



# Public Health AmeriCorps

## Member Exit Survey Biannual Data Snapshot (April 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 September 2023, 1,319 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 980 PHA members who completed the AmeriCorps Member Exit Survey (response rate of 73 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.

"I got to experience a wide array of topics in healthcare that helped ignite a passion for me to pursue working with the medically underserved."



"My AmeriCorps service provided me with trainings, experience, and situations that I would probably not have an opportunity otherwise for years, if at all."

**Gain General Skills for School or Work (93%)**



**Solve Community Need (93%)**



**Top Reasons for Joining Public Health AmeriCorps**



**Direct Experience (92%)**

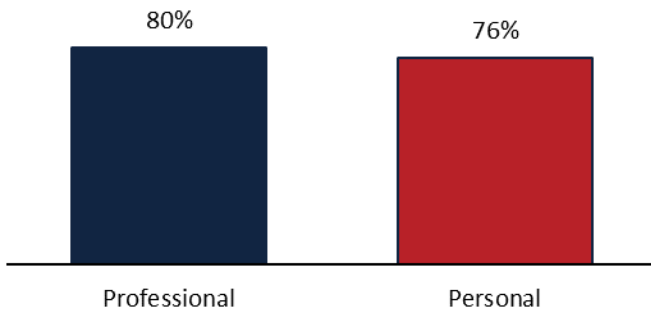


**Work with People that Share Ideals (92%)**



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



"This experience allowed me to serve directly in 'feet-on-the-ground' public health work. It confirmed my passion for community health, health behavior change, public speaking, and working on a team to address public health issues."

"I learned so much about myself and the world around me during my service term. I believe that this was one of the best decisions I could have made in my early 20's."



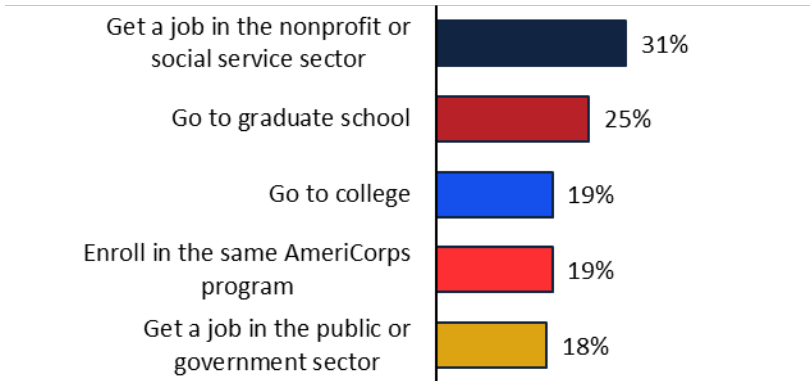
After completing their service, Public Health AmeriCorps members plan to look for work in the non-profit/social service sector, continue their education, re-enroll in PHA, and/or look for work in the public/government sector.

"AmeriCorps solidified my choice to remain in and further pursue a career in public health."



"Before AmeriCorps I felt kind of lost and listless, it brought everything into focus and gave me a direction to pursue for my future career and education."

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



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