immigrant populations.

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From October 2020 through December 2022, fourteen Returned Peace Corps Volunteers assisted Seattle and King County Public Health in supporting COVID-19 response efforts; fielding an average of 145 calls per day and providing bilingual services. King County extended the program five times due to its success.

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