



National Donate Life Month

April 2015

Donation and Transplantation Statistics

- More than **24,000** patients began new lives in 2014 thanks to organ transplants (about **65 every day**).
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- **Nearly 124,000** people in the U.S. are currently waiting for an organ transplant. More than 1,000 of them are 10 years old or younger.
 - Nearly **58%** of patients awaiting lifesaving transplants are minorities.
 - On average, **150** people are added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list each day—one every **10** minutes.
 - Sadly, on average, **21** people die each day because the organs they need are not donated in time.
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- A **living donor** can save a life by donating a kidney or a portion of their liver, lung, pancreas or intestine.
 - More than one third of all deceased donors are age **50 or older**; nearly 8% are age 65 or older.
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- Each year, there are approximately **30,000** tissue donors and more than **1 million** tissue transplants performed each year; the surgical need for tissue steadily is rising.
 - A single tissue donor can save or heal up to **50** people.
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- Nearly **50,000** patients have their sight restored through corneal transplants each year.
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- More than **121 million** people, approximately **50%** of the U.S. adult population, are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.
 - To register as a lifesaving and healing donor, visit www.DonateLife.net.