In America, over 100,000 people are currently on the organ transplant waiting list. Every day, 17 of these people die waiting for a transplant. Start the visualization to explore how individuals’ lives have been affected over time by organ donation.

https://www.organdonor.gov/learn/organ-donation-statistics

1. Before

With advances in medical technology, the number of organ transplants able to be performed annually has increased exponentially. In the last 20 years alone the number of transplants has more than doubled. Use the pie chart to explore how transplantation rate varies by organ.

1. After

Continue on to see how this increased success in transplants compares to the change in organ need.

2. Before

Though the number of transplants has increased, the rate of addition of people to the organ transplant waiting list has increased as well. Though private insurance is the most common method of payment for the transplant procedure, using alternative payment methods such as Medicare or Medicaid does not decrease a person’s likelihood of receiving a transplant. Use the bar graph below to see how common transplant payment options vary over time. Additionally, see within each payment method the fatal discrepancy between waitlist additions and transplants.

1. After

As we just saw, many people are removed from the organ transplant waiting list every year. Although occasionally the reason for removal is recovery, more often the person dies before they are able to receive a transplant. Our final scene shows the painful reality of mortalities of those on the organ transplant waiting list.

1. Before

Oftentimes, a life saving organ can’t come soon enough for individuals in need. On average 17 people die everyday while waiting for an organ. You can make a difference! By signing up to be an organ donor one person can save up to 8 lives! Use the pie chart to explore which organs are most in need.