



Should Jews Be Organ Donors?

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Becoming a Donor: Resources

HODS - Halachic Organ Donor Society: The mission of HODS is to save lives by increasing organ donations from Jews to the general population (Jews and non-Jews alike). For more information or to register for a HODS Organ Donor card, please visit <https://hods.org/>

Renewal: Renewal saves lives by helping facilitate kidney transplants for those suffering with chronic kidney disease. They provide guidance and support to help patients and their families navigate all the medical challenges of coping with their condition. Services are free of charge to anyone in need. Renewal is looking to greatly expand their registry — the databank of potential donors that can be called on when a match is needed. For more information or to join their kidney donor registry, please visit <https://www.renewal.org>.

Be The Match: For the thousands of people diagnosed every year with life-threatening blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma, a cure exists. Over the past 30 years Be The Match, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), has managed the largest and most diverse marrow registry in the world. They also provide one-on-one support to patients and their families throughout the transplant journey. For more information or to register as a bone marrow donor, please visit www.bethematch.org

San Diego Blood Bank: The San Diego Blood Bank saves lives with quality blood services in partnership with the community. In addition to donating blood, the Blood Bank collects other types of donations such as plasma, platelets, cord blood, and red blood cells. For more information or to register as a donor, please visit www.sandiegobloodbank.org.

OrganDonor.Gov: The Division of Transplantation (DoT) is the primary federal entity responsible for oversight of the organ and blood stem cell transplant systems in the U.S., and is within the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration's Healthcare Systems Bureau. Please refer to the following statistics and infographics. For more information on Organ Donation and Transplantation, visit www.organdonor.gov.

114,000+

Number of men, women and children on the national transplant waiting list as of August 2017.

34,770

transplants were performed in 2017.

20

people die **each day** waiting for a transplant.

We All Need to Register. Here's Why:

95%

of U.S. adults support organ donation

but only

54%

are actually signed up as donors.

every 10 minutes

another person is added to the waiting list.

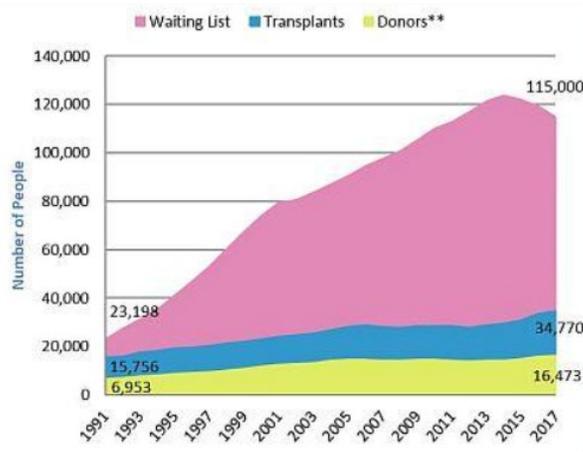


only 3 in 1,000

people die in a way that allows for organ donation.

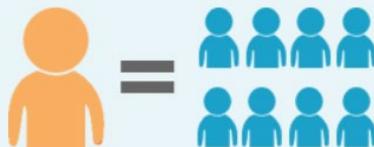
the organ shortage continues

Each year, the number of people on the waiting list continues to be much larger than both the number of donors and transplants, which grow slowly.



Data from optn.transplant.hrsa.gov and OPTN/SRTR Annual Report. OPTN has current, in-depth statistics. [Click to view. Description of The Organ Shortage Continues Graph](#)

One Donor Can Save Eight Lives.



One person can donate up to 8 lifesaving organs.

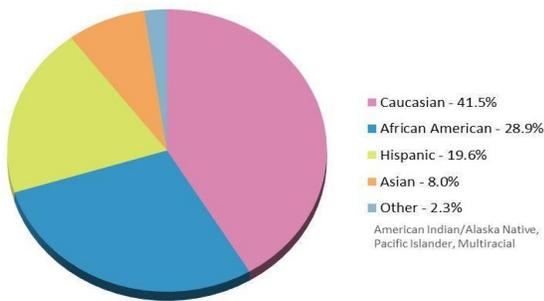


Waiting List Statistics

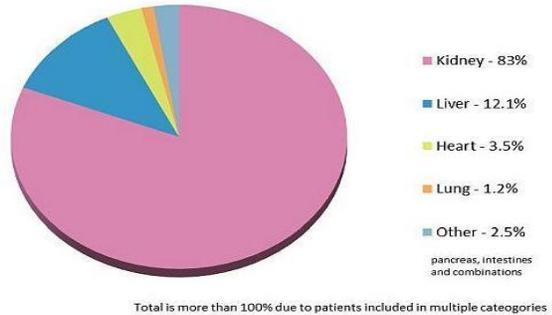
As of April 2018, there are more than 114,000 candidates for transplant on the U.S. waiting list.

- 2 out of every 3 people on the waiting list are over the age of 50.
- Almost 2,000 children under 18 are on the waiting list.
- Almost 70,000 people (58 percent) on the list are ethnic minorities.

Waiting List by Ethnicity (4/2018)



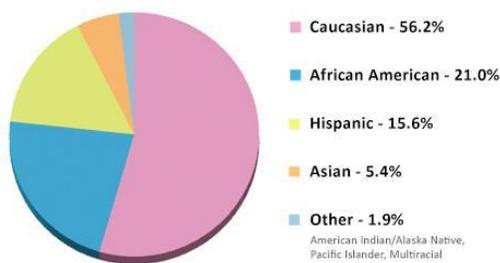
Organs People Are Waiting For (4/2018)



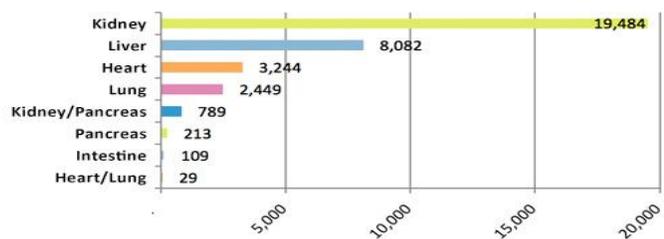
Transplantation Statistics

34,770 transplants were performed in 2017 – a new record high for the fifth consecutive year. Each day, about 80 people receive organ transplants. Of these recipients, the breakdown of ethnic backgrounds includes:

Transplant Recipients by Ethnicity (2017)



Transplants Performed in 2017 by Organ



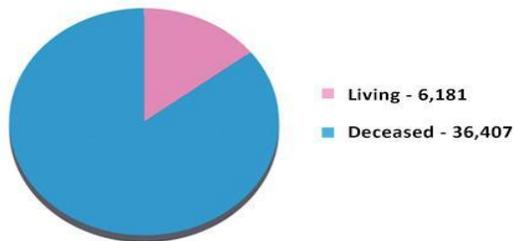
- In 2017, about 62% of organ recipients were male; 38% female.
- More than 84,000 corneal transplants were performed in 2017.
- More than 1 million tissue transplants are performed each year.

Donation Statistics

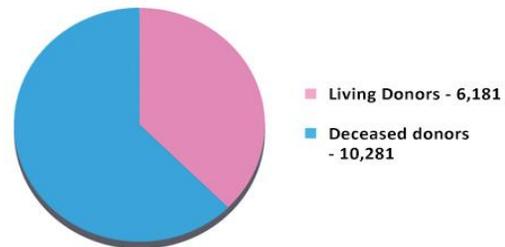
In 2017, a total of 42,609 organs were donated. Organ donors can be deceased or living.

- More than 4 out of 5 donations came from deceased donors, and 1 out of 5 donations from living donors.

Organs Donated by Deceased and Living Donors (2017)

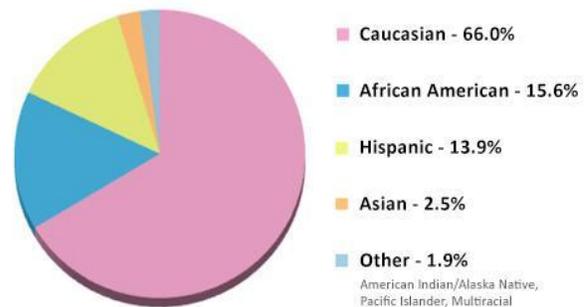


Number of Deceased and Living Donors (2017)



- Nearly 6 in 10 donors are deceased and about 4 out of 10 are living donors.
- 34% of deceased donors in 2017 was over the age of 50.
- 60% of deceased donors in 2017 were male, 40% female.

Deceased Donors by Ethnicity (2017)

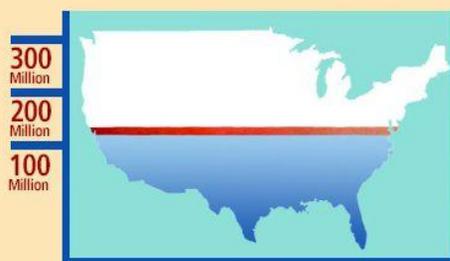


Registration Statistics

People Registered as Donors in the U.S.

In 2017, more than 138 million people over the age of 18 had registered as organ donors. That's more than half of all U.S. adults. (54 percent)*

Registered Donors In The U.S. (7/2017)



In 2016, registered donors authorized through state registries accounted for:

- 46% of recovered organs
- 51% of recovered tissues
- 54% of recovered eyes

(Other donations were authorized by family/next of kin consent.)