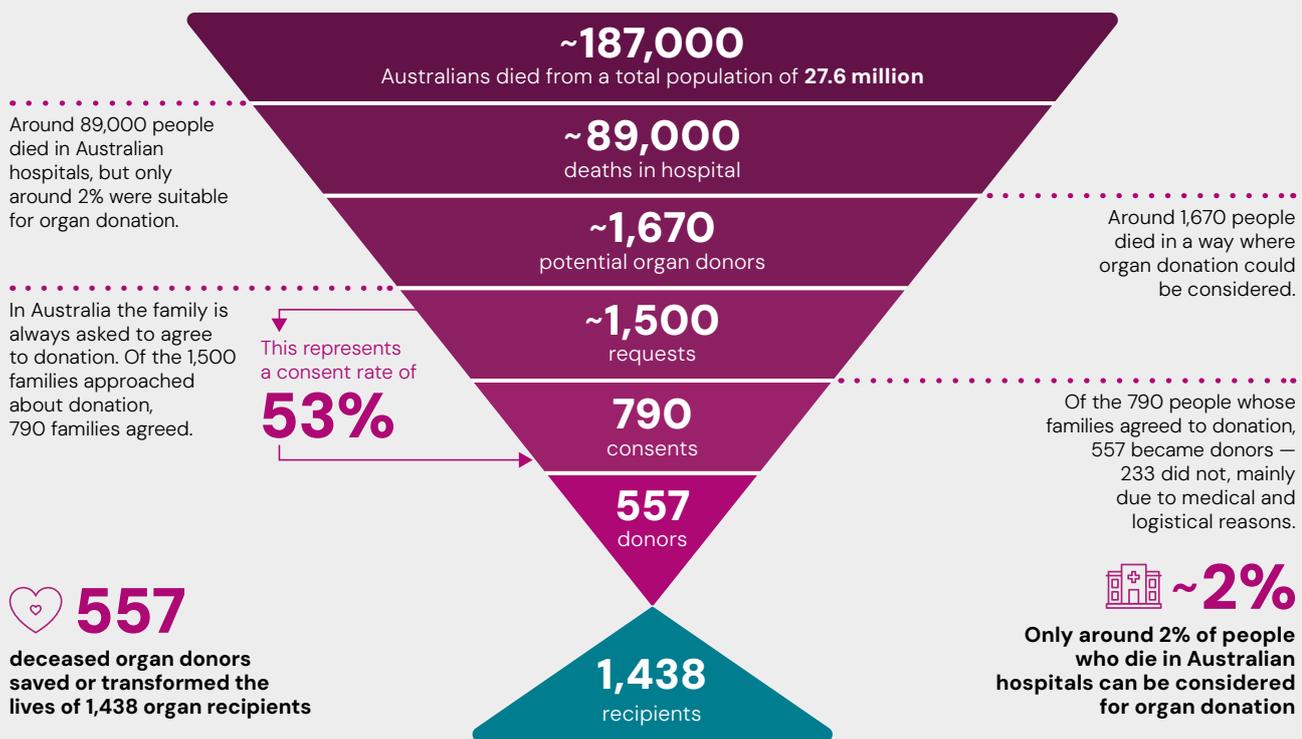




## Organ donation in Australia

- 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



Key ~ = approximately

### 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](http://donatelife.gov.au) or through Medicare. Then, tell your family you want to be a donor.

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