



Monthly Report on Deceased Organ Donation in Australia

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Explanatory notes

Definitions

- 1 Actual Deceased Organ Donor – A person for whom the organ retrieval procedure commenced in the operating room (with surgical incision) for the purpose of transplantation. This includes donors who may have been deemed medically unsuitable during surgery or after the removal of organs.^{1,2,3,4}
- 2 Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD) – Donation, for the purpose of transplantation, occurs following death of a person resulting from the irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory function.⁴
- 3 Intended Deceased Organ Donor – A person for whom the donation workup was initiated as evidenced by both:
 - Formal written consent undertaken, including consent for donation of specific organs and/or tissues, and
 - Blood for tissue typing sent with allocation of a donor ID;but donation did not proceed.⁵
- 4 Multiorgan Donor – An actual deceased organ donor from whom at least two different types of organs have been retrieved for the purpose of transplantation.⁴
- 5 Recipient – An individual into whom allogeneic human cells, tissues or organs were transplanted.⁴
- 6 Recipient of Multiple Organs – A transplant recipient where two or more different types of organs have been utilised for transplantation in the same operative procedure. This excludes double adult kidney, en bloc kidney and double lung transplants. A single recipient can receive multiple organs in a single transplantation event.
- 7 Retrieval – The procedure of removing organs or tissues from donor.⁴
- 8 Transplantation – The transfer of organs and/or tissue from donor to recipient with the aim of restoring body function(s) of the recipient.⁴
- 9 Counts pertain to solid organs only (Kidney, Liver, Heart, Lung, Pancreas and Stomach Intestines). Pancreatic Islets are reported as “tissue”.

Notes

This report supersedes previous monthly reports and as data reported is subject to revision it may change in subsequent reporting.

All donation and transplantation data is presented by the state or territory of donation

Victorian activity includes those donors from Albury, NSW due to the proximity of Albury to DonateLife services in Victoria.

Method

To assist with transparency of reporting, the counting method is detailed below.

In Australia, data is collected via the Electronic Donor Record (EDR) and is then submitted to the online ANZOD Registry application via an XML for data validation and analysis.

Monthly data presents the number of Actual and Intended organ donors (as per definitions 1 and 3 on page 2) for a calendar month.

The count of transplant recipients identifies the number of individuals who fall under definition 5 (page 2) for the reporting period.

The count of organs transplanted identifies the number of individual organs, regardless of the type of transplant performed.^{6,7,8} Therefore, for reporting the number of organs transplanted, double lungs and double adult/en bloc kidneys have an organ count of two. A liver split into two segments and each transplanted into two recipients is counted as one organ transplanted.

In comparison, reporting of transplantation of organs represents the number of transplant procedures where one or more organs are transplanted during a single event.^{9,10,11} For reporting of double lungs and double adult/en bloc kidneys the transplantation count is one.

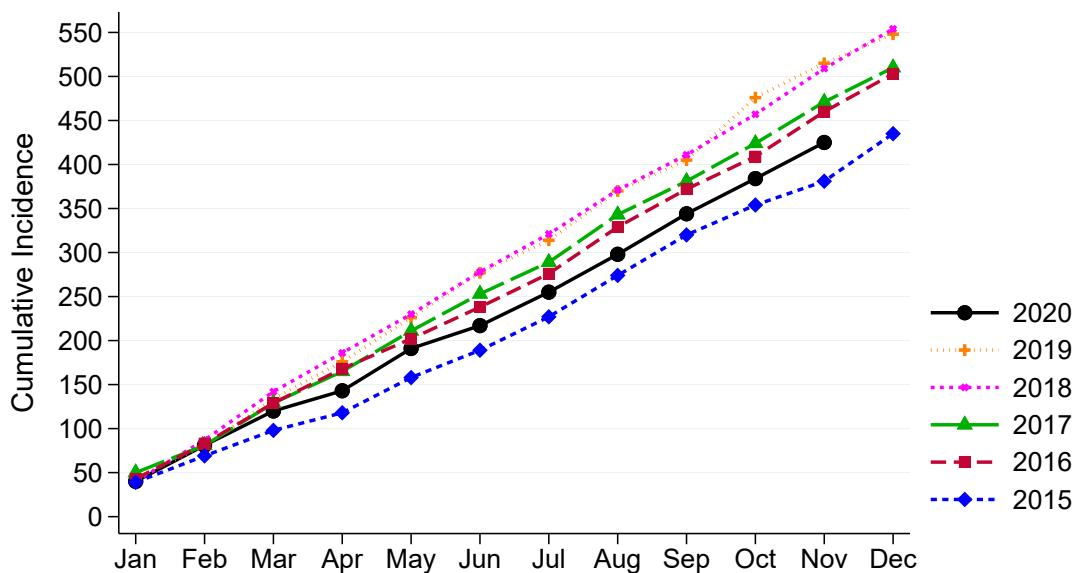
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Deceased Organ Donation

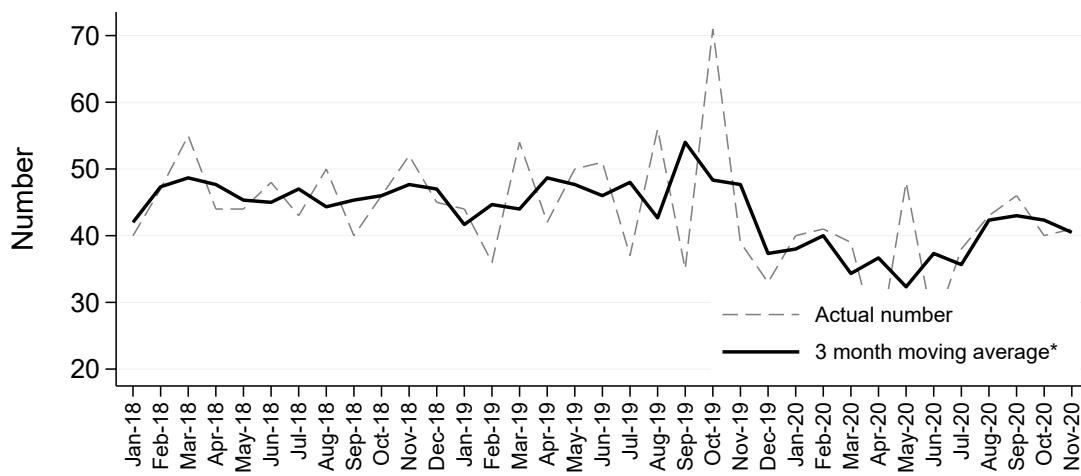
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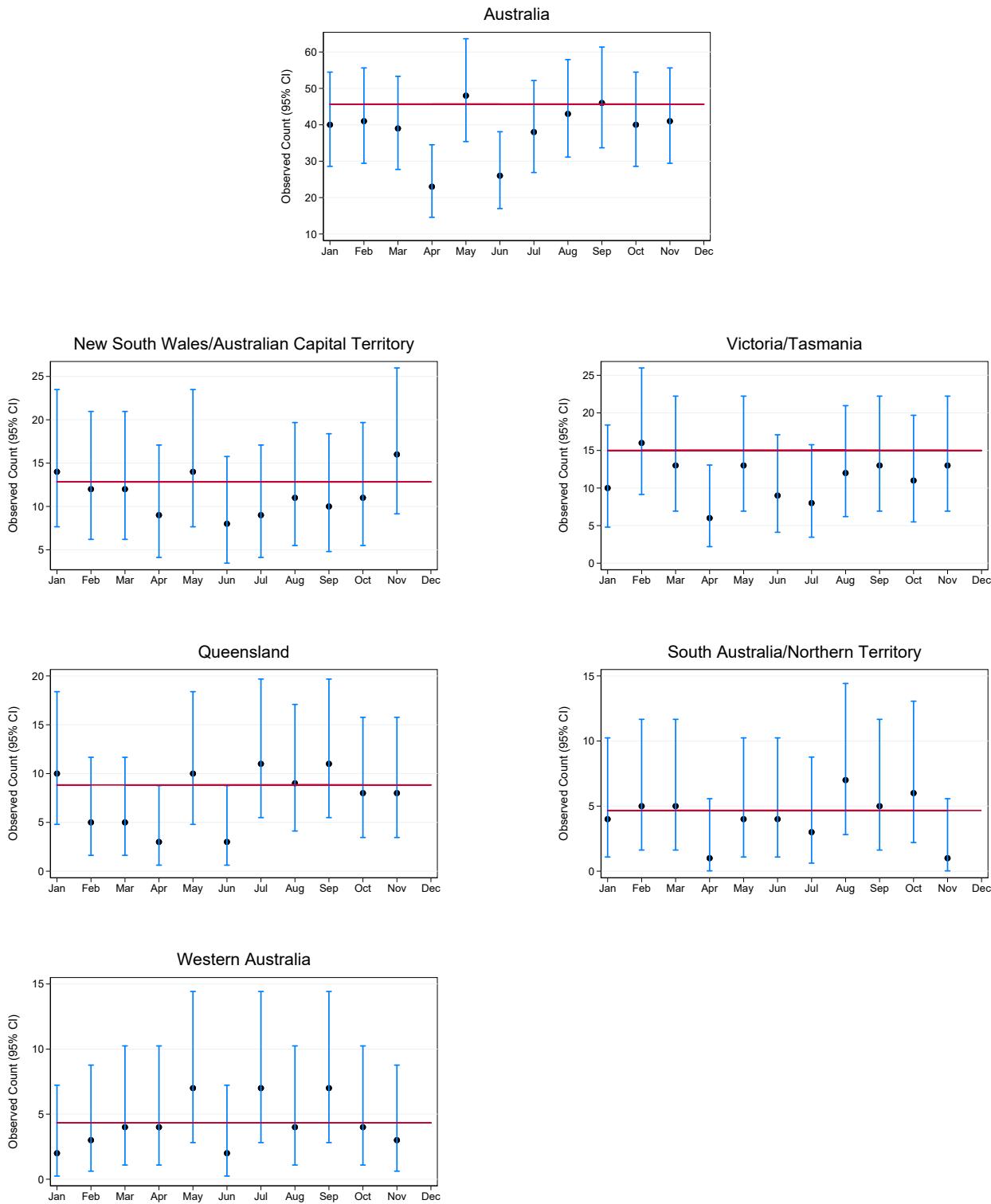
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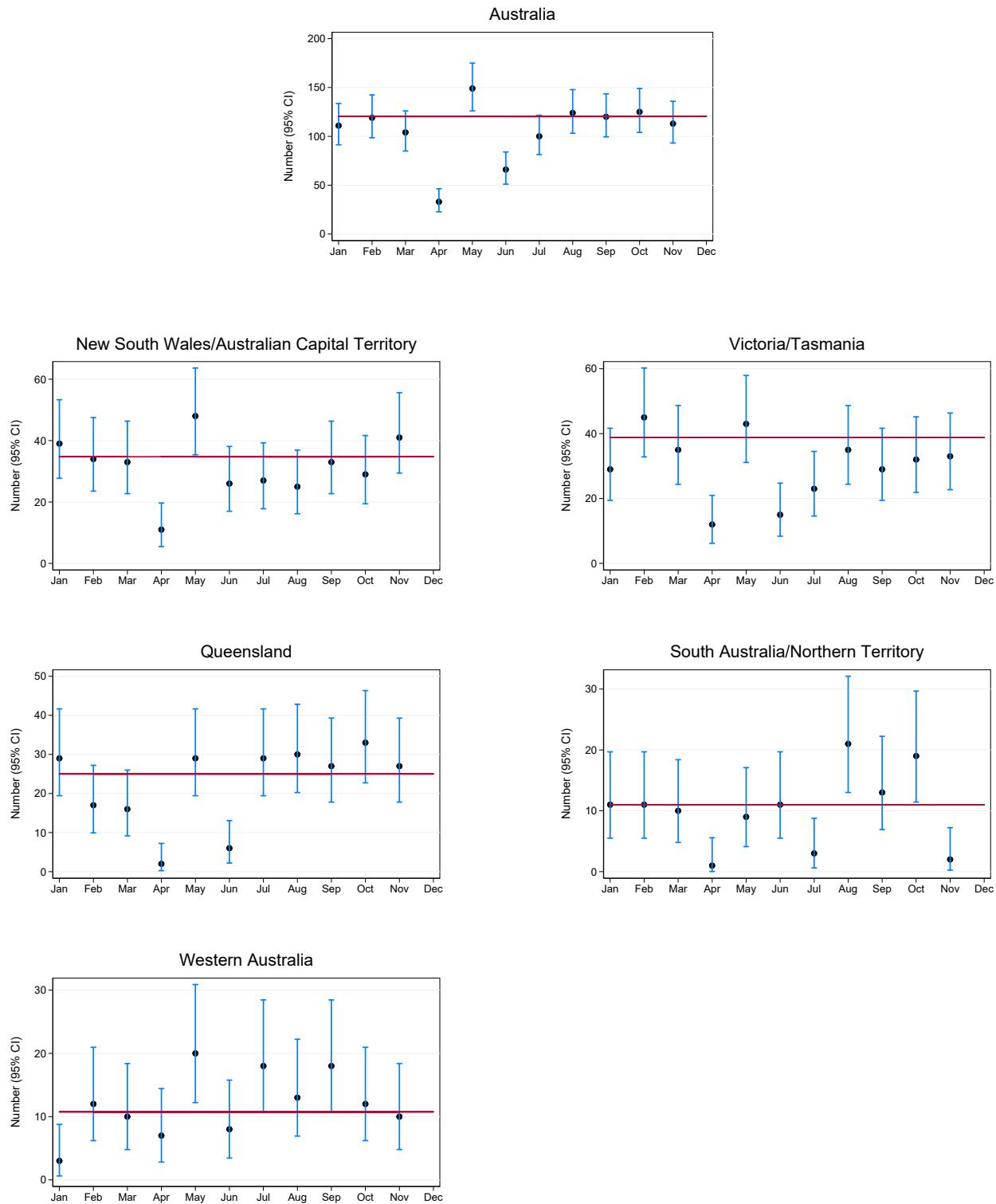
Actual Deceased Organ Donors per Month and 95% Confidence Intervals by Jurisdiction , 2020

The plots below illustrate month-to-month variability in donor numbers. 95% confidence intervals are exact Poisson intervals. Reference line is the 2019 monthly average. Note the different y-axis scales for each jurisdiction.



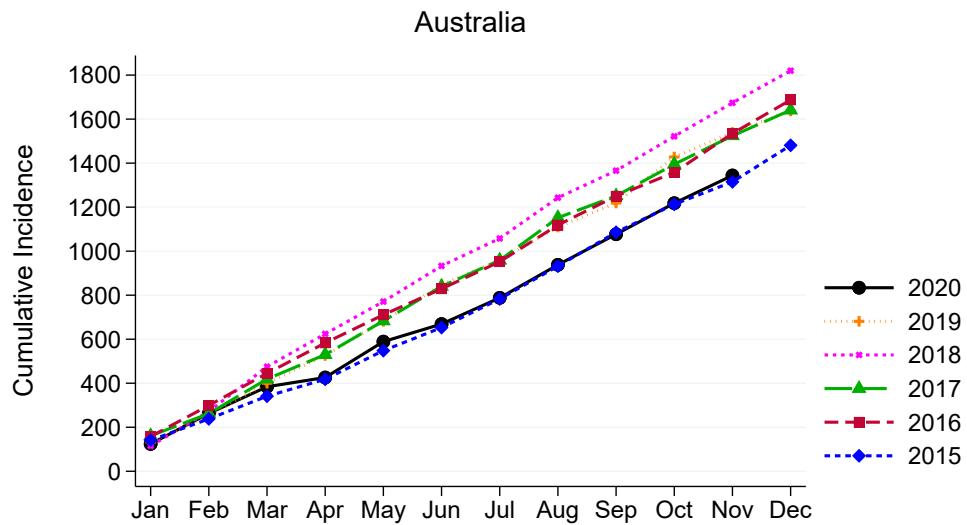
Total Transplant Recipients from Deceased Organ Donors per Month and 95% Confidence Intervals by Jurisdiction , 2020

The plots below illustrate month-to-month variability in the number of transplant recipients. 95% confidence intervals are exact Poisson intervals. Reference line is the 2019 monthly average. Note the different y-axis scales for each jurisdiction. Jurisdiction of donation is not related to state/territory of transplantation.



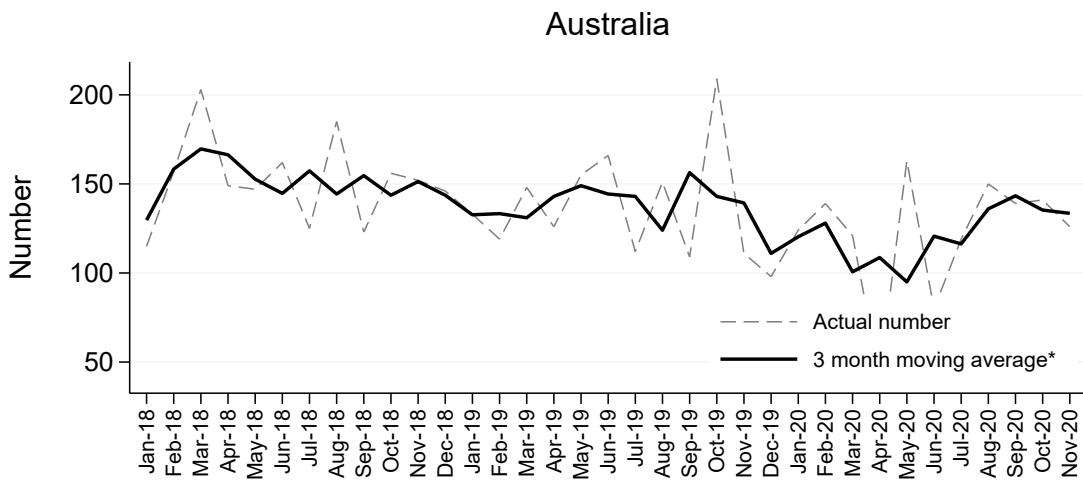
Organs Transplanted from Deceased Organ Donors

Organs Transplanted per Month from Deceased Organ Donors



Each organ is counted individually regardless of the type of transplantation performed.^{6,7,8}

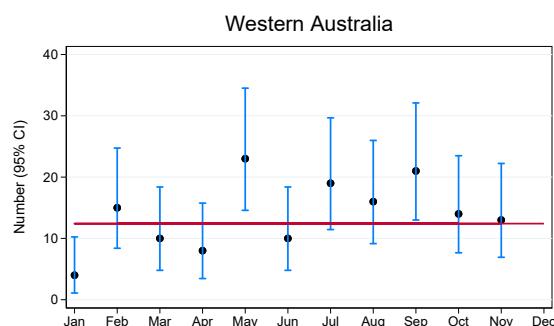
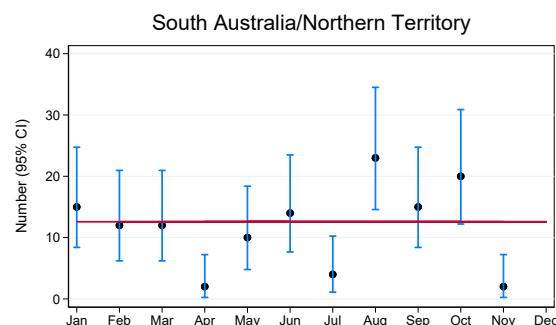
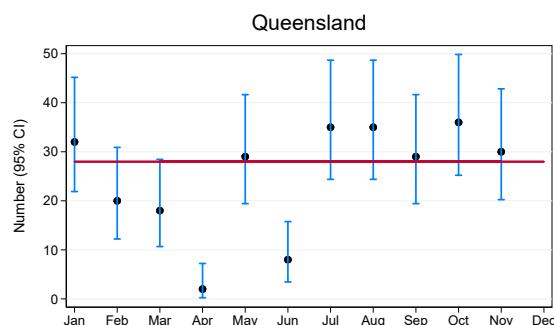
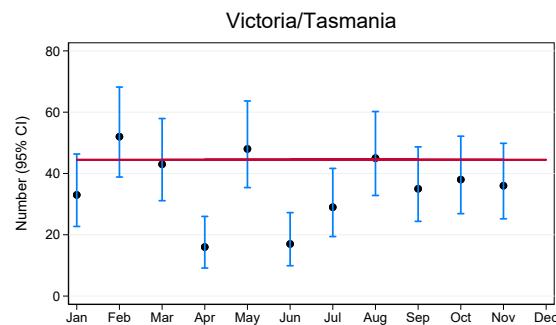
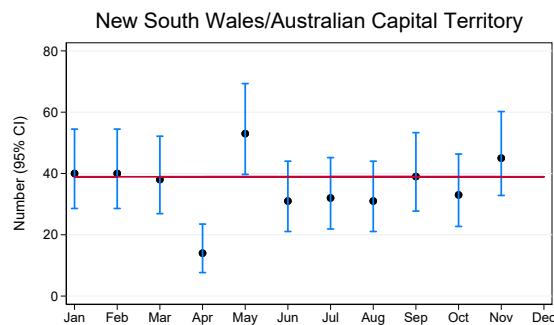
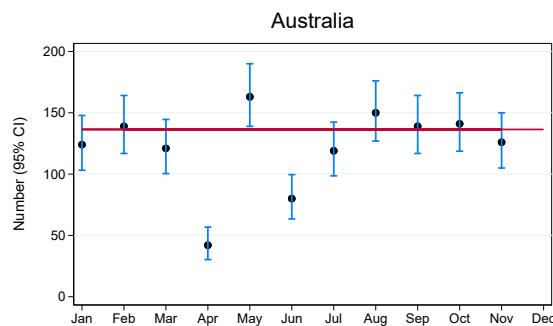
Organs Transplanted per Month from Deceased Organ Donors



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Total Organs Transplanted per Month and 95% Confidence Intervals by Jurisdiction , 2020

The plots below illustrate month-to-month variability in the number of organs transplanted. 95% confidence intervals are exact Poisson intervals. Reference line is the 2019 monthly average. Note the different y-axis scales for each jurisdiction. Jurisdiction of donation is not related to state/territory of transplantation.



Stomach Intestine

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	0	1	0	1									

Stomach Intestine = 1 Organ Count

Stomach Intestine + Other Organ = 1 Organ Count

Kidney (+ any Other Organ) Transplants

Counts of multiorgan transplants utilising at least one kidney are excluded from the above counts.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
KIDNEY+HEART	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4
KIDNEY+LIVER	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	8
KIDNEY+LUNGS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
KIDNEY+PANCREAS	1	6	1	0	4	4	6	6	5	5	3	0	41
TOTAL	1	7	2	2	7	4	6	10	7	6	4	0	56

Liver (Reduced Size) Transplants

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	0												

Liver (+ any Other Organ) Transplants

Counts of multiorgan transplants utilising a liver are excluded from the above counts.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
LIVER+KIDNEY	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	0		8
TOTAL	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	0		8

Lung (+ any Other Organ) Transplants

Counts of multiorgan transplants utilising at least one lung are excluded from the above counts.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
LUNGS+HEART	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0		6
LUNGS+KIDNEY	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0		3
TOTAL	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	0		9

Total Pancreas Transplants

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	1	1	1	0	3	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	13
VIC	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	7
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	8
SA	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
WA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	4
TAS	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
AUSTRALIA	2	6	1	0	4	4	6	6	5	6	3		43

Whole Pancreas (=1) and Pancreas + any Other Organ (=1)

Pancreas (Whole) Transplants

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	1	0	1	0		2							

Pancreas (+ any Other Organ) Transplants

Counts of multiorgan transplants utilising a pancreas are excluded from the above counts.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
PANCREAS+KIDNEY	1	6	1	0	4	4	6	6	5	5	3	0	41
TOTAL	1	6	1	0	4	4	6	6	5	5	3		41

Total Stomach Intestine Transplant Recipients

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	0	1	0	1									

Stomach Intestine (=1) and Stomach Intestine + any Other Organ (=1)

Kidney (Double Adult/En bloc) Transplants

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		1
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
WA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
AUSTRALIA	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		3

Kidney (+ any Other Organ) Transplants

Counts of multiorgan transplants utilising at least one kidney are excluded from the above counts.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
KIDNEY+LIVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
KIDNEY+LUNGS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
KIDNEY+PANCREAS	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0		3
TOTAL	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0		4

Liver (Reduced Size) Transplants

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	0												

Liver (+ any Other Organ) Transplants

Counts of multiorgan transplants utilising a liver are excluded from the above counts.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
LIVER+KIDNEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0												

Total Heart Transplants

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2		6
VIC	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
QLD	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		6
SA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		3
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
ACT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
AUSTRALIA	4	1	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	3		19

Heart only (=1) and Heart + any Other Organ (=1)

Heart (Only) Transplants

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2		6
VIC	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
QLD	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		6
SA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		3
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
ACT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
AUSTRALIA	4	1	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	3		19

Total Lung Transplants

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	9
VIC	1	2	5	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	13
QLD	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	8
SA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
WA	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
TAS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AUSTRALIA	5	6	9	1	3	1	4	0	4	1	3	0	37

Single Lung (=1), Double Lung (=1), Single Lung + any Other Organ (=1),
Double Lung + any Other Organ (=1)

Lung (Double) Transplants

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
VIC	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	9
QLD	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	7
SA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
WA	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
TAS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	3	4	5	1	2	1	4	0	3	1	3	0	27

Lung (Single) Transplants

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
VIC	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
QLD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AUSTRALIA	2	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9

Lung (+ any Other Organ) Transplants

Counts of multiorgan transplants utilising at least one lung are excluded from the above counts.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
LUNGS+KIDNEY	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	0	1	0	1								

