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Use these statistics to create charts and diagrams for use in newsletters, presentations, and other communication pieces.

Tab chart:

By the Numbers

114,000: Approximate number of people on the national organ transplant **waiting list**

5,170: Number of people in Pennsylvania who are on the national organ transplant waiting list

20: Average number of people on the waiting list who will die today

8: Number of lives one organ donor could save

75: Number of lives one tissue donor could improve

Source: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network, <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>

Bar chart:

Take Action

95%: Americans who say they support organ donation

30%: Americans who know the essential steps to take to be a donor

Source: Donate Life America, www.donatelife.net

Bar chart or illustrative diagram:

Waiting for a Second Chance

People on the national organ transplant waiting list wait for weeks, months, even years until an organ becomes available to them. Many die before an organ becomes available.

Median time to transplant

-Kidney: 1,825 days

-Pancreas: 279 days

-Kidney-Pancreas: 547 days

-Liver: 320 days

-Intestine: 156 days

-Heart: 110 days

-Lung: 120 days

Source: United Network for Organ Sharing, www.unos.org

Bar or pie chart:

Waiting List by Age

In the U.S., there are currently 113,759 people awaiting organ transplant.

People **aged 50 and older** make up the largest age group (67%) on the organ transplant waiting list.

Less than 18 years: 1,951 (1.7%)

18–34 years: 9,458 (8.3%)

35–49 years: 25,607 (22.5%)

50–64 years: 49,926 (43.8%)

65+ years: 26,818 (23.7%)

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Source: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network as of January 17, 2019 (total candidates) Candidates - A patient who is waiting at more than one center, or for multiple organs, is counted as only one candidate. Totals may be less than the sums due to patients included in multiple categories. <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>

Bar or pie chart:

Waiting List by Ethnicity

In the U.S., there are currently **113,759 people awaiting organ transplant.**

Below is a breakdown of **patients** awaiting organ transplant by **ethnicity**.

White: 46,694 (41.0%)

Black: 32,728 (28.9%)

Hispanic: 22,785 (19.6%)

Asian: 9,245 (8.2%)

American Indian/Alaska Native: 1,030 (0.9%)

Pacific Islander: 606 (0.5%)

Multiracial: 1,130 (0.9%)

Source: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network as of January 17, 2019 (total candidates) Candidates - A patient who is waiting at more than one center, or for multiple organs, is counted as only one candidate. Totals may be less than the sums due to patients included in multiple categories. <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>

Bar or pie chart:

Waiting List by Gender

In the U.S., there are currently **113,759 people awaiting organ transplant.**

Below is a breakdown of **patients** awaiting organ transplant by **gender**.

Male: 69,887 (61.4%)

Female: 43,891 (38.6%)

Source: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network as of January 17, 2019 (total candidates) Candidates - A patient who is waiting at more than one center, or for multiple organs, is counted as only one candidate. Totals may be less than the sums due to patients included in multiple categories. <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>

Bar or pie chart and graphic

Organ Donors

Organ donors can be any age—even senior citizens.

No one should let age stop them from registering a donation decision.

The 36,527 organ transplants performed in the United States in 2018 set an annual record for the sixth straight year, according to preliminary data from United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), which serves as the national Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) under federal contract. In 2018, the total number of organ transplants exceeded 750,000 performed since 1988, the first full year national transplant data were collected.

2018: More transplants than ever



More than
36,500
transplants
6th consecutive
record breaking year.



There were more than
10,700 deceased
donors in 2018.
8th consecutive record
breaking year.

Nearly **6,900*** living
donor transplants in 2018.
Highest total since 2005.



*Based on OPTN data as of Jan. 8, 2019. Data subject to change based on future data submission or correction.

UNOS

The number of transplants, using organs from both deceased and living donors, increased five percent over 2017. Approximately 81 percent (29,680) of the transplants performed in 2018 involved organs from deceased donors. Living donor transplants accounted for the remaining 19 percent (6,849). The number of living donor transplants represented the highest total since 2005 and increased nearly 11 percent over 2017.

In 2018, 10,721 people provided one or more organs for transplantation as deceased organ donors. This was a four percent increase over the 2017 total, and it continues an eight-year trend of record-setting donation.

While the number of potential deceased organ donors varies among different areas of the country due to differences in population size and medical characteristics, increases were noted in many areas. Of the 58 organ procurement organizations (OPOs) coordinating deceased organ donation nationwide, 41 (70 percent) experienced an increase in donors from 2017 to 2018, including at least one OPO in each of UNOS' 11 regions.

As in several previous years, some of the increase in deceased donation is due to increased usage of donors with a broader set of medical criteria than was considered in the past. Nearly 20 percent of donors in 2018 donated after circulatory death as opposed to brain death.

Source: United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), <https://unos.org/organ-transplants-in-united-states-set-sixth-consecutive-record-in-2018/>

Bar or pie chart

Organ Donors

Below is a breakdown of **deceased** organ donors by **age** in 2018 (n=10,721).

Less than 18 years: 875 (8.2%)

18–34 years: 3,155 (29.4%)

35–49 years: 2,950 (27.5%)

50–64 years: 2,946 (27.5%)

65+ years: 795 (7.4%)

Source: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network, <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>

Bar or pie chart

Organ Donors

Below is a breakdown of **deceased** organ donors by **ethnicity** in 2018 (n=10,721).

White: 7,008 (65.4%)

Black: 1,728 (16.1%)

Hispanic: 1,509 (14.1%)

Asian: 250 (2.3%)

American Indian/Alaska Native: 66 (0.6%)

Pacific Islander: 37 (0.3%)

Multiracial: 123 (1.1%)

Source: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network, <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>

Bar or pie chart

Organ Donors

Below is a breakdown of **deceased** organ donors by **gender** in 2018 (n=10,721).

Male: 6,496 (60.6%)

Female: 4,225 (39.4%)