



Public Health AmeriCorps

Member Exit Survey Biannual Data Snapshot (October 2024)

Public Health AmeriCorps (PHA) is a partnership between AmeriCorps and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that has enabled the recruitment, training, and development of a new generation of public health leaders who are ready to respond to the needs of the nation by serving their communities. PHA has two main goals:

1. Address public health needs of local communities by providing support in state and local public health settings and advancing equitable health outcomes for underserved communities.
2. Create pathways to public health-related careers through onsite experience and training, and recruiting AmeriCorps members who reflect the communities they serve.

As of October 2024, 4,217 PHA members have completed or exited their service since the program's launch in April 2022. This fact sheet offers a snapshot of results for the 3,222 PHA members who completed the AmeriCorps Member Exit Survey (response rate of 76.4 percent). The analysis will be updated on a biannual basis as additional PHA members end their service and complete the MES. These findings are preliminary and do not demonstrate overall program impact. A comprehensive evaluation of PHA member outcomes is underway and will be available in early 2025.

The AmeriCorps Member Exit Survey

At the end of service, AmeriCorps members are invited to take a survey to capture insights about their experience and attitudes. Over 350,000 AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, and AmeriCorps NCCC members have completed the AmeriCorps MES since April 2015.

Key Findings



Public Health AmeriCorps members are motivated by the opportunity to gain skills and experience, work with people who share their ideals, and solve community needs.

"It confirmed that I belong in this health field and this is my calling!"



"My AmeriCorps service has exposed me to a vast world of public health, opening doors that I didn't even know were a viable option for me."

**Gain General Skills for
School or Work (92%)**



**Solve Community
Need (93%)**



**Top Reasons
for Joining
Public Health
AmeriCorps**



**Direct Experience
(91%)**

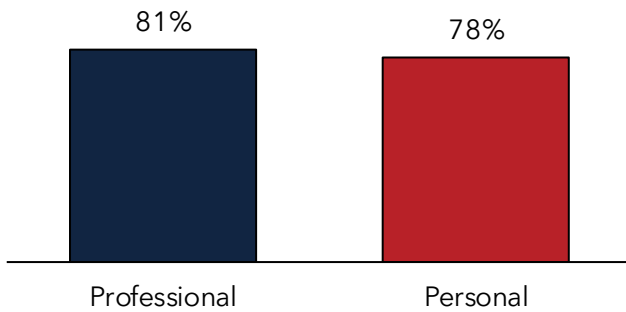


**Work with People that
Share Ideals (90%)**



Public Health AmeriCorps members are interested in public health careers and see their AmeriCorps service as a defining professional and personal experience.

Percentage of Public Health AmeriCorps members agreeing that their AmeriCorps service was a defining professional or personal experience



"My AmeriCorps service ... challenged me to grow beyond my comfort zone, especially through learning Python and developing leadership skills ... I emerged from the program with a clearer vision of my career path."



"My AmeriCorps service led to a career aspirations shift. I entered service two years ago, feeling like I was called to become an ordained medical chaplain. Now, I am preparing to join a Master's in Public Health program."



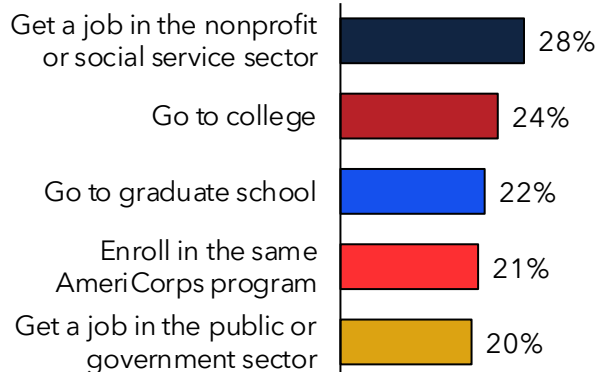
After completing their service, Public Health AmeriCorps members plan to look for work in the non-profit/social service sector, continue their education, re-enroll in PHA, and/or look for work in the public/government sector.

"... AmeriCorps really gives a good introduction into different career options with depth and helps give so many individuals, including myself, a sense of direction."



"It allowed me to transition from university to full-time work in a way that was not abrupt or stressful."

Percentage of Public Health AmeriCorps members indicating what they planned to do in the six months after their service



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