

Legislative Oversight And Investigations Committee Meeting Request

Response From Donate Life Kentucky

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At the June 11, 2026 meeting of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee, committee members heard testimony regarding organ donor registrations. The representative for Donate Life Kentucky offered to provide the organization's registration data. Donate Life Kentucky can be reached at

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Donate Life Kentucky submission

Thank you again for reaching out and for the opportunity to provide Donor Registry information. Based on Donate Life Kentucky Trust's records, the total number of new registrations added to the Donor Registry were:

Year	New Donor Registrations
2020	64,516
2021	90,397
2022	81,689
2023	85,226
2024	87,238
2025	75,242

On April 1, 2026, we completed a transition from Kentucky's state registry platform to the National Donate Life Registry. As a result, we do not have finalized reporting for March, April, and May 2026. We are working with our registry vendors, LifeLogics and Donate Life America, and hope to have those numbers available soon.

The most recent monthly totals available to us were:

January 2026: 3,610 new registrations

February 2026: 3,186 new registrations

A few notes may be helpful when discussing these figures:

- Under the previous registry system, donor registration data from driver's licensing offices was transmitted and processed in monthly batches. As a result, registration counts may vary slightly depending on whether reporting is based on the date of the licensing transaction or the date the record was added to the registry. (ie: If someone clicked "yes" at driver's license on December 11, 2024 – their name would not be actually transferred into the registry until on or about January 1, 2025)
- These totals include registrations from multiple sources, including driver's licensing offices and online registration.

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- The registry utilizes deduplication processes. If an individual registers more than once, the existing record is updated rather than creating a duplicate record. As a result, these figures represent unique registrants added to the registry and may differ from counts of “yes” transactions reported by other sources.
- When a Kentuckian registers as a donor through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, that information is securely transferred to the registry and maintained by a specialized third-party registry vendor. Donate Life Kentucky Trust does not maintain direct access to confidential registry records. Routine access to records is restricted to authorized, trained organ & tissue procurement organization personnel for the purpose of confirming a deceased individual's donation decision. Through partnerships with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, our volunteer Board of Directors, and experienced registry vendors, we help ensure Kentuckians have a secure and reliable way to document their donation decision.
- Donate Life Kentucky Trust is a Kentucky-based nonprofit organization founded by the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks in 1992. We are headquartered in Louisville and have 7 FTEs. One of our primary responsibilities is funding, administering, and promoting the donor registry through charitable contributions and fundraising. We receive no state or federal funding.
- These figures are aggregate statistics and do not contain personally identifiable information or confidential registry records.

Please let me know if any additional information would be helpful.

Thank you,

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