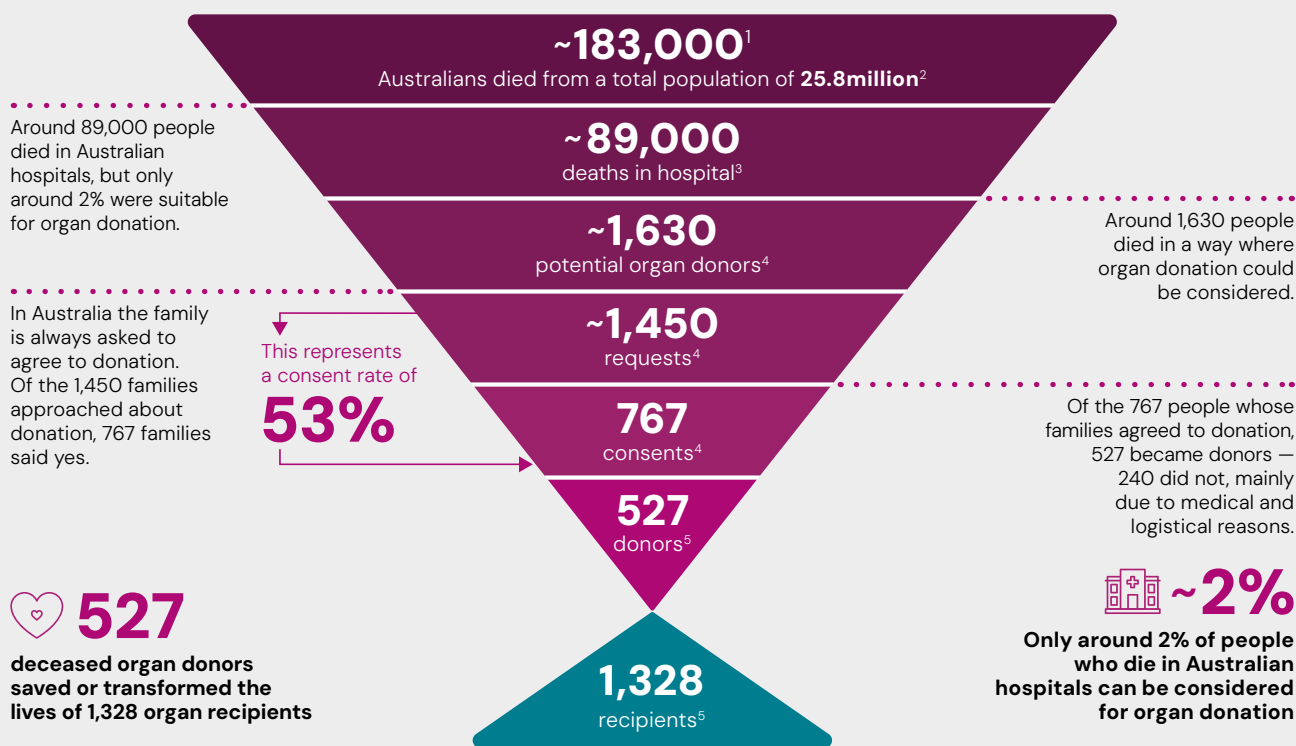


Organ donation in Australia

- Very few people can become organ donors. Only around 2% of people who die in Australian hospitals meet the criteria required to be an organ donor.
- A person must die in a hospital under specific circumstances, in an ICU or ED, as organs need to be functioning well to be considered for transplantation.
- In 2024, around 1,630 people (of the 89,000 people who died in Australian hospitals) died in a way where organ donation could be considered.
- 1,450 families were asked about donation in the hospital.
- Of these, 767 families said yes to donation – representing a national consent rate of 53% – with 527 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 on the waitlist for a transplant and an additional 14,000 people on dialysis – many of whom could benefit from a kidney transplant.

Australia's potential deceased organ donor population and transplantation rates 2024



Key ~ = approximately

About this data

This data is an extract of the [2024 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 via your Medicare app, and tell your family you want to be a donor.

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