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TWO LOUISIANA CITIES NAMED TO AMERICORPS TOP CITIES LIST FOR FIRST TIME *Louisiana is One of Three States with Multiple Cities Recognized*

BATON ROUGE, La. – The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) named New Orleans and Baton Rouge as Top 10 AmeriCities. AmeriCities are cities producing the most AmeriCorps members each year. This is the first time two cities in Louisiana made this list. CNCS is the federal agency that administers the AmeriCorps Program and leads the nation’s national service and volunteer programs.

New Orleans ranked **2nd** in the Large Cities category moving up from 3rd last year. Baton Rouge ranked **6th** in the Small Cities category making the list for the first time. Louisiana is one of only three states to have multiple cities named to the list with the others being Massachusetts and Utah.

“People in Louisiana are always willing to lend a hand and help, especially in times of crisis. That’s one of the biggest things I hear around the country is how friendly and helpful we are here in Louisiana,” said Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. “It truly says a lot about the Louisiana spirit to know we are ranked in the Top 10 when it comes to producing members for AmeriCorps.”

2019 Top 10 Large Cities producing AmeriCorps members:

1. Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN
- 2. New Orleans, LA**
3. Baltimore, MD
4. Boston, MA
5. Denver, CO
6. Buffalo, NY
7. Milwaukee, WI
8. Philadelphia, PA
9. Memphis, TN
10. Newark, NJ

2019 Top 10 Small Cities producing AmeriCorps members:

1. Little Rock, AR
2. Providence, RI
3. Davenport, IA
4. Lowell, MA
5. Dayton, OH
- 6. Baton Rouge, LA**
7. Provo, UT
8. Miami Gardens, FL
9. Columbia, MO
10. Salt Lake City, UT

The rankings were determined by associating the permanent address of AmeriCorps members' to a U.S. designated place and state, including the District of Columbia. For the analysis, a small city was defined as any place with a population greater than or equal to 100,000 people and less than 250,000 people. A large-sized city was defined as any place with a population greater than or equal to 250,000. States and cities making the list produce the highest number of AmeriCorps members per capita. The District of Columbia was considered a state for these rankings.

"This recognition shows just how integral AmeriCorps and national service have become to Louisiana's culture," said Judd Jeanson, Executive Director of Volunteer Louisiana. "We are proud of the many Louisianans who choose to serve as AmeriCorps members and the impact they make on communities across the state."

Volunteer Louisiana, located in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, promotes volunteerism; coordinates spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers in times of disaster; and, awards and administers 16 AmeriCorps State grants from CNCS.

In 2019, over 1,500 Louisiana AmeriCorps members will serve as tutors, mentors, and teachers, improve health and safety outcomes for kids and families, address food insecurity, improve housing conditions, assist veterans and military families, provide environmental stewardship, and respond to disasters.

For more than two decades, dedicated Americans have chosen to prepare students for college, reduce crime and revitalize cities, connect veterans to jobs, fight the opioid epidemic, rebuild communities following disasters, preserve public lands, strengthen education, foster economic opportunity, and more through the national service program. Every year, 75,000 AmeriCorps members serve through 21,000+ schools, nonprofits, and community and faith-based organizations across the country.

Since the program's inception in 1994, more than 1.1 million AmeriCorps members have served providing more than 1.6 billion hours of service and earning more than \$3.6 billion in education scholarships, more than \$1 billion of which has been used to pay back student debt. Those interested in joining AmeriCorps can learn more at [AmeriCorps.gov/Join](https://www.americorps.gov/Join).

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