



## National Pediatric Transplant Week – April 18-24, 2021

### *Donation and Transplantation Statistics*

- Currently, more than **1,900** children under the age of 18 are on the national transplant waiting list. More than **500** of the children waiting for transplant are between 1 and 5 years old.
  - More than **1,700** children received transplants in 2020.
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- There were **860** pediatric organ donors in 2020.
  - The donors ranged in age from newborn to age 17, most were between 11 and 17 years old.
  - In 2020, more than **100** pediatric organ donors were babies under the age of 12 months.
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- The size of the recipient's body and the donor organ are taken into account when matching donors to recipients. Very small children most often receive donations from other young people – although older children and adults can also be a good match.
  - Sometimes, children can receive deceased or living donations of partial organs, like a portion of a liver.
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- Most children under the age of 1 year are waiting for a heart or a liver.
  - Most children age 1 to 5 years are waiting for a kidney, followed by heart and liver.
  - Most children age 6 to 10 years are waiting for a kidney.
  - Most children age 11 to 17 years are primarily waiting for a kidney.
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- More than **165 million** people are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.\*
  - Pediatric donation: A parent or legal guardian must authorize the donation for anyone under the age of 18 years. 15-17-year-olds may register their intent to be a donor; however, until they are 18 years old, a parent or legal guardian makes the final donation decision.

To register your decision to save and heal lives, visit [RegisterMe.org](https://www.RegisterMe.org). To learn more about organ, eye, tissue and living donation, visit [DonateLife.net](https://www.DonateLife.net).

\* Living donation is not included in a donor registration.

*Data from the Donate Life America Registry Overview Report and the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) as of March 2, 2021.*