



NATIONAL MINORITY DONOR AWARENESS WEEK FACT SHEET: MULTICULTURAL STATISTICS

DESCRIPTION:

National Minority Donor Awareness Week, celebrated August 1-7, 2014, is a nationwide observance to honor the generosity of multicultural donors and their families, while also underscoring the critical need for people from diverse communities to register their decision to Donate Life as organ, eye and tissue donors.

STATISTICS*

- More than 69,000 minority patients are currently registered on the U.S. organ transplant waiting list. Minorities make up 36 percent of the U.S. population and comprise 57 percent of individuals on the U.S. transplant waiting list.
 - More than 37,000 of those on the waiting list are Black.
 - More than 23,000 of those on the waiting list are Hispanic.
 - More than 9,000 of those on the waiting list are Asian and Pacific Islander.
- Minorities represented 40 percent of people who received organ transplants in 2013. There were:
 - 5,796 Black organ transplant recipients
 - 4,133 Hispanic organ transplant recipients
 - 1,546 Asian and Pacific Islander organ transplant recipients
- Minorities represented 30 percent of living and deceased organ donors in 2013. There were:
 - 2,020 Black donors
 - 1,940 Hispanic donors
 - 455 Asian and Pacific Islander donors

FACTS

- Anyone can be a potential donor, regardless of age or medical history. A single donor can save or heal the lives of more than 50 people. Learn the facts including how to register as a donor at www.donatelife.net.
- Every major religion in the United States supports organ, eye and tissue donation as one of the highest expressions of compassion and generosity.
- There is no cost to the donor's family or estate.
- An open casket funeral is possible for organ, eye and tissue donors.



* Statistics from Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network