



Donation and Transplantation Statistics

- Approximately **79** organ transplants take place every day in the United States.
- A single donor can save up to **eight lives through organ donation** and save or heal **more than 100 lives through tissue donation**.
- Each year more than **28,000** patients begin new lives thanks to organ transplants.
- Over **46,000** patients had their sight restored last year through corneal transplants.
- A living donor can provide 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, and nearly 8% are age 65 or older.
- Sadly, an average of **18** patients die every day while waiting, simply because the organ they needed was not donated in time.
- On average, **150** people are added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list each day—one every **10** minutes.
- More than **120,000** people are currently waiting for an organ transplant in the United States.
- Nearly **35%** of patients awaiting kidney transplants are African American.
- In 2012, there were more than **30,000** tissue donors and **60,000** cornea donors.
- More than **1 million** tissue transplants are performed each year and the surgical need for tissue has been steadily rising.
- As of June 2013, more than **112 million** people, approximately **46 percent** of the U.S. adult population, are registered as organ, eye and tissue donors.
- **To register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor visit www.DonateLifeColorado.org or www.DonateLifeWyoming.org.** (Other states, visit www.DonateLife.net.)