

# Fast Facts about Organ Donation

Thousands of men, women, and children in the United States are waiting for organ transplants that could save their lives. Each year, approximately one-third of those people receive life-saving transplants and a hope for a renewed life because of the generosity of individuals who at a time of personal grief think of others in need. Despite this generosity, the need continues to grow. Each day, **18 people die while waiting for a transplant.** A new name is added to the transplant waiting list every 12 minutes.

<b>National Waiting List September 2009</b>	
OPTN Data	
<b># of patient candidates on the National Waiting List</b>	<b>103,970</b>
Kidney	81,678
Pancreas	1,491
Kidney-Pancreas	2,185
Liver	15,937
Heart	2,890
Heart-Lung	82
Lung	1,884
Intestine	229

Total may be less than the sum due to patients included in multiple categories

<b>Regional Waiting List September 2009</b>	
OPTN Data	
<b># of patient candidates on the Regional Waiting List</b>	<b>2,780</b>
Kidney	1,930
Pancreas	182
Kidney-Pancreas	107
Liver	518
Heart	103
Heart-Lung	2
Lung	91
Intestine	0

<b>National Statistics 2008</b>	
OPTN Data	
<b># of deceased organ donors</b>	<b>7,984</b>
<b># of living organ donors</b>	<b>6,216</b>
<b># of organs transplanted</b>	<b>27,958</b>
Kidney	16,514
Pancreas	437
Kidney-Pancreas	836
Liver	6,318
Heart	2,163
Heart-Lung	27
Lung	1,478
Intestine	185

<b>Regional Statistics 2008</b>	
LifeSource Data	
<b># of deceased organ donors</b>	<b>147</b>
<b># of LifeSource tissue donors</b>	<b>654</b>
<b># of organs transplanted</b>	<b>475</b>
Kidney	220
Pancreas	30
Liver	128
Heart	47
Lung	47
Intestine	3

Regional donor organs transplanted both locally and nationally

<b>Patient Survival Rates One Year After Transplant</b>	
OPTN Data	
Kidney	96%
Pancreas	94%
Liver	88%
Heart	88%
Heart-Lung	67%
Lung	84%

<b>How Long Can Organs Be Preserved Before Transplant?</b>	
Kidney	12-24 hrs
Pancreas	Up to 24 hrs
Liver	12-24 hrs
Heart	4-6 hrs
Heart-Lung	4-6 hrs
Lung	4-6 hrs
Intestine	Up to 24 hrs

The LifeSource region includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and portions of western Wisconsin.

Data Source: <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>