

2019

# Deceased organ donation and transplantation



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Receiving an organ transplant is not possible without organ donation.

We thank and acknowledge the generous Australians and their families who chose to save the lives of others in 2019 by saying 'yes' to donation.

We also acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our donation and transplantation doctors, nurses and support staff.

There has been significant growth in donation and transplantation since the Australian Government's national program to increase organ donation for transplantation started in 2009.

Over the past 11 years, the number of organ donors has more than doubled, with almost twice as many people receiving a transplant.

In 2019

**548**

deceased organ donors

**1,444**

organ transplant recipients

Over the past 11 years

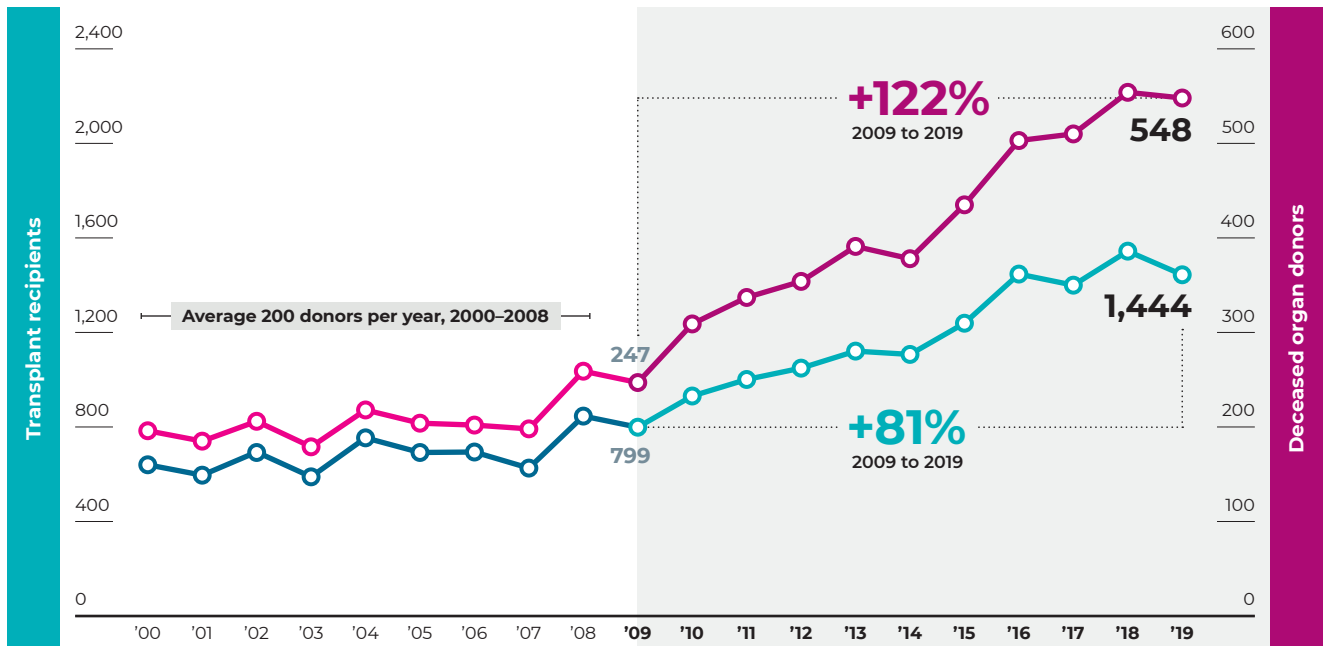
**122%**

increase in the number of deceased organ donors

**81%**

increase in the number of lives saved through organ transplantation

## Deceased organ donation and transplant recipients 2000–2019



While the number of deceased organ donors in 2019 remained relatively stable compared with 2018 (554), more patients than ever before were identified and considered for organ donation, and more families were approached about the opportunity for their loved one to be an organ donor. However, donation was not possible in all cases.