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Organ Donation and Utilization in the United States, 1998-2007

Overview

- Despite the work of the Organ Donation and Transplant Collaboratives, and the marked increases in deceased donors early in the effort, deceased donors only rose by 67 from 2006 and the number of living donors declined during the same time period.
- There continues to be increases in the use of organs from donors after cardiac death (DCD) and expanded criteria donors (ECD).
- This year has seen a major change in the way organs are offered with increased patient safety measures in those organ offers made by OPOs using DonorNet®.
- Unfortunately, the goals of 75% conversion rates, 3.75 organs transplanted per donor, 10% of all donors from DCD sources, and 20% growth of transplant center volume have yet to be reached across all donation service areas (DSAs) and transplant centers; however, there are DSAs that have not only met, but exceeded, these goals.
- Finally, the national transplant environment has changed in response to increased regulatory oversight and new requirements for donation and transplant provider organizations.

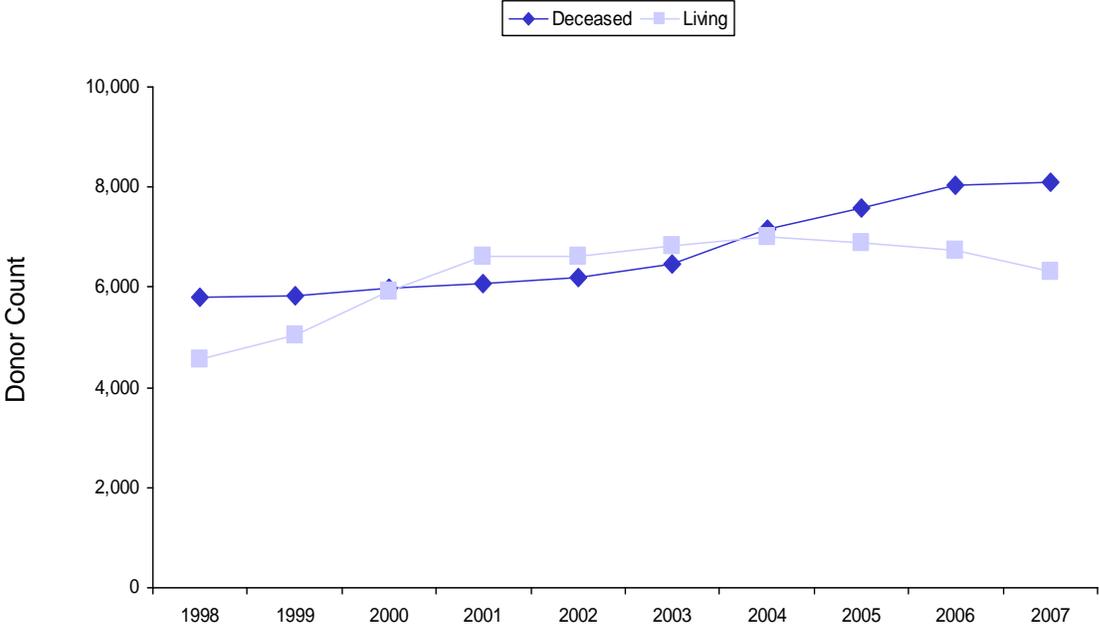
The figure on the following page shows the total number of deceased donors of all organs recovered for transplantation for each year from 1998 to 2007. More information on these numbers, and the points above, may be found in Chapter II of the report.

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**Total Number of Deceased Donors of All Organs Recovered for Transplant,
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