2020 sets all-time high for most lives saved by deceased organ donors

he U.S. has the **highest-performing** organ donation and transplant system in the world, even in the midst of a **global pandemic**. We have more organ donors and more annual transplants and we save more lives through organ donation than any other country.*

In other parts of the world, transplant rates have fallen significantly amid the spread of **COVID-19**. Despite a 50% drop in deceased donor transplantation early in the pandemic, the U.S. system proved its **strength and resilience** by recovering quickly and continuing to outperform itself.

Second highest annual total



lives saved through transplant in 2020

An all-time high

More than 33,000

life-saving transplants from deceased donors

Nearly

1,000 more

deceased donor transplants

performed in 2020 than in 2019

34 organ procurement organizations

set all-time organ donation records in 2020

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10th

consecutive record year for deceased donation

6%

increase in deceased donors over 2019

38%

increase in organ donation from deceased donors over the last five years



More than 7,300

living donor transplants in 2019

The number of living donor transplants performed in 2020 was significantly affected by the pandemic, dropping by 22% due to patient safety concerns.

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26%

more transplants performed than five years ago

Continuous improvement

As good as the U.S. organ transplantation system is, it needs to be even better to be able to serve the more than 100,000 people waiting for organs at any given time. UNOS is committed to driving continuous improvement to serve those patients and promote an ongoing increase in organ donation and transplants.

Learn more at **unos.org** about how the national organ donation and transplant system works.

*Global Observatory of Donation and Transplantation, Global Data

Based on OPTN data as of Jan. 11, 2020. Data subject to change based on future data submission or correction.

