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Data summary

2025 Australian donation and transplantation data

Category	Key metric	Difference to 2024
Deceased organ donation and transplantation 	557 deceased organ donors	+6%
	1,438 organ transplant recipients	+8%
	53% families agreed to donation	0%
	147,969 Australians registered as organ and tissue donors	-15%
Living organ donation and transplantation 	230 living kidney donors	-9%
	53 donors through the ANZKX program	-20%
Eye and tissue donation and transplantation  	1,677 deceased eye donors	-1%
	332 deceased tissue donors	+6%
	2,757 corneal transplant recipients	+3%

State and territory overview

Location	Deceased organ donors	Transplant recipients ¹	Living donors ²	Consent rate	New registrations ³
 Australian Capital Territory	13	42	–	59%	3,042
 New South Wales	160	411	82	50%	34,156
 Northern Territory	5	18	–	59%	843
 Queensland	102	292	30	58%	31,271
 South Australia	35	91	24	54%	28,794
 Tasmania	25	62	–	76%	2,862
 Victoria	156	357	71	50%	29,437
 Western Australia	61	165	23	54%	17,564
 National	557	1,438	230	53%	147,969

1 Number of recipients from deceased donors in the relevant state or territory.

2 As there are no transplant units in the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory or Tasmania, living donations take place in other states.

3 New registrations on the Australian Organ Donor Register (AODR).

The national program

- For someone who is seriously ill, an organ or tissue transplant can mean the difference between life and death, being healthy or sick, seeing or being blind, or being active or never walking again.
- Transplantation enables people to resume an active role in their family, workplace and community.
- One organ donor can save the lives of up to 7 people and help many more through eye and tissue donation.

2025

~2,000

Australians on a waitlist for an organ transplant

~14,000

additional people on dialysis for kidney failure, many who could benefit from a kidney transplant

Since the national program began in 2009



7,501

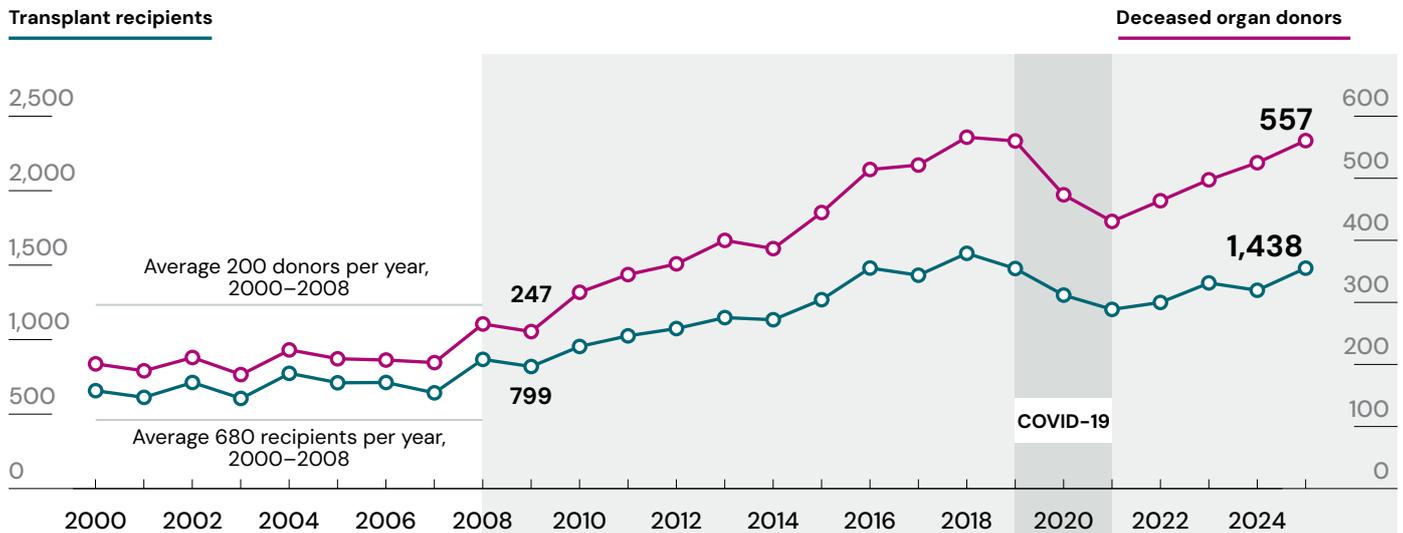
deceased organ donors



20,907

organ transplant recipients

Deceased organ donation and transplant recipients 2000–2025



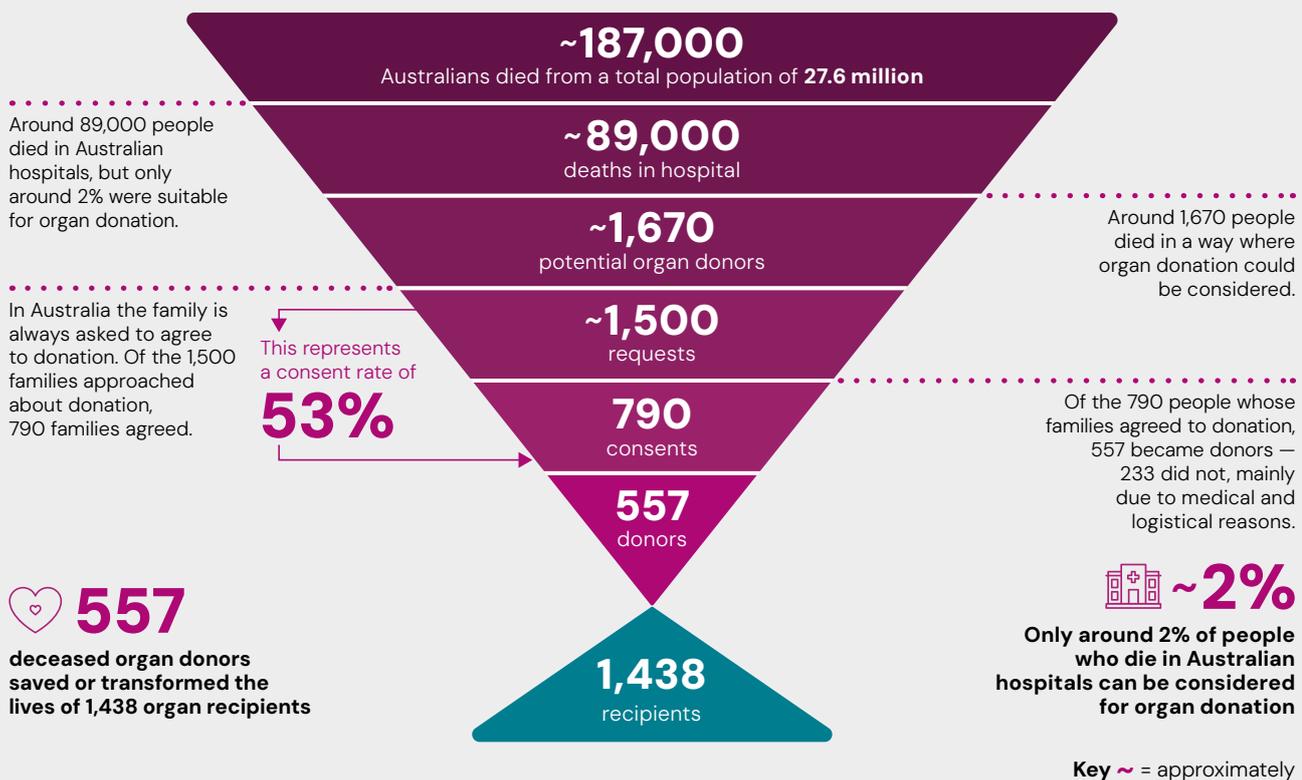
Note: The DonateLife program commenced in 2009.

- Between 2009–2019 the DonateLife national program saw a 122% increase in deceased donation, resulting in an 81% increase in people receiving an organ transplant.
- Over 2 years (2020 and 2021), there was a 23% reduction in deceased donation activity due to the impacts of COVID-19 (from 2019).
- Since 2021, there has been continued recovery in organ donation. In 2025 there was a 6% increase in deceased organ donors compared to 2024 and the highest number of deceased donors on record.

Organ donation in Australia

- Very few people can become organ donors. Only around 2% of people who die in Australian hospitals meet the criteria required to be an organ donor.
- A person must die in a hospital under specific circumstances, in an ICU or ED, as organs need to be functioning well to be considered for transplantation.
- In 2025, around 1,670 people (of the 89,000 people who died in Australian hospitals) died in a way where organ donation could be considered.
- 1,500 families were approached about donation in the hospital.
- Of these, 790 families agreed to donation – representing a national consent rate of 53% – with 557 people becoming organ donors.
- With only a small number of potential donors, increasing consent is critical to increasing our donation rate.
- There are around 2,000 Australians waiting for an organ transplant and an additional 14,000 people on dialysis for kidney failure, many who could benefit from a kidney transplant.

Australia’s potential deceased organ donor population and transplantation rates 2025



About this data

This data is an extract of the [2025 Australian donation and transplantation data](#) and provides an annual data snapshot and measure of progress against the national program for increasing organ and tissue donation for transplantation.

It only takes one minute to register as an organ and tissue donor at donatelife.gov.au or through Medicare. Then, tell your family you want to be a donor.

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