ORGAN PROCUREMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

(1988–2013)

There is around 124,000 candidates on the waiting list for an organ transplant. An average of 18 people die every day waiting for a transplant. When an organ donor dies, the organs that can be taken are procured and given to a matched candidate on the waiting list. 70% of organs stay in the region and the rest are given across the nation to a candidate who has the highest chance of successfully recieving the organ within their body.

Despite the myths, becoming an organ donor does not mean the doctor will not work as hard to keep the donor alive. Becoming an organ donor means that when you die, the parts of your body you will no longer need can be used to save multiple lives. Donations can be accepted through living donors or deceased donor; this visualization shows deceased donors only.

** Only the fifty contingent states. Not enough data for Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Though data was provided Puerto Rico and Washington D.C is not shown.*

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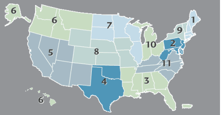

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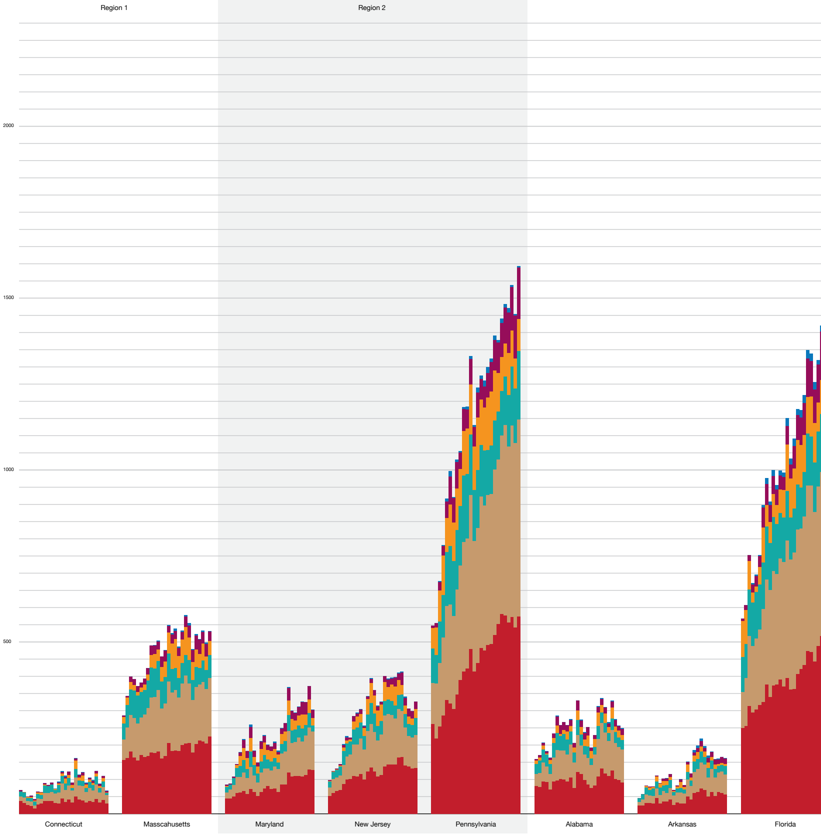

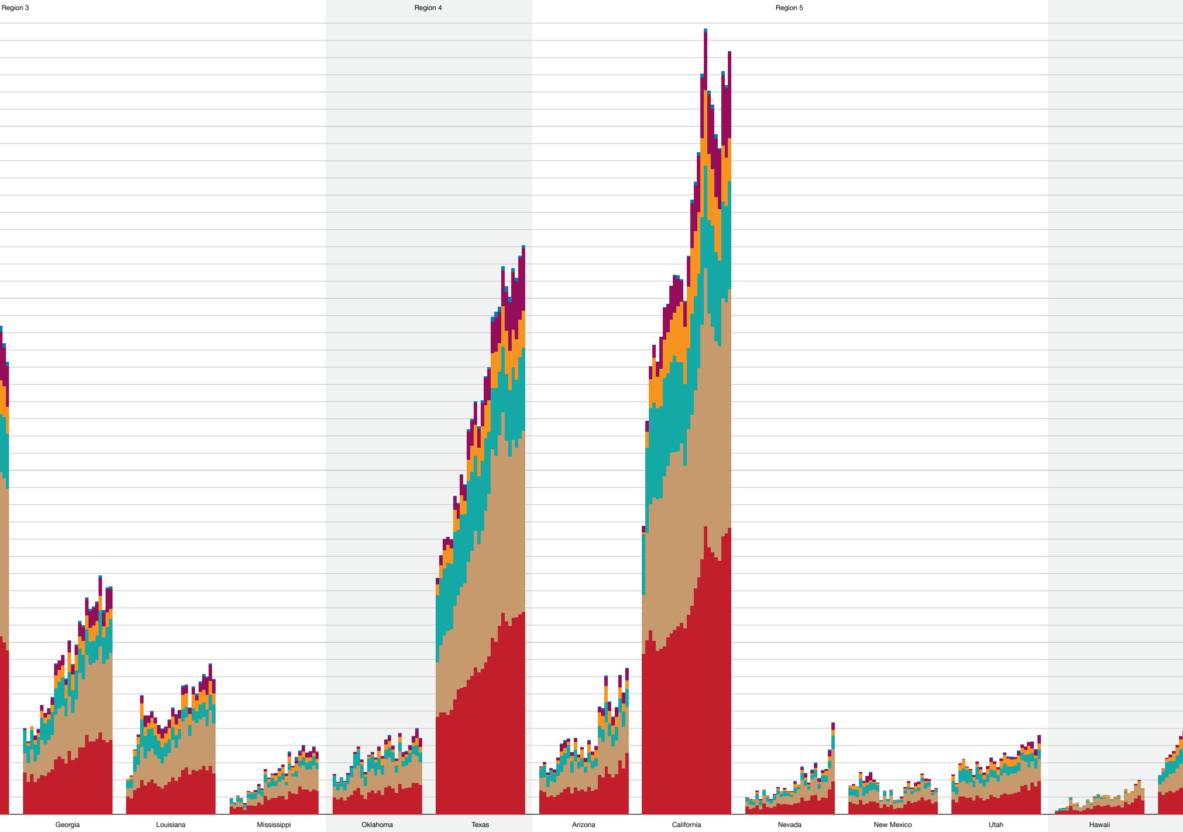

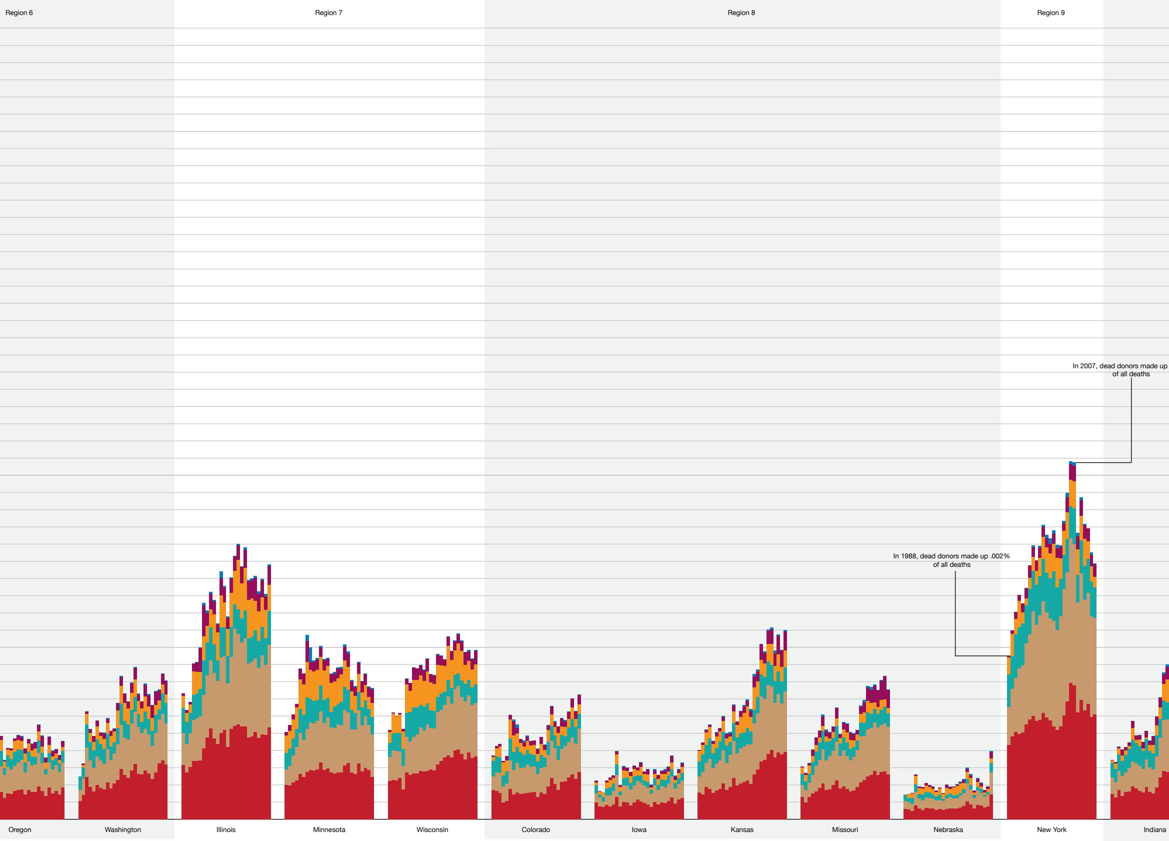

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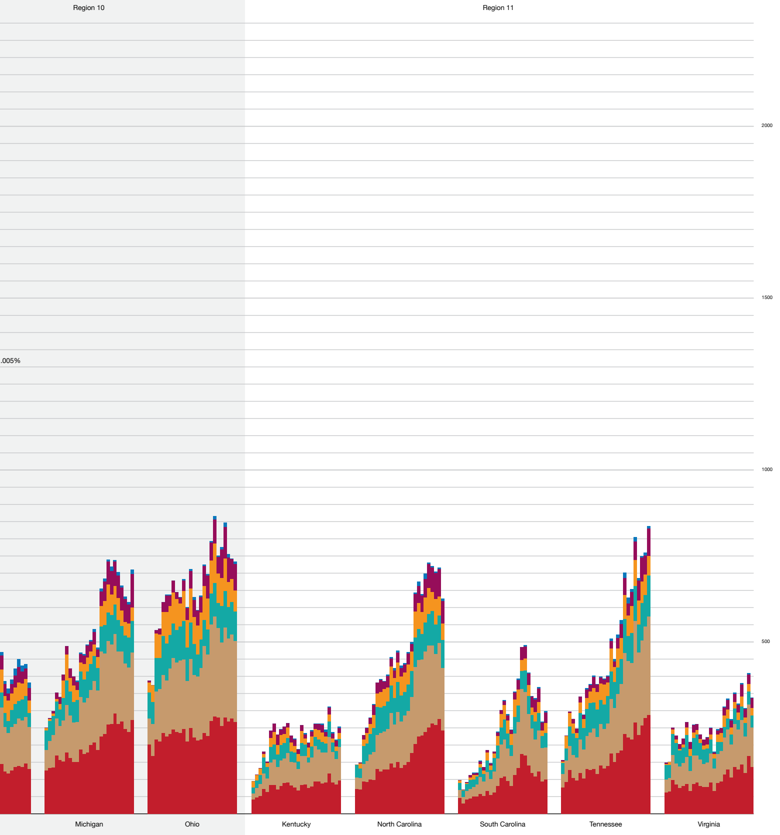In 1988, dead donors made up .002%
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