

Quick Facts: Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation

> **122,646**
people on the national
waiting list for organs

> **10,199**
people waiting in NYS



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

25% vs. **50%**
of NYS
residents are
registered
organ donors. of residents
across the
rest of the
U.S.

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**

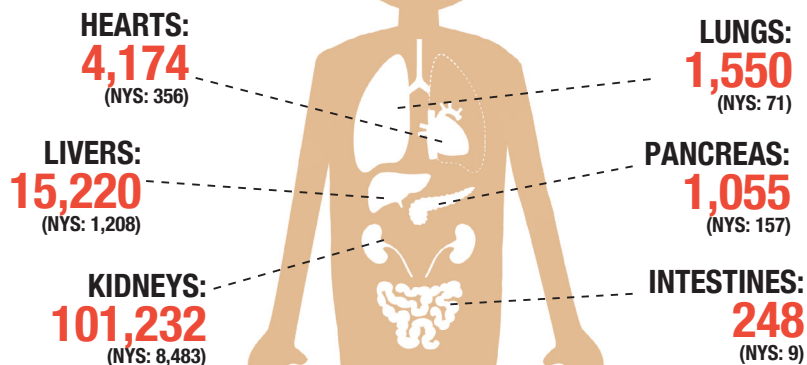
Most major religions actively support organ donation including Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Taoism, and more.

**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.



Organ Transplant Waiting List Candidates (U.S., 2015)

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.



of registered organ donors in New York: **3.7 million**

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

Yet, surveys show **83%** of New Yorkers support organ donation.