



2024 DATA: TELLING A CONSISTENT DONATION AND TRANSPLANT STORY

Data Take-Away

The donation and transplantation system in the U.S. is the best in the world and continues to improve — thanks to the generosity of donors and their families as well as the community’s focus on continuous improvement to save more lives. There will always be more work needed to serve the thousands of people on the waiting list.

2024 Organ Donation/Transplantation Data

All data in this section is from the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN). Please include the following citation when using this data: Based on OPTN data as of Jan. 15, 2024.

The need/there are more lives to save:

- More than 100,000 people are on the waiting list for an organ transplant, including more than 6,000 people in Pennsylvania and more than 500 in West Virginia.
- Every 9 minutes another person is added to the organ transplant waiting list
- The impact —the system is working thanks to the generosity of donors:
- More than 24,018 people became organ donors in 2024
- More than 16,988 were deceased organ donors
- Nearly 7,030 were living organ donors
- 48,137 people received a life-saving organ transplant in 2024

Tissue donation and transplant statistics:

All data in this section is from The American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB). Please include the following citation when using these data: *National Tissue Recovery through Utilization Survey (NTRUS)*, <https://www.aatb.org/news/ntrus-results-reveal-trends-tissue>; AATB.org

- More than 2.5 million lifesaving and healing tissue transplants are performed each year, offering patients a new chance at healthy, productive, and normal lives.
- Just 1 tissue donor can save and heal the lives of more than 75 people.

Cornea donation and transplant statistics:

All data in this section is from the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA). Please include the following citation when using this data: *2023 Eye Banking Statistical Report*. Washington, DC: Eye Bank Association of America; 2023.

- More than 85,000 corneal transplants help to restore sight each year.
- Over 97% of all corneal transplant operations successfully restore the corneal recipient’s vision.
- U.S. eye banks also provide more than 20,000 ocular tissues for research and training annually

CORE 2024 Statistics:

- In 2024, the selfless contributions of 472 organ donors from CORE's service area—spanning western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Chemung County, New York—resulted in 970 organs donated for life-saving transplants, marking a remarkable 17% increase in organ donors from the previous year.
- CORE's life-saving efforts in 2024 resulted in:
 - 462 donated kidneys
 - 257 donated livers (+16%)
 - 101 donated hearts (+16%)
 - 87 donated lungs (+21%)
 - 61 donated pancreata (including those for research) (+39%)
 - 2 donated intestines
- In addition to organ donations, CORE reported a record number of 905 cornea donors, an 8% increase over 2023, and 1654 tissue donors, reflecting a 12% rise. These gifts restored sight to 884 people and provided healing through tissue transplants—including bone repairs, skin grafts, and heart valve replacements—for nearly 125,000 others.
- Specifically, in western PA, in 2024, 345 generous people were organ donors after their deaths, donating 682 organs for life-saving transplants, 1,106 were tissue donors, each of them healing as many as 75 others through tissue transplants, and 716 cornea donors from CORE's PA western PA service area meant restored sight for 703 people through corneal transplants.
- In 2024, 2,286 people in Pennsylvania received life-saving transplants, 1,748 due to the generosity of deceased donors and their families and 538 thanks to living donors.
- In CORE's West Virginia territory, which spans nearly the entire state apart from four counties, an incredible 127 individuals made the profound choice to become organ donors after their passing. Through their generosity, 288 organs were transplanted, giving others the gift of life. Furthermore, 535 tissue donors brought healing to over 40,000 people, while 178 cornea donors gave the precious gift of sight to 169 individuals.
- Notably, 27% of organ donors were between the ages of 61 and 70, and an additional 22% were aged 71 to 80, proving that generosity knows no age limits.

****To request specific data (state/county/hospital level), including designation rates, number of donors, recipients, those waiting, by organ, etc..[please contact media@core.org](mailto:media@core.org)*****