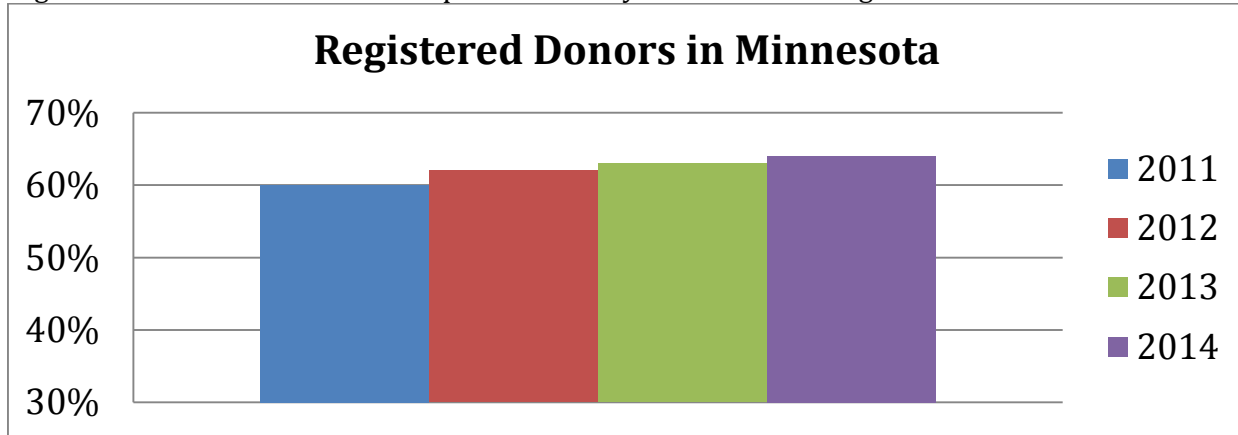


Organ and Tissue Donation Minnesota

Minnesota enjoys a high level of community support for donation. 64% of adults in Minnesota have registered to be donors which compares favorably to the national registration rate of 50%.



This high level of support for donation is the result of strong programs and partnerships focused on creating a culture of donation in Minnesota.

1. Effective State Policy

- Driver's education courses must include 30 minutes of instruction on organ and tissue donation. (171.0701 adopted 2006)
- *Darlene Luther Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act* affirms a person's documented wishes to be a donor constitutes legal authorization for donation and establishes the means to ensure donation agencies can honor those wishes. (525A adopted 2007)
- The \$2 check-off program allows Minnesotans to donate \$2 when they renew their driver's license or vehicle registration to support programs designed to increase the number of registered donors. (171.075 adopted 2012)

2. Strong Partnerships

- The Department of Public Safety shares information about donation with customers in more than 300 driver's license offices.
- More than 279 hospitals to care for donors and their families and facilitate their gifts.
- LifeSource partners with Minnesota Lions Eye Bank to care for donor families, honor donor's wishes, and increase public support for donation.

3. Community outreach and education efforts including:

- Maintaining a strong media presence.
- Managing a Social Media presence through Facebook, Twitter, Websites, and Youtube
- Leading an Ambassador program empowering donor family members and recipients to share their stories and encourage support for donation.
- Supporting driver's education instructions in fulfilling the requirements for donation in their courses.