

# UNITED NETWORK FOR ORGAN SHARING

## Monthly Waiting List Snapshot Report

February 28, 2013

This report provides frequency counts for certain demographic and logistic factors (blood type, gender, age, ethnicity, Region) for patients awaiting transplantation on the OPTN kidney, liver, pancreas, kidney-pancreas, intestine, heart, heart-lung, and lung organ-specific waiting lists.

The counts in this report are based on a recent "snapshot" of the OPTN Waiting List, i.e., the waiting list as it existed around midnight on the date specified. The data contained in the OPTN system are not conveyed via paper forms, but are entered electronically by the OPTN members who list a particular potential recipient. OPTN members have direct responsibility for maintaining and monitoring all data from the time a patient is listed until they are removed from the list.

Values of demographic variables are obtained from Transplant Candidate Registration forms when missing on the waiting list snapshot.

Note that some patients are multiply listed: at different centers for the same organ, or for multiple organs (e.g. kidney and heart). The data in this report are not adjusted for multiple listings. However, the data are adjusted for multiple listings at the same center; thus, a patient is counted only once per center. Therefore the totals reflect numbers of registrations rather than numbers of patients. The degree of multiple listing of the same patient at different centers has been difficult to determine accurately, but is estimated to involve less than five percent of all patients and appears to have declined over time. The currently estimated number of **patients** listed on the waiting list as of February 28, 2013 by organ and overall is as follows:

Kidney	95,440
Liver	15,716
Pancreas	1,189
Kidney-Pancreas	2,125
Intestine	255
Heart	3,466
Heart-Lung	53
Lung	1,652
<b>Overall</b>	<b>117,124</b>

The overall value is less than the sum of the organs. This is due to the fact that some patients list for multiple organs. These patients are counted under each organ they are waiting for, but only once in the overall.

This report is updated monthly.