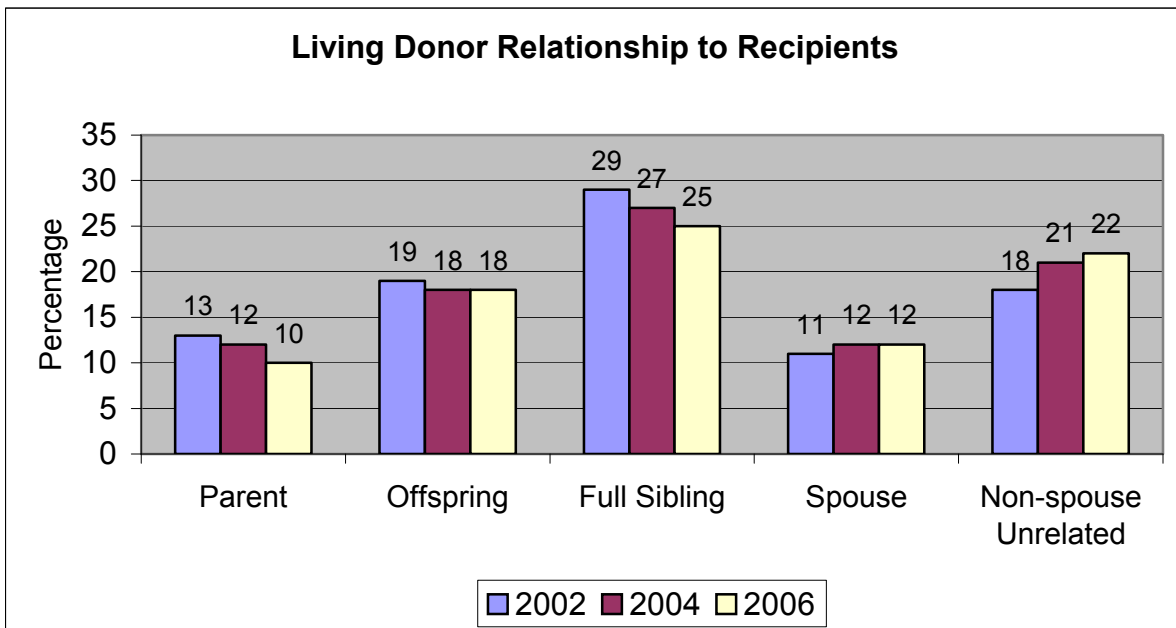
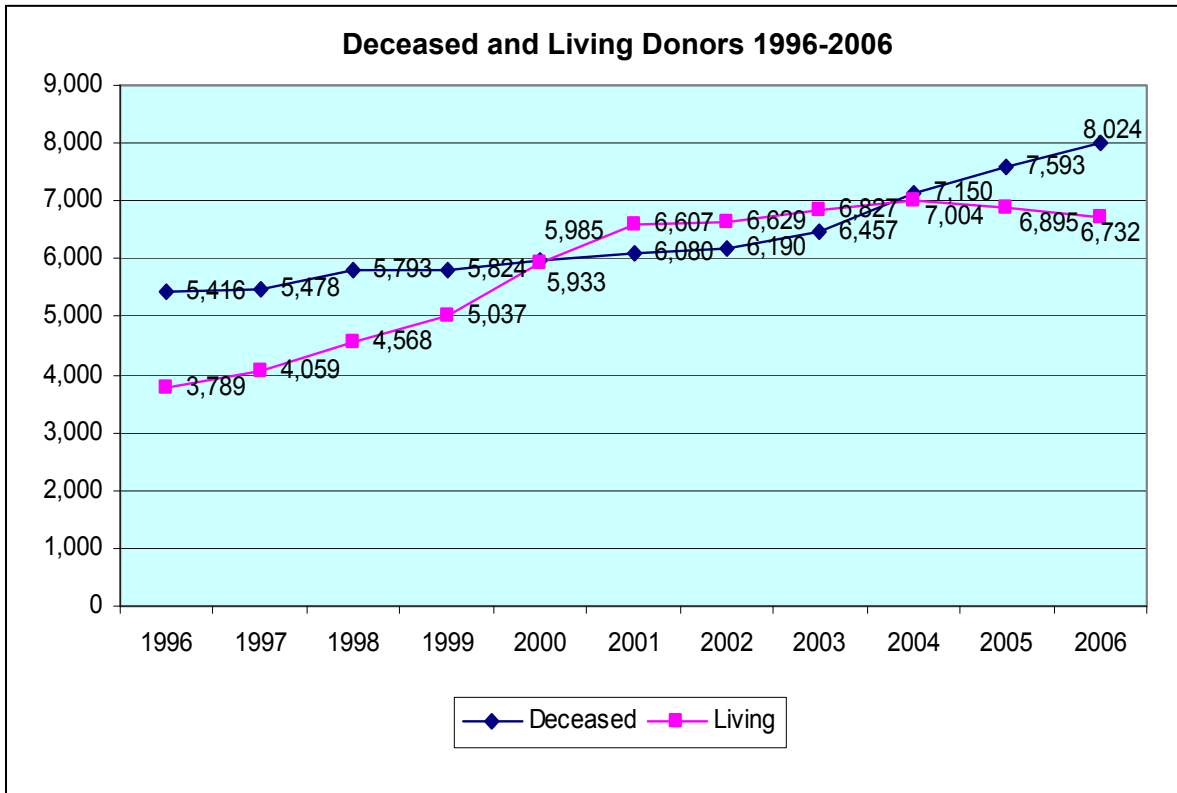


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STATISTICAL BACKGROUNDER



Living Donor Age

18-34: 1990 45.3%; 18-34: 2006 32.0%
35-49: 1990 40.0%; 35-49: 2006 45.1%
50-64: 1990 13.1%; 50-64; 2006 21.0%
65+: 1990 1.2%; 65+; 2006 1.0%

Living Donor Gender

1990: Females 55.7%; males 44.3%
2006: Females 58.8%; males 41.1%

Living Donor Race

1990: White 75.5%; Black 10.4%; Hispanic 10.3%; Asian 1.5%
2006: White 70.7%; Black 12.1%; Hispanic 12.9%; Asian 2.8%

Organ	Number of Transplants in 2006	Number of Patients on Waiting List (as of July 31, 2007)
Kidney	17,090	72,579
Kidney/Pancreas	924	2,304
Pancreas	463	1,653
Liver	6,650	16,756
Heart	2,192	2,648
Heart/Lung	31	121
Lung	1,405	2,517
Intestine	175	216

KEY FACTS

- More than 97,000 U.S. patients are currently waiting for an organ transplant, and of those 1,893 patients are children under 17 years of age. More than 4,000 new patients are added to the waiting list each month.
- Every day, 18 people die while waiting for a transplant of a vital organ, such as a heart, liver, kidney, pancreas, lung or bone marrow.
- Because of the lack of available donors in this country, 4,151 kidney patients, 1,640 liver patients, 359 heart patients and 251 lung patients died in 2006 while waiting for life-saving organ transplants.
- Last year, 1,982 children received life-saving organ transplants.

- Acceptable organ donors can range in age from newborn to 65 years or more. People who are 65 years of age or older may be acceptable donors, particularly of corneas, skin, bone and for total body donation.
- An estimated 12,000 people who die each year meet the criteria for organ donation, but less than half of that number become actual organ donors.
- Donor organs are matched to waiting recipients by a national computer registry, called the National Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN). This computer registry is operated by an organization known as the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), which is located in Richmond, Virginia.
- By signing a Donor Card, an individual indicates his or her wish to be a donor. However, at the time of death, the person's next-of-kin may be asked to sign a consent form for donation. It is important for people who wish to be organ and tissue donors to tell their family about this decision so that their wishes will be honored at the time of death. A large percentage of potential donors never become donors because family members' refusals to give consent may be honored.