



Illinois by the Numbers

**9,447**

Members & Volunteers

**1,111**

Service Locations

**\$48.6m**

Total Investment

Meeting Needs in Illinois

Last year more than 9,400 Americans of all ages and backgrounds united to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and expand opportunity through national service in Illinois. AmeriCorps invested more than \$34.3 million in federal funding to support cost-effective community solutions, working hand in hand with local partners to empower individuals to help communities tackle their toughest challenges.

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers are preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs, connecting veterans to services, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping older adults age with dignity, rebuilding communities after disasters, and improving literacy and graduation rates for youth from early education to high school.

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers served at more than 1100 locations across Illinois, including schools, food banks, homeless shelters, youth centers, veterans' facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations. Through a unique public-private partnership, AmeriCorps and its partners generated more than \$14.2 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in Illinois last year. This local support strengthened community impact and increased the return on taxpayer dollars.



What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen community engagement.



Bringing Out the Best in America

More than 200,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve each year, empowering millions more to meet needs in their communities. By bringing people together to serve communities, AmeriCorps is making service to others an indispensable part of the American experience.



Segal AmeriCorps Education Award

After successful completion of service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to pay for qualified educational costs. Since 1994, more than 53,000 Illinois residents have served approximately 76 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$193.2 million. Higher education institutions and other organizations in Illinois have received more than \$88.7 million in education award payments since 1994.

Our Programs and Initiatives

AmeriCorps State and National awards grants to organizations to engage individuals in sustained service to address local, regional, and national challenges. Thousands of opportunities exist in locations across the country to serve with nonprofits, schools, public agencies, tribes, and community and faith-based groups. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to Serve Illinois, the Governor-appointed State Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to organizations to respond to local needs.

AmeriCorps VISTA places individuals with nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and tribal governments to expand reach and deepen impact in making sustainable change that alleviates the impact of poverty. Through fundraising, volunteer recruitment, program development, and more, AmeriCorps members gain experience and leadership skills that put them on track for a life of service in the public, private, or nonprofit sector.

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time service program that covers all costs of program participation, to include lodging and travel expenses, allowing young adults to serve on a team and make an impact in communities across the country while gaining valuable leadership skills. AmeriCorps NCCC FEMA Corps serves communities, in coordination with FEMA, through disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program provides grants to organizations to engage low-income Americans aged 55 and older in providing one-on-one mentoring and academic support to children with special or exceptional needs. In 2023, Foster Grandparents in Illinois served more than 6,130 young people with special needs.

AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion Program provides grants to organizations to engage low-income Americans aged 55 and older in providing supportive, individualized services to help homebound seniors and other adults maintain their dignity and independence. In 2023, Seniors Companions in Illinois provided independent living support to more than 190 individuals.

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP provides grants to organizations to engage Americans aged 55 and older in tutoring and mentoring youth, responding to natural disasters, supporting veterans and their families, and meeting other critical needs.

Volunteer Generation Fund supports voluntary organizations and state service commissions in boosting the impact of volunteers in addressing critical community needs.

MLK Day of Service observed each year on the third Monday in January, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King and improve their communities.

9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance calls Americans across the country to volunteer in their local communities in tribute to the individuals lost and injured in the attacks, first responders, and the many who have risen in service to defend freedom since Sept. 11, 2001.

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Program Funding

	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Awards	Federal Funding
AmeriCorps National	37	172	847	\$3,717,308	\$8,162,418
AmeriCorps NCCC	6	6	42	-	-
AmeriCorps State	32	232	763	\$3,301,652	\$6,876,598
AmeriCorps VISTA	25	56	105	\$739,975	\$2,585,968
AmeriCorps Programs Subtotal	100	466	1,757	\$7,758,935	\$17,624,984

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AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program	8	132	570	-	\$3,677,226
AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP	16	479	6,655	-	\$1,620,670
AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion Program	4	20	256	-	\$1,437,316
AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Demonstration Program	3	14	209	-	\$400,009
AmeriCorps Seniors Programs Subtotal	31	645	7,690	-	\$7,135,221

Other Funding

	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Awards	Federal Funding
AmeriCorps National Planning Grant	1	-	-	-	\$232,386
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$486,246
Volunteer Generation Fund	1	-	-	-	\$1,125,570
Subtotal	3	-	-	-	\$1,844,202

Total Program Funding	\$26,604,407
Total AmeriCorps Funding Including Education Awards	\$34,363,342
Total Local Project Support (Non-AmeriCorps Resources)	\$14,208,773
Total AmeriCorps Funding + Total Local Project Support	\$48,572,115

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Notes: Data shown represents national service activity completed between February 23, 2024 and February 21, 2025. 1. Projects may be headquartered in other states. 2. The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple AmeriCorps projects operated. 3. Completed participants reflects all AmeriCorps members who completed service in Illinois between February 23, 2024 and February 21, 2025. For AmeriCorps Seniors, this reflects all volunteers funded by grants completed during that same period. For AmeriCorps Seniors projects where 2024 service location data is unavailable, service locations associated with the project from the previous year are represented or are listed with no service locations. 4. The Education Awards figures represent the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that could be earned by AmeriCorps members who completed service in Illinois. 5. AmeriCorps State and National, Foster Grandparent, and Senior Companion federal funding reflects the estimated proportionate annual share of the federal grant associated with the participants in this report. This includes any awarded federal American Rescue Plan funding except match replacement. AmeriCorps State and National placeholder grants have been excluded from this report. For AmeriCorps VISTA, funding reflects the national average cost per participant. RSVP funding appears in the state where the project is based and reflects the full amount awarded to operate the completed grant. 6. Total local project support reflects non-AmeriCorps cash and in-kind resources that AmeriCorps grantees committed to raise in support of their completed grants. This includes any awarded federal American Rescue Plan match replacement funding.