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One person dies every 58 minutes as a result of the shortage of organs resulting our government's use of the sole organ-donor policy of altruism. That figure is calculated as follows:

$$525,600 \text{ minutes/yr} \div 8,996 = 58 \text{ minutes}$$

The number of minutes in a year, 525,600, is divided by the total deaths of those on the waiting list (5,529) and those who were removed from the list because they were too sick leading to their eventual death (3,437). See data table below.

<http://www.unos.org/> <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/latestData/step2.asp>

[Los Angeles Times, 6/18/09](#) Number of patients who die awaiting kidney reach a new high

It should be noted that of the 112,570 on the waiting list today, 90,000 are waiting for a kidney. Kidneys are being rationed; older patients are now being allowed to die so that younger patients can be saved. In addition to the 90,000, another [317,000](#) renal patients are undergoing dialysis but they are not even listed yet.



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Removal Reasons by Year

Removed from the Waiting List : January, 1995 - October 31, 2011

For Type = Candidates, Format = Portrait

Based on OPTN data as of January 13, 2012

Change Report (Optional) :

Organ

Count

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Add Field to Report :



	To Date	2011	2010	2009
All Removal Reason	535,712	37,720	44,355	43,464
Deceased Donor Transplant	298,885	18,136	21,263	20,980
Living Donor Transplant	65,723	4,449	5,768	5,631
Deceased Donor Emergency Tx	241	3	4	4
Deceased Donor Multi-Organ Tx	576	1	4	7
Patient died during TX procedure	327	31	32	27
Transplanted in another country	260	38	56	19
Unable to contact candidate	3,579	169	254	334
Waiting for KP, will not Accept Isol. Or Also Waiting for Isol Organ; recvd Kidne	718	20	35	59
Also Waiting for Isol Organ; recvd Pancr	2,293	103	162	174
Also Waiting for KP; recvd KP	77	2	1	5
Also Waiting for KP; recvd KP	5,825	360	426	451
Medically Unsuitable	482	0	1	2
Also Waiting for KP; recvd Kidney Alone	385	17	31	16
Also Waiting for KP; recvd Pancreas Alon	75	4	4	4
Refused transplant	6,090	486	506	524
Transferred to another center	22,377	1,314	1,614	1,533
Died	102,941	5,529	6,603	6,714
Other	48,350	3,820	4,321	4,014
Condition Improved	15,618	927	1,224	1,267
Too Sick to Transplant	32,332	3,437	3,641	3,244
Transplanted At Another Center	25,635	2,037	2,248	2,173

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