

Statistics

The United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS) is a private, nonprofit organization that administers a national Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) and the U.S. Scientific Registry on Organ Transplantation under contracts with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. UNOS maintains the waiting list, matching patients awaiting transplantation with available organs. The following information can be found on their website.

On October 8, 2004, the OPTN National patient waiting list for organ transplant includes the following:

63,111	registrations for a kidney transplant
17,870	registrations for a liver transplant
1,664	registrations for a pancreas transplant
321	registrations for a pancreas islet cell
2,502	registrations for a kidney-pancreas transplant
204	registrations for an intestine transplant
3,390	registrations for a heart transplant
185	registrations for a heart-lung transplant
3,991	registrations for a lung transplant
93,238	Total Registrations

59,962	patients waiting for a kidney transplant
17,471	patients waiting for a liver transplant
1,644	patients waiting for a pancreas transplant
314	patients waiting for a pancreas islet cell
2,433	patients waiting for a kidney-pancreas transplant
203	patients waiting for an intestine transplant
3,381	patients waiting for a heart transplant
185	patients waiting for a heart-lung transplant
3,950	patients waiting for a lung transplant
86,958	Total Patients*

Note: OPTN/UNOS policies allow patients to be listed with more than one transplant center (multiple-listing), and thus the number of registrations is greater than the actual number of patients.

*Some patients are waiting for more than one organ, therefore the total number of patients is less than the sum of the patients waiting for each organ.

