

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.**

National Waiting List December 2011	
OPTN Data	
# of patient candidates on the National Waiting List	112,707
Kidney	90,482
Pancreas	1,326
Kidney-Pancreas	2,116
Liver	16,236
Heart	3,172
Heart-Lung	65
Lung	1,712
Intestine	274

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

National Statistics 2010	
OPTN Data	
# of deceased organ donors	7,943
# of living organ donors	6,559
# of organs transplanted	28,663
Kidney	16,897
Pancreas	351
Kidney-Pancreas	828
Liver	6,291
Heart	2,334
Heart-Lung	40
Lung	1,771
Intestine	151

Patient Survival Rates One Year After Transplant	
OPTN Data	
Kidney	96%
Pancreas	95%
Liver	86%
Heart	87%
Heart-Lung	65%
Lung	83%

Regional Waiting List December 2011	
OPTN Data	
# of patient candidates on the Regional Waiting List	3,137
Kidney	2,265
Pancreas	140
Kidney-Pancreas	108
Liver	559
Heart	161
Heart-Lung	1
Lung	65
Intestine	2

Regional Statistics 2010	
LifeSource Data	
# of deceased organ donors	149
# of LifeSource tissue donors	470
# of organs transplanted	500
Kidney	234
Pancreas	25
Liver	124
Heart	51
Lung	59
Intestine	1

Regional donor organs transplanted both locally and nationally

How Long Can Organs Be Preserved Before Transplant?	
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>