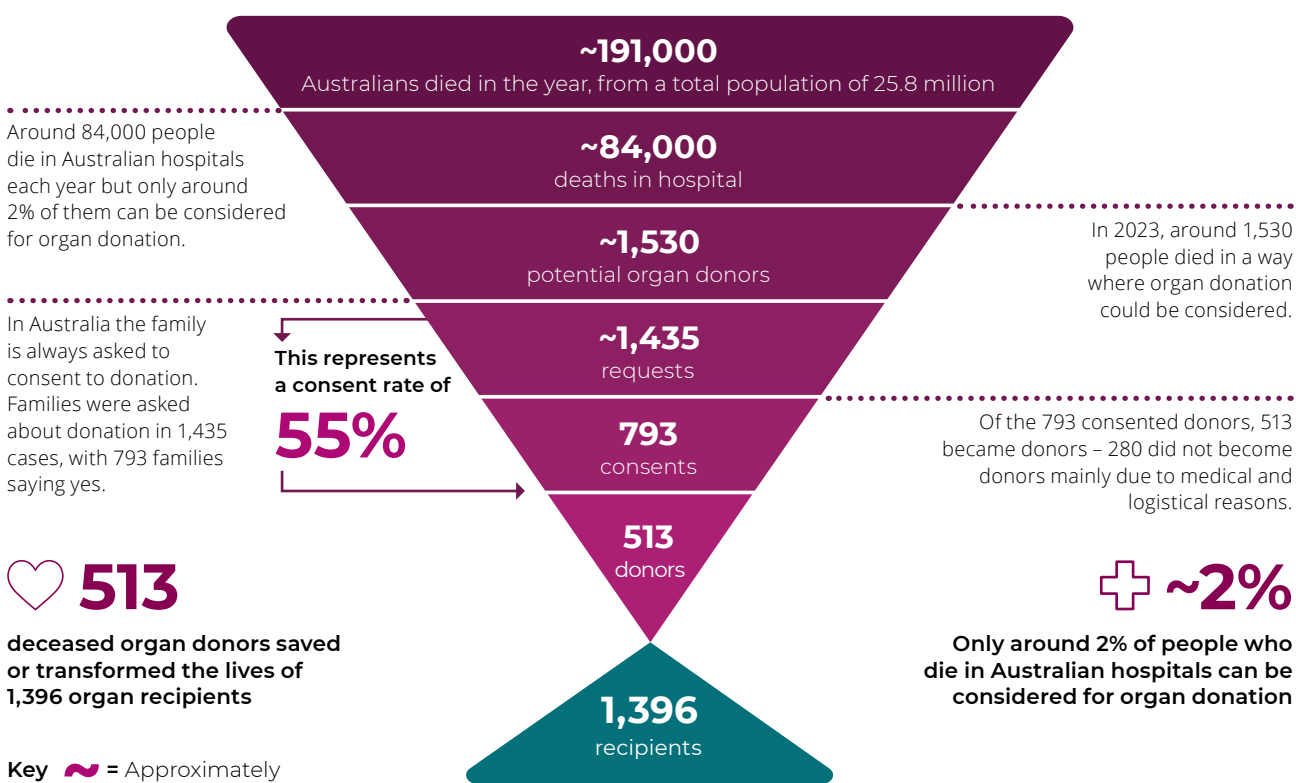




Organ donation process

- ▶ Very few people can become an organ donor when they die.
- ▶ A person must die in a hospital in specific circumstances, in an intensive care unit or emergency department, as organs need to be functioning well to be considered for transplantation.
- ▶ Only around 2% of people who die in Australian hospitals meet the criteria required to be an organ donor.
- ▶ In 2023, around 1,500 people (of the 84,000 people who died in Australian hospitals) died in a way where organ donation could be considered.
- ▶ Families were asked about donation in 1,435 cases.
- ▶ Of these, 793 families said yes to donation in hospital – representing a national consent rate of 55% – with 513 people becoming organ donors.
- ▶ With only a small number of potential donors, increasing consent is critical to increasing our donation rate.
- ▶ There are around 1,800 Australians waitlisted for a transplant and around 14,000 additional people on dialysis – many of whom may need a kidney transplant.

Australia’s potential deceased organ donor population and transplantation outcomes



About this data

This data is an extract of the **2023 Australian Donation and Transplantation Activity Report**. The report 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.

Head to donatelife.gov.au/register or register in three clicks via the Medicare app, and tell your family you want to be a donor.

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