



Donation in Texas: The State of our State

Organ, eye and tissue donation is an incredible gift that can help up to 75 people or more! As Texans, it's up to us to get the facts and make an informed decision about registering to be a donor.

THE WAITING LIST*

There are many more Texans waiting for a transplant than there are organs available.

	All organs	Kidney	Liver	Pancreas	Kidney/Pancreas	Heart	Lung	Heart/Lung
Waiting list candidates	9,954	8,274	1,336	28	96	354	128	5

Of Texans waiting for a lifesaving transplant, **40% are Hispanic and 25% are Black.**

	All organs	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian	Pacific Islander	Multiracial, Non-Hispanic
Waiting list candidates	9,954	2,701	2,488	4,281	455	41	33	37

In 2021, **557 Texans died waiting** for an organ transplant, averaging about 46 people per month in the state.

In 2021, Texans donated **3,089 organs for transplant**, shared the gift of sight through **7,498 corneal transplants** and helped heal people relying on tissues for surgery, recovery and treatment **with more than 145,000 tissue grafts donated.**

ONE PERSON'S IMPACT

Registering to be a donor is a decision that can save and heal lives.

- **8 lives** can be saved by a single organ donor
- **2 people** may receive sight from donated corneas
- **75+ lives** can be saved and healed by a single tissue donor

THE REGISTRY

13 million Texans have trusted Donate Life Texas with their donation decisions, a milestone achieved in 2021. While support for donation is at an all-time high, **44% of Texans** haven't yet registered to be a donor.

Through 2021, more than **3,600 Texans** were able to donate their organs and tissues after authorizing their decision on the registry. Since one person can save and heal up to 75 lives through organ, eye and tissue donation, these Texans have potentially touched **270,00 lives.**

**Data from the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) as of March 28, 2022*



HOW TO REGISTER AS A DONOR

Texans can choose to register as a donor when they get or renew their driver's license, ID or motor vehicle registration or when getting their hunting or fishing license online. Texans can also register at any time online at donatelifetexas.org.

WHO CAN REGISTER AS A DONOR

Texans of any age can register to be a donor. Teens ages 15 – 17 can register to be a donor beginning when they apply for their learner's permit or first driver's license. Children under the age of 18 do not need parent permission to register, but a parent or guardian will need to affirm their decision if they have the opportunity to be a donor.

Once you're 18 years of age or older, your registration is legal authorization for donation to occur and your decision cannot be changed by another person. **All Texans can register to be a donor, regardless of health conditions or background.**

TEXAS PARTNERS

Our partners include the **17 donation agencies in the state of Texas** that guide donor families through the donation process and provide clinical services to recover, process and transport donor organs, corneas, and tissues. This includes the three organ procurement organizations (OPOs) that serve the state: LifeGift, Southwest Transplant Alliance (STA) and Texas Organ Sharing Alliance (TOSA).

Additionally, we partner with the **Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS)**, **Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)** and **Texas Parks and Wildlife** to provide donor registration opportunities.

ABOUT DONATION LIFE TEXAS

Donate Life Texas is the nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Texans safely and securely document their donation decisions, and is the only official organ, eye and tissue donor registry in the state. As part of the national Donate Life America registry network, Texas organ and tissue recovery organizations use the registry to confirm donor registration status when a person dies. This ensures a donor's decision is available to the right people at the right time to save and heal lives.

More information available online at donatelifetexas.org.

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