

## **Idaho Among Peace Corps' Top Volunteer-Producing States in 2014** *State Climbs the Rankings for the Third Consecutive Year*

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WASHINGTON, December 16, 2014 – The Peace Corps today released the 2014 rankings of the top volunteer-producing states and metropolitan areas across the country. Idaho ranked No. 6 among states with the highest number of Peace Corps volunteers per capita, with 4.2 volunteers currently serving worldwide for every 100,000 residents.

“Peace Corps volunteers promote a better understanding of Americans around the world by sharing their unique hometown perspective during their service,” Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet said. “As we forge a modern Peace Corps for modern times, we remain committed to building a volunteer force that reflects the rich diversity of our country, and doing more to recruit and retain the best and brightest across the country.”

Since the Peace Corps was established in 1961, 1,328 Peace Corps volunteers from Idaho have traveled abroad to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. The state produced 67 volunteers this year and jumped up one spot on the per capita list from No. 7 in 2013 and three spots from its No. 10 spot in 2012.

“We applaud the volunteers from Idaho who have become global citizens by sharing their talents overseas and building friendships that will last a lifetime,” said Erin Carlson, acting manager of the Peace Corps West Coast Region. “This is the third consecutive year the state has ranked among the top ten per capita producers of Peace Corps volunteers.”

The Peace Corps has eight regional recruitment offices across the United States that work closely with prospective Peace Corps volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to ensure that all Americans who want to serve have the opportunity to do so. The West Coast regional recruitment office serves Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Peace Corps recruiters are based locally throughout the region. Find the regional recruitment office near you by visiting the [Peace Corps website](#). To view a list of volunteer numbers from all 50 states, click [here](#).