



## 2025 Facts about Donation and Transplantation

- In 2024, OneLegacy enabled the transplant of **1,941 organs from 740 organ donors**, reflecting ten consecutive years of record-breaking increases in lifesaving and healing organ donation and transplantation.
- Nationwide, a record **48,137 organ transplants from more than 24,000 donors** were performed in the U.S. in 2024, with a 5.5% percent increase from the number of transplants in 2023.
- **Over 100,000 people** are currently waiting for an organ transplant in the U.S. (up to the minute data is available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/data/>)
- In the State of California, **more than 20,000 are waiting** to receive lifesaving hearts, livers, lungs, kidneys and pancreas transplant; but there are simply not enough donors to meet the growing need.
- **More than 60 percent** of those who are currently waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant in the U.S., belong to diverse communities.
- The need for a lifesaving organ transplant is greater among African Americans and U.S. Hispanics.
- **One organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people** by donating their heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, pancreas and small intestines.
- On average, **one tissue donor can enhance the lives of up to 75 people** by donating their corneas, skin, bones, and heart valves, among others.
- Patients are matched with a donor depending on the severity of their illness, body size, tissue type, blood type and other important medical information.
- **Nearly 50,000 patients** had their sight restored in 2024 through cornea transplants.
- **More than 1.75 million lifesaving and healing tissue transplants** are performed each year in the United States, offering patients a new chance at healthy, productive and normal lives.

## Facts about Donation and Transplantation (continued)

- You are likely to have a neighbor, friend or even a family member who has received a tissue transplant. This is often a necessary part of medical treatment for a multitude of diseases and injuries, from bone fracture or ligament repair to heart surgery.
- A living donor can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver, lung, pancreas or intestine.
- An average of **17 patients die every day** while waiting, simply because the organ they needed did not become available in time.
- You are never too old, or too sick to become an organ, eye and tissue donor. Don't rule yourself out!
- Every major religion in the United States supports organ, eye and tissue donation as one of the highest expressions of compassion and generosity.
- To register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor visit [www.onelegacy.org/register](http://www.onelegacy.org/register) if you live in California. Outside of California, please visit [www.registerme.org](http://www.registerme.org).