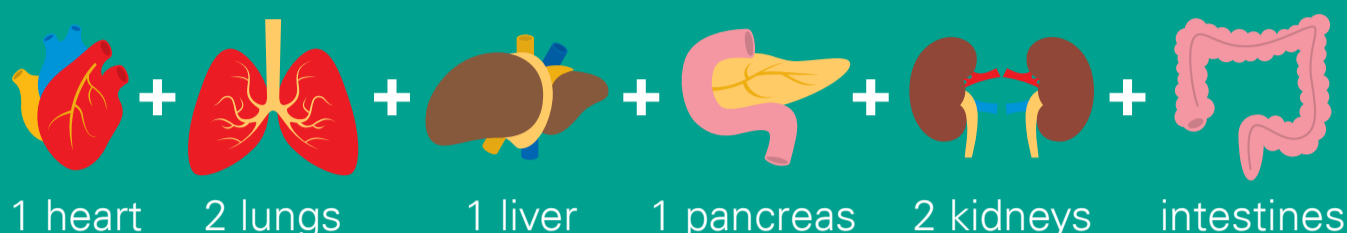


11 Truths About Organ Donation

1 donor can save up to **8 lives**

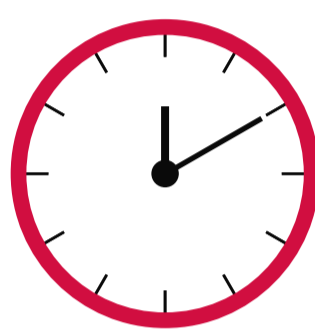


1 heart + 2 lungs + 1 liver + 1 pancreas + 2 kidneys + intestines

The **same donor** can also save or improve the lives of up to **50 people** by donating tissues and eyes.

119,000+

Current number of people on the national transplant list

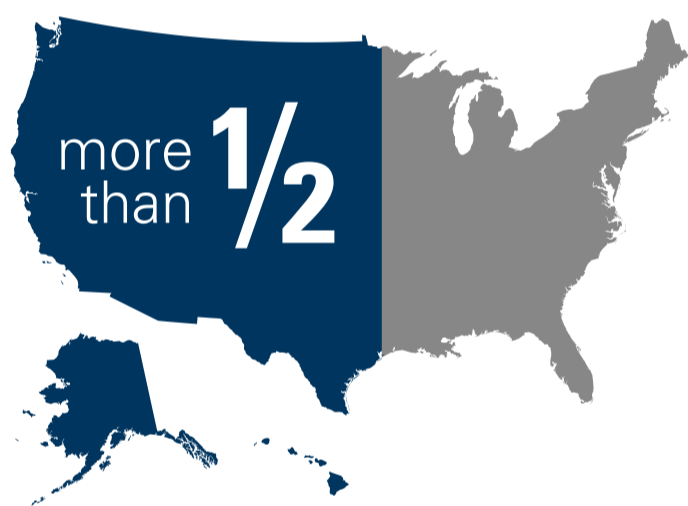


30,970

transplants were performed in 2015.

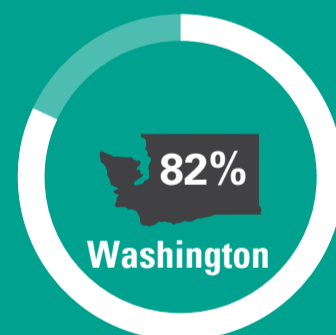
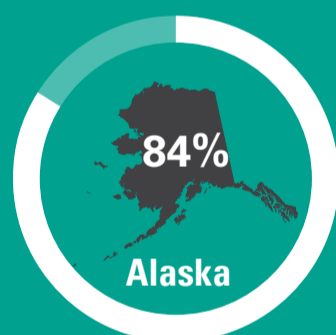
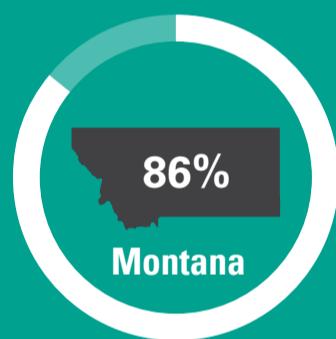
Someone is added to the national transplant waiting list **every 10 minutes.** On average, **22 people** die each day while waiting for a transplant.

As of 9/1/16, more than **130 million** people over the age of 18 had registered as organ donors. That's more than half of U.S. adults.



However, only about **3 in 1,000** can actually become donors when they die.

In 2014, the states with the highest number of registered donors were:



Anyone can sign up to be an organ donor, regardless of age or medical history.

Each day, about

80 people

receive organ transplants.

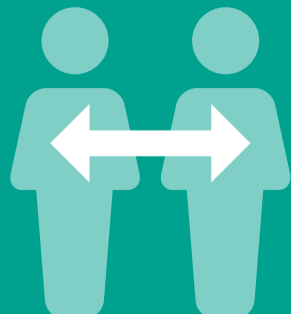
Most donations come from deceased donors, but some organs and tissues can be donated during life.

Living Organ Donation

- 1 of 2 kidneys
- 1 of 2 lobes of the liver
- Part of a lung, pancreas or intestines

Living Tissue Donation

- Skin (after certain surgeries)
- Bone (after hip or knee replacements)
- Healthy cells from bone marrow or umbilical cord blood
- Amnion (after childbirth)
- Blood



Organ donors and recipients are matched through a computer algorithm that accounts for

- Blood type
- Body size
- Severity of medical condition
- Distance from the donor
- Tissue type
- Time on the waiting list



Wealth, race, gender, social status or celebrity **are not considered** in matching donor organs to waiting patients.

95% of U.S. adults support organ donation, but only **48%** are registered donors.

