

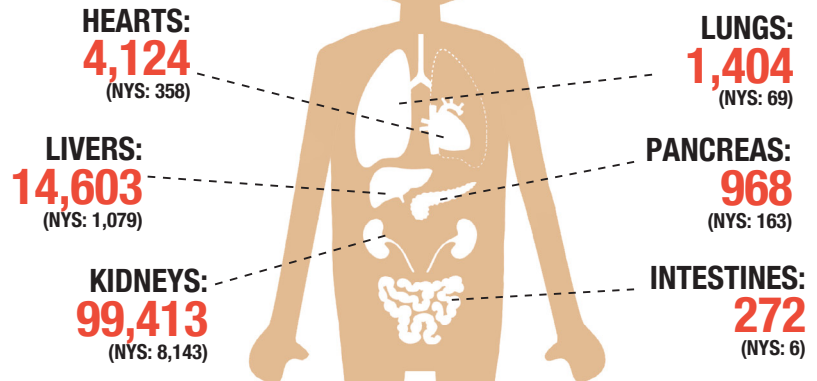
Quick Facts: Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation

- > **120,005** people on the national waiting list for organs
- > **9,705** people waiting in NYS



Every **18 hours** someone in NYS dies waiting for an organ.

27% vs. **50%**
of NYS residents are registered organ donors. of residents across the rest of the U.S.



Organ Transplant Waiting List Candidates (U.S., 2016)

Organ Donation Facts

- > One organ donor can save up to 8 lives. One tissue donor can improve the lives of up to 50 people.
- > Eyes and tissues, such as heart valves, cardiovascular tissue, bone and soft musculoskeletal tissue, and skin, may also be donated.
- > More than 1 million lifesaving and life-improving tissue and corneal transplants are performed each year.

How Do I Sign Up to Be an Organ Donor?

- > **18 AND OLDER:** You can register to become an organ donor when you visit the DMV, register to vote, apply for an idNYC card, or at LongLiveNY.org.
- > **UNDER 18 YEARS OLD:** Parents/guardian will make the decision regarding organ donation. Let them know your intentions so they can carry them out.

Organ Donation Truths

DOCTORS WILL DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO SAVE YOU

Organ donation only occurs after the death of a patient is declared by a physician not legally affiliated with donation.

IT IS NOT AGAINST YOUR RELIGION

Most major religions actively support organ donation including Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Taoism, and more.

RICH AND FAMOUS PEOPLE DO NOT GET PREFERENCE

Race, gender, ethnic origin, economic status, education, marital status, sexual orientation, & social worth are not considered when determining who receives a transplant.

TRADITIONAL FUNERAL SERVICES ARE POSSIBLE

Organ donation does not disfigure the body nor does it delay funeral arrangements. Open-casket viewings are possible after any type of donation.



of registered organ donors in New York: **4 million**

New York ranks 50th out of 50 in the nation in percent of residents who are registered organ donors.

Yet, surveys show **92%** of New Yorkers support organ donation.