



Eye and Tissue Donation in Australia

Monthly Report

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Preliminary Data

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1 Acknowledgements

According to the Eye Bank Association of Australia and New Zealand (EBAANZ), since the end of 2011, the number of corneal transplants in Australia each year has exceeded the number of new patients requiring transplants each year. This means the current demand for corneal transplants in Australia is being met and should be noted when comparing 2026 corneal transplantation numbers to previous years published.

2 Counting Methodology

Each tissue bank and Queensland eye bank uses a Minimum Data Set Template (MDS) to provide the Registry de-identified donor information for each tissue type, as well as aggregate data for reporting of notified tissue graft implants and notified tissue graft recipients.

Each eye bank (excluding Queensland eye bank) use a generated report from the Electronic Donor Record (EDR), which collects data about eye donation activity in Australia.

Data received undergoes reconciliation and cross checking between the solid organ sector (ANZOD), the eye sector (participating eye banks) and the tissue sector (participating tissue banks) to ensure accuracy at the time of reporting.

The Registry declares:

- All donations of eye tissue have come from deceased donors.
- Eye donors include those who have donated 2 whole eyes, 2 corneas or one whole eye or one cornea.
- Eye and Tissue Graft Implants and Transplant Recipient data includes transplant events that have occurred in a different jurisdiction to where the tissue was donated.
- Graft Implants and Transplant Recipient data may or may not be a direct outcome of tissue donations reported for the month, as tissue can be stored for a period of time before the graft is implanted.
- Outcome data does not capture tissue that has been supplied for implant but not yet notified as implanted to the distributing tissue bank.
- This report supersedes previous monthly reports and as data reported is subject to revision it may change in subsequent reporting.

3 Eye and Tissue Donors

3.1 Unique Tissue Donors

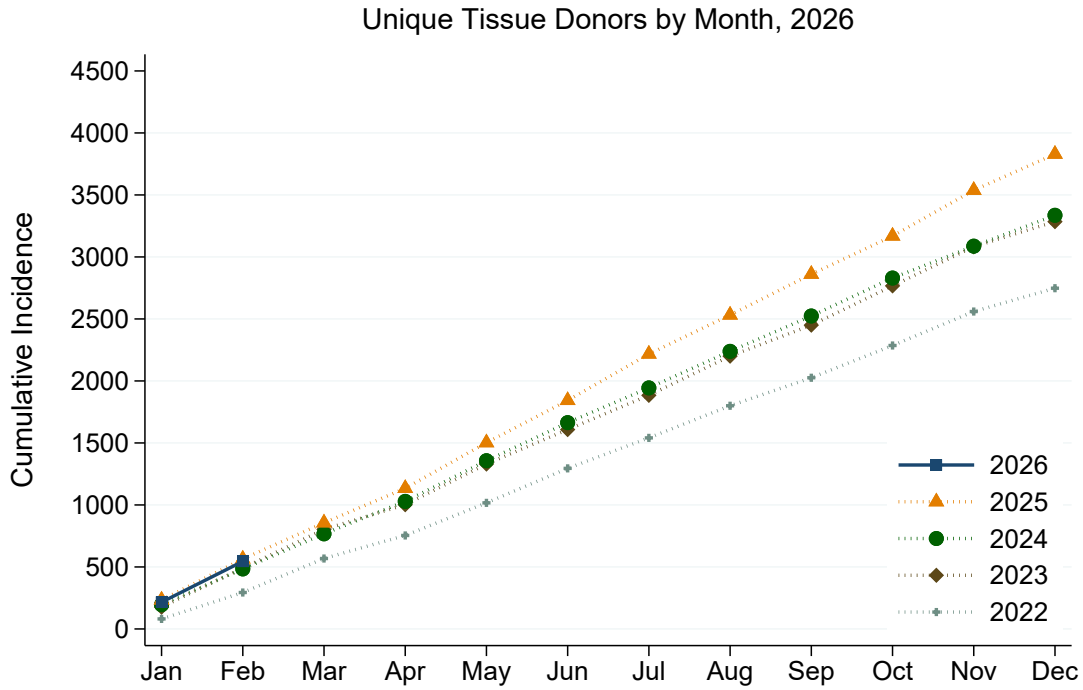


Figure 1: Unique Tissue Donors by Month, 2026

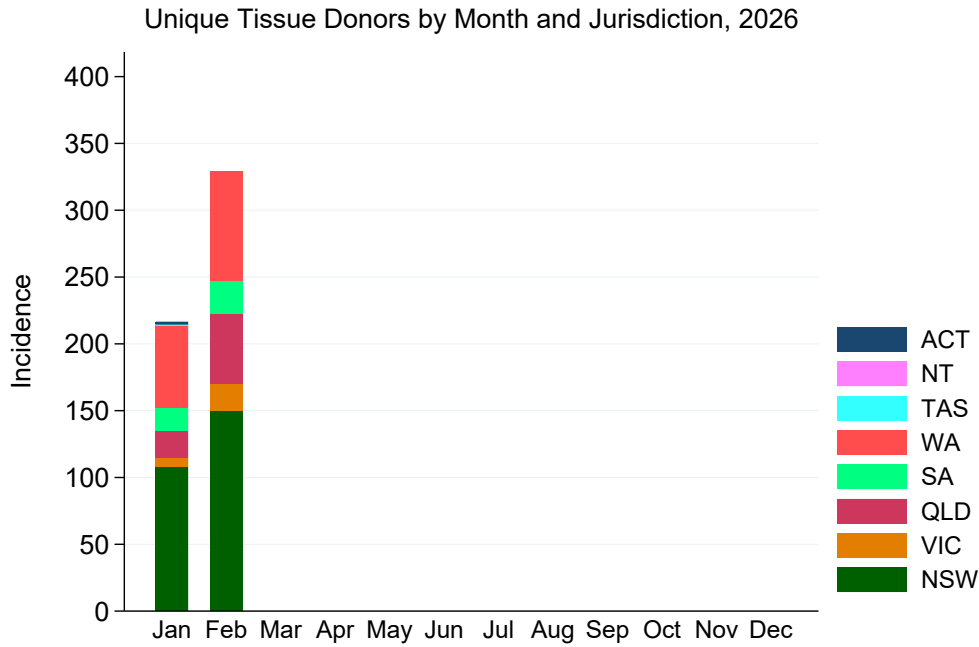


Figure 2: Unique Tissue Donors by Month and Jurisdiction, 2026

Table 1: Unique Tissue Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	108	150											258
VIC	7	20											27
QLD	20	53											73
SA	17	24											41
WA	62	82											144
TAS	1	0											1
NT	0	0											0
ACT	1	0											1
AUSTRALIA	216	329											545

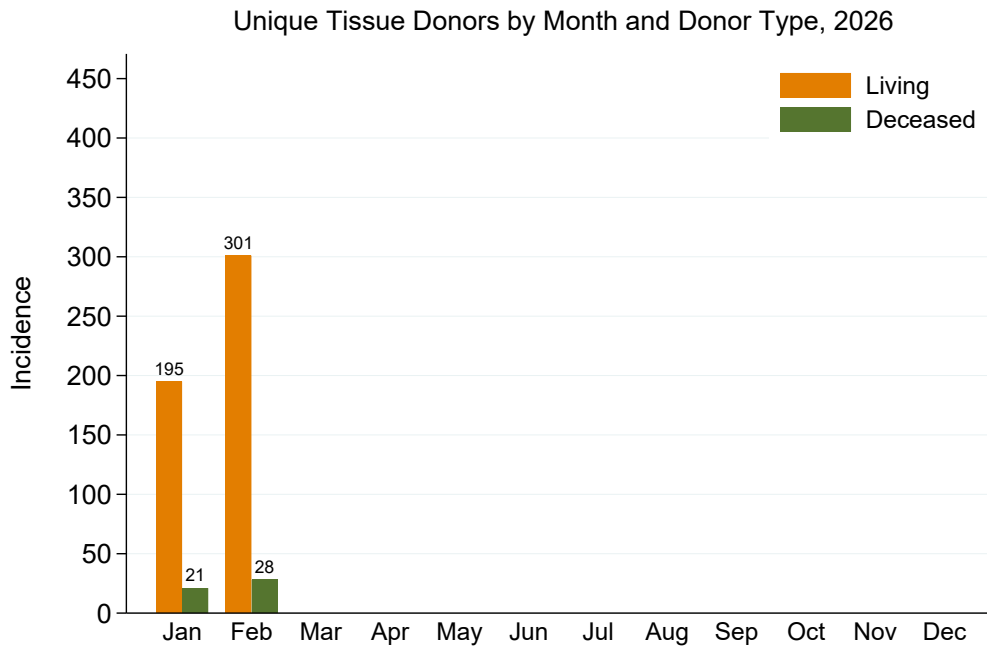


Figure 3: Unique Tissue Donors by Month and Donor Type, 2026

Table 2: Unique Living Tissue Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	101	143											244
VIC	4	11											15
QLD	15	43											58
SA	16	24											40
WA	59	80											139
TAS	0	0											0
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	0											0
AUSTRALIA	195	301											496

Table 3: Unique Deceased Tissue Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	7	7											14
VIC	3	9											12
QLD	5	10											15
SA	1	0											1
WA	3	2											5
TAS	1	0											1
NT	0	0											0
ACT	1	0											1
AUSTRALIA	21	28											49

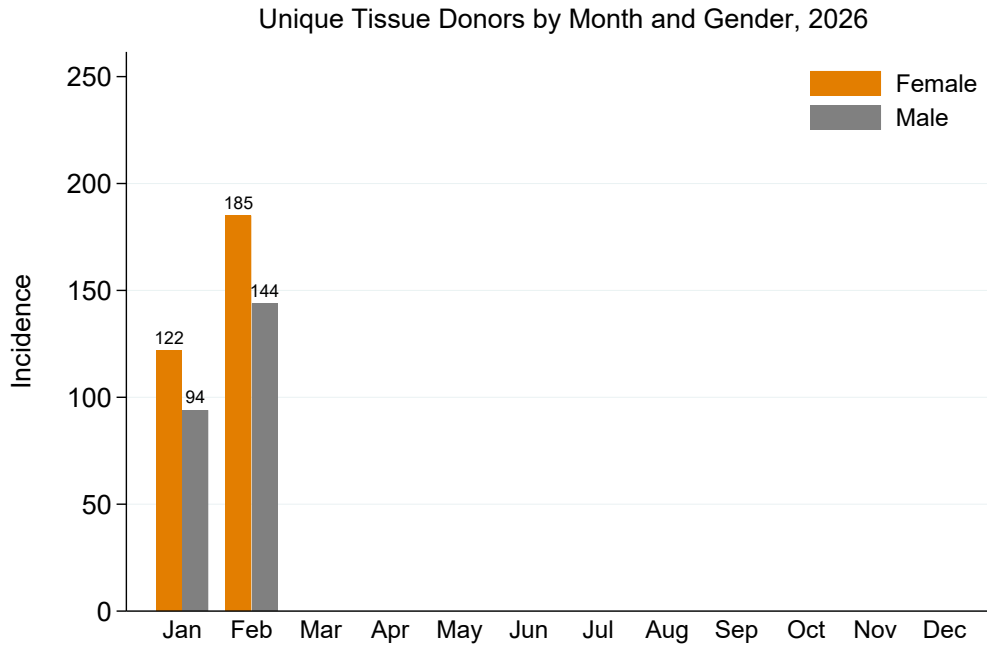


Figure 4: Unique Tissue Donors by Month and Gender, 2026

Table 4: Unique Female Tissue Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	65	91											156
VIC	4	8											12
QLD	10	27											37
SA	10	16											26
WA	32	43											75
TAS	1	0											1
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	0											0
AUSTRALIA	122	185											307

Table 5: Unique Male Tissue Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	43	59											102
VIC	3	12											15
QLD	10	26											36
SA	7	8											15
WA	30	39											69
TAS	0	0											0
NT	0	0											0
ACT	1	0											1
AUSTRALIA	94	144											238

Eye and Tissue Donation Registry

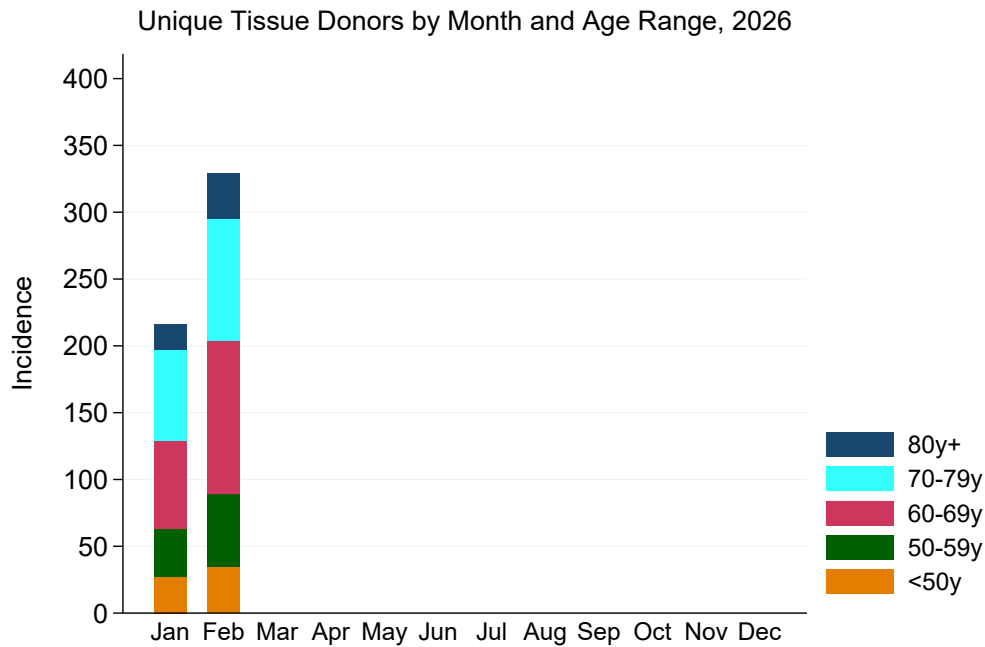


Figure 5: Unique Tissue Donors by Month and Age Range, 2026

Table 6: Unique Tissue Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Age Range, 2026

	<50y	50-59y	60-69y	70-79y	80y+	Total
NSW	40	41	74	81	22	258
VIC	8	4	6	6	3	27
QLD	4	16	33	15	5	73
SA	2	2	12	13	12	41
WA	7	26	56	44	11	144
TAS	1	0	0	0	0	1
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	1	0	0	0	1
AUSTRALIA	62	90	181	159	53	545

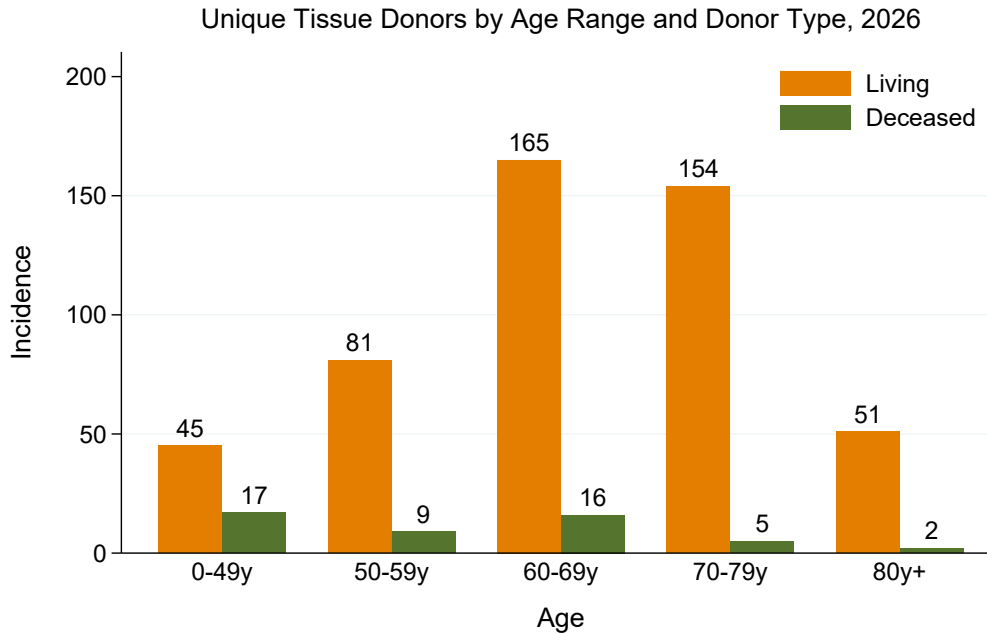


Figure 6: Unique Tissue Donors by Age Range and Donor Type, 2026

Table 7: Unique Living Tissue Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Age Range, 2026

	<50y	50-59y	60-69y	70-79y	80y+	Total
NSW	33	39	71	80	21	244
VIC	1	1	5	5	3	15
QLD	3	13	24	14	4	58
SA	2	2	11	13	12	40
WA	6	26	54	42	11	139
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	45	81	165	154	51	496

Table 8: Unique Deceased Tissue Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Age Range, 2026

	<50y	50-59y	60-69y	70-79y	80y+	Total
NSW	7	2	3	1	1	14
VIC	7	3	1	1	0	12
QLD	1	3	9	1	1	15
SA	0	0	1	0	0	1
WA	1	0	2	2	0	5
TAS	1	0	0	0	0	1
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	1	0	0	0	1
AUSTRALIA	17	9	16	5	2	49

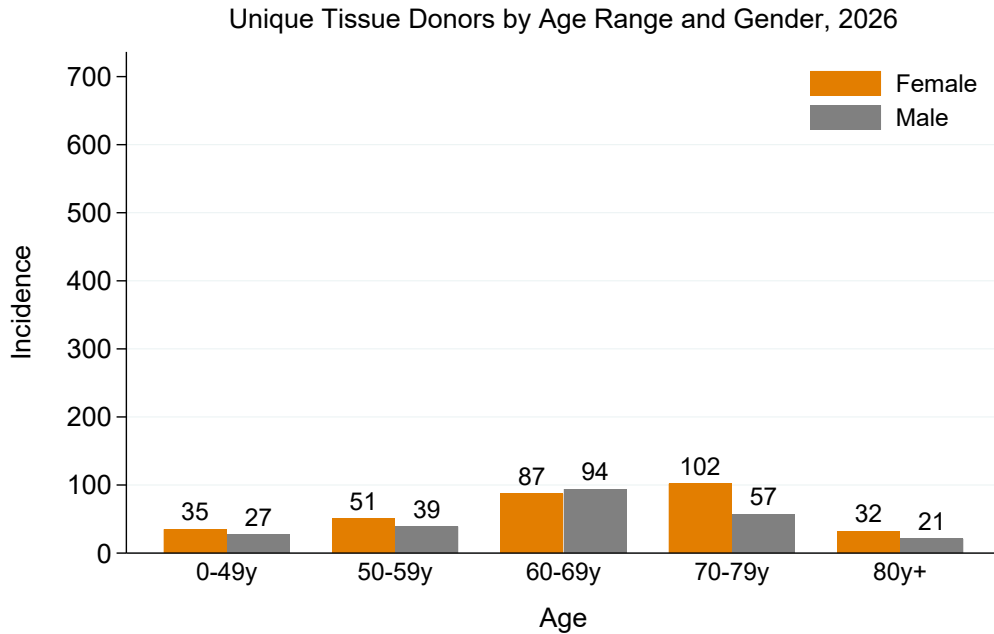


Figure 7: Unique Tissue Donors by Age Range and Gender, 2026

Table 9: Unique Female Tissue Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Age Range, 2026

	<50y	50-59y	60-69y	70-79y	80y+	Total
NSW	24	23	35	60	14	156
VIC	3	1	4	2	2	12
QLD	2	12	14	7	2	37
SA	0	2	7	10	7	26
WA	5	13	27	23	7	75
TAS	1	0	0	0	0	1
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	35	51	87	102	32	307

Table 10: Unique Male Tissue Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Age Range, 2026

	<50y	50-59y	60-69y	70-79y	80y+	Total
NSW	16	18	39	21	8	102
VIC	5	3	2	4	1	15
QLD	2	4	19	8	3	36
SA	2	0	5	3	5	15
WA	2	13	29	21	4	69
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	1	0	0	0	1
AUSTRALIA	27	39	94	57	21	238

Eye and Tissue Donation Registry

3.2 Eye Donors

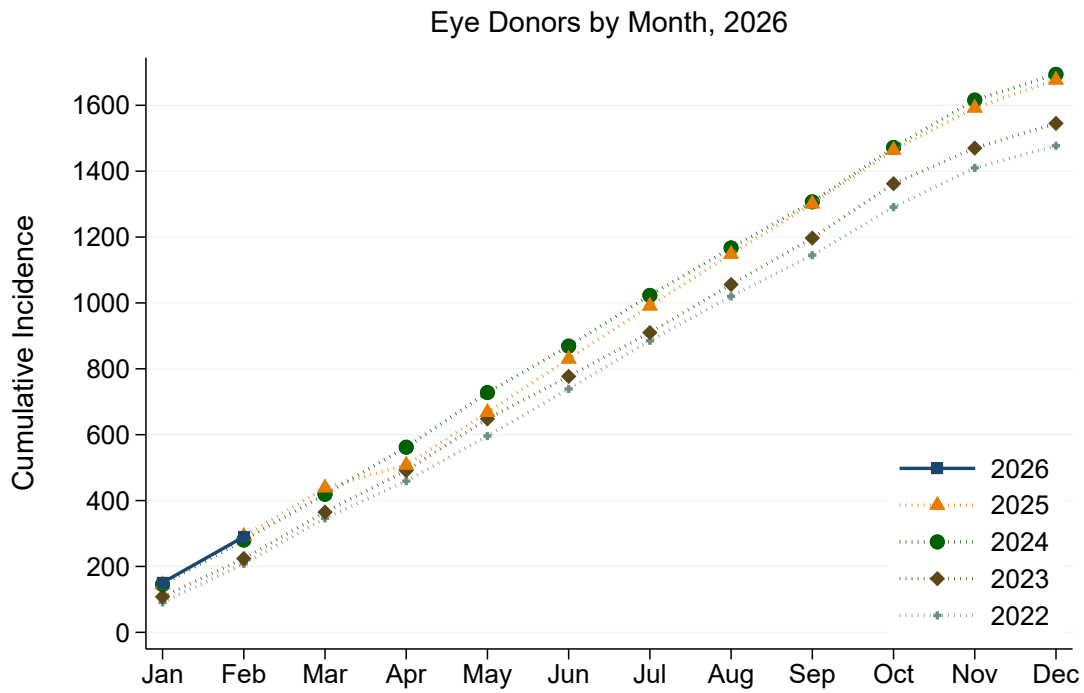


Figure 8: Eye Donors by Month, 2026

Eye and Tissue Donation Registry

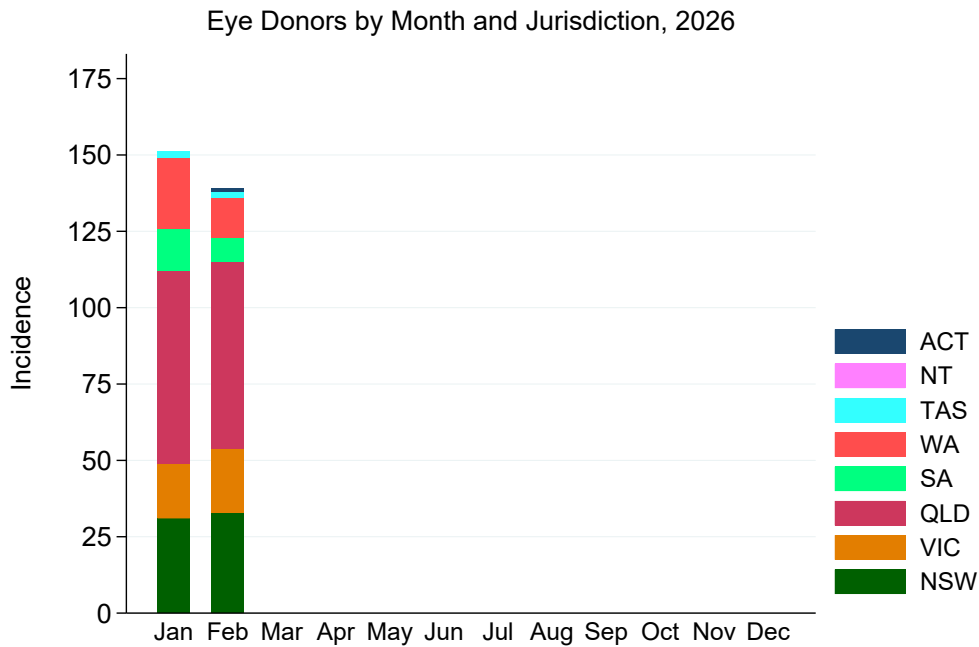


Figure 9: Eye Donors by Month and Jurisdiction, 2026

Table 11: Eye Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	31	33											64
VIC	18	21											39
QLD	63	61											124
SA	14	8											22
WA	23	13											36
TAS	2	2											4
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	1											1
AUSTRALIA	151	139											290

Eye and Tissue Donation Registry

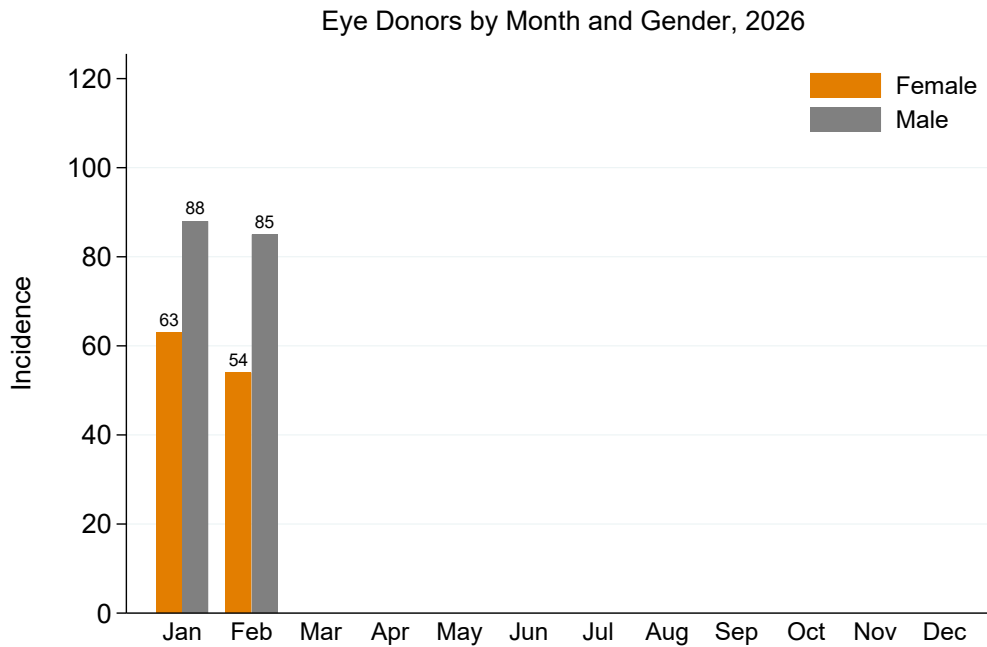


Figure 10: Eye Donors by Month and Gender, 2026

Table 12: Female Eye Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	14	15											29
VIC	6	9											15
QLD	26	20											46
SA	4	1											5
WA	12	7											19
TAS	1	1											2
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	1											1
AUSTRALIA	63	54											117

Table 13: Male Eye Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	17	18											35
VIC	12	12											24
QLD	37	41											78
SA	10	7											17
WA	11	6											17
TAS	1	1											2
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	0											0
AUSTRALIA	88	85											173

Eye and Tissue Donation Registry

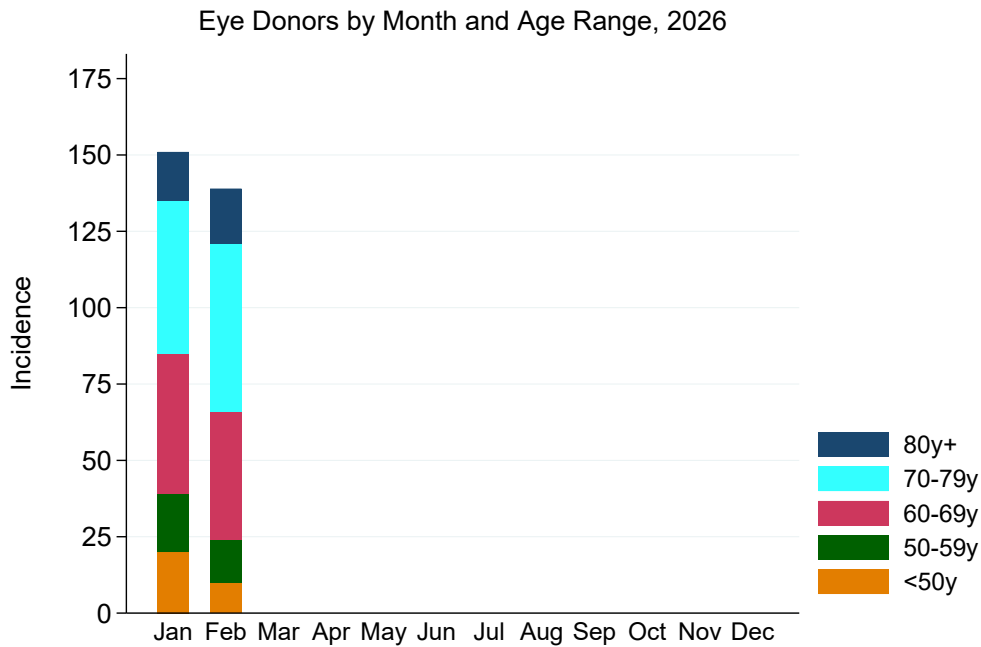


Figure 11: Eye Donors by Month and Age Range, 2026

Table 14: Eye Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Age Range, 2026

	<50y	50-59y	60-69y	70-79y	80y+	Total
NSW	4	7	19	26	8	64
VIC	8	3	12	15	1	39
QLD	12	9	32	47	24	124
SA	1	4	8	9	0	22
WA	5	6	17	7	1	36
TAS	0	3	0	1	0	4
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	1	0	0	0	1
AUSTRALIA	30	33	88	105	34	290

Eye and Tissue Donation Registry

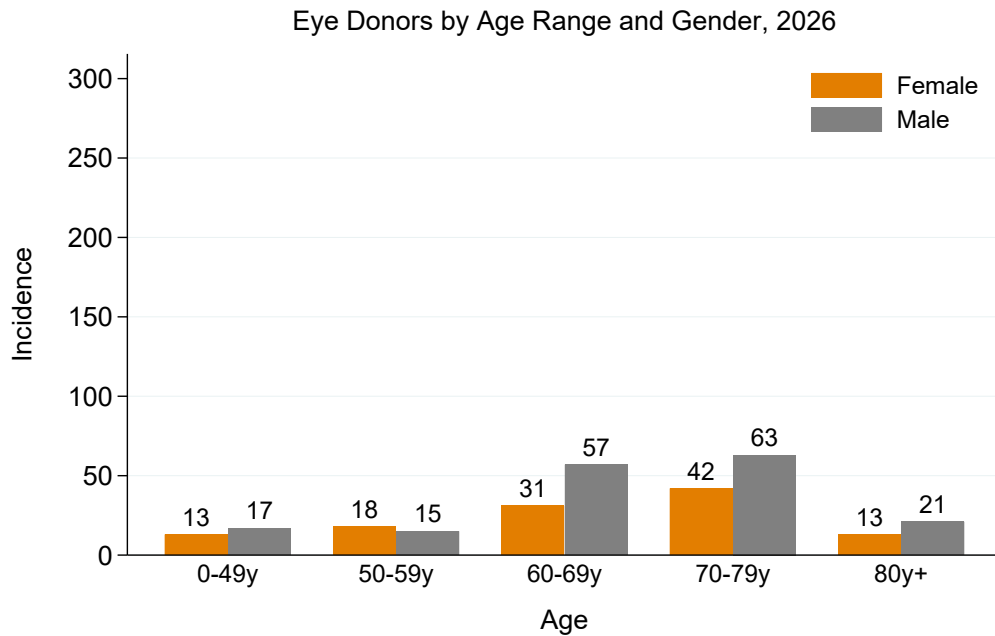


Figure 12: Eye Donors by Age Range and Gender, 2026

Table 15: Female Eye Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Age Range, 2026

	<50y	50-59y	60-69y	70-79y	80y+	Total
NSW	4	3	4	14	4	29
VIC	4	1	5	5	0	15
QLD	3	7	14	13	9	46
SA	0	1	0	4	0	5
WA	2	4	8	5	0	19
TAS	0	1	0	1	0	2
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	1	0	0	0	1
AUSTRALIA	13	18	31	42	13	117

Table 16: Male Eye Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Age Range, 2026

	<50y	50-59y	60-69y	70-79y	80y+	Total
NSW	0	4	15	12	4	35
VIC	4	2	7	10	1	24
QLD	9	2	18	34	15	78
SA	1	3	8	5	0	17
WA	3	2	9	2	1	17
TAS	0	2	0	0	0	2
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	17	15	57	63	21	173

Eye and Tissue Donation Registry

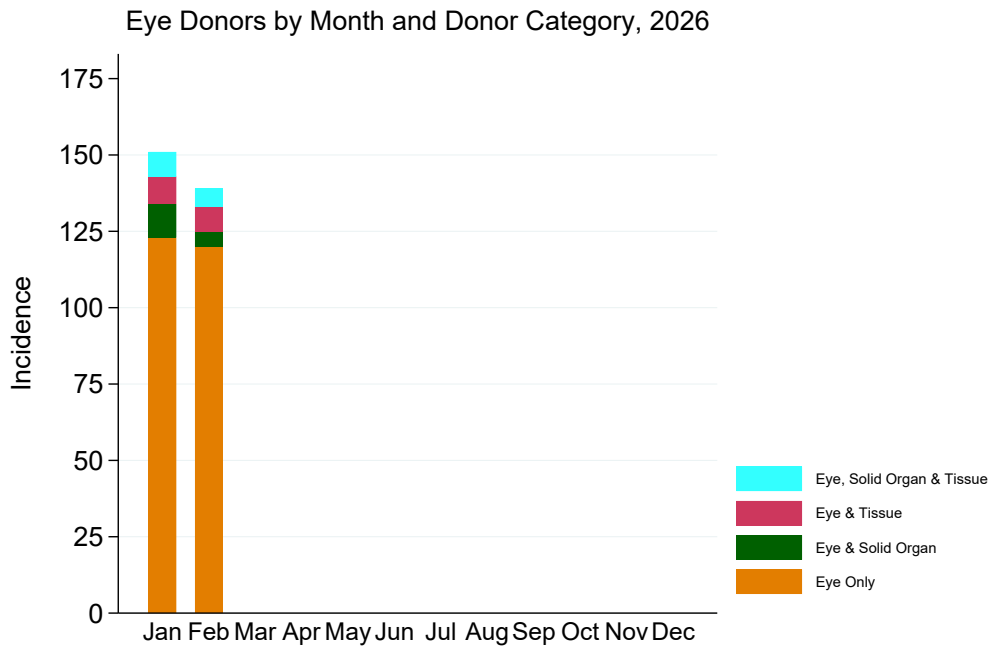


Figure 13: Eye Donors by Month and Donor Category, 2026

Table 17: Eye Donors by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Donor Category, 2026

	Eye Only	Eye and Solid Organ	Eye and Tissue	Eye, Solid Organ and Tissue
NSW	52	3	4	5
VIC	27	5	2	5
QLD	111	3	8	2
SA	19	2	0	1
WA	30	2	3	1
TAS	3	1	0	0
ACT	1	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	243	16	17	14

4 Tissue Donations

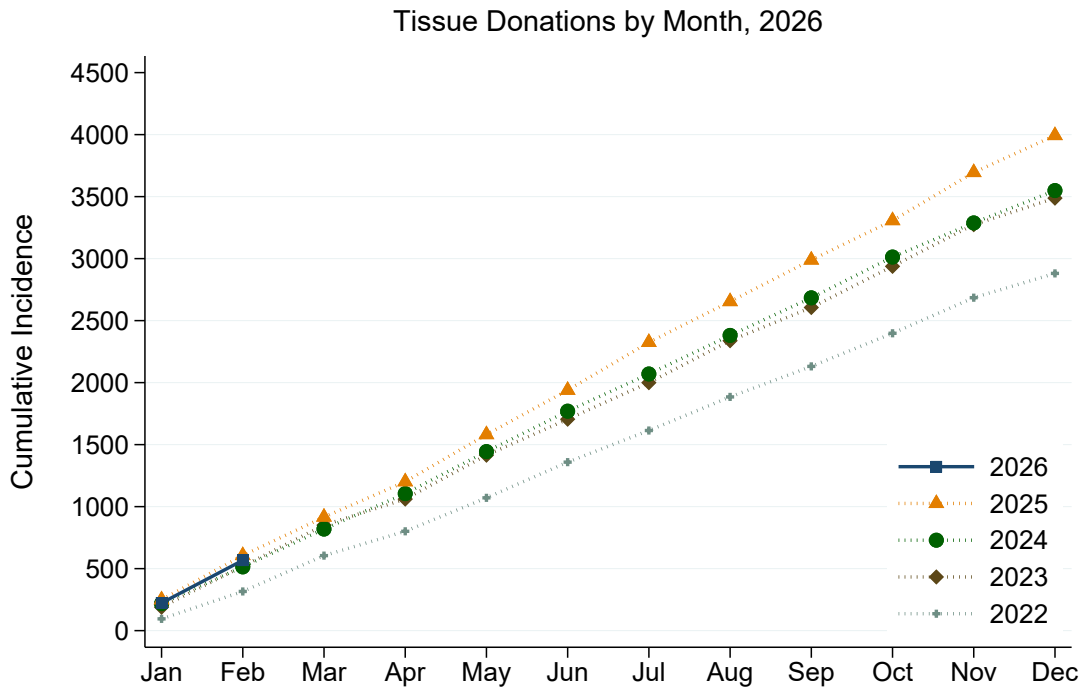


Figure 14: Tissue Donations by Month, 2026

Eye and Tissue Donation Registry

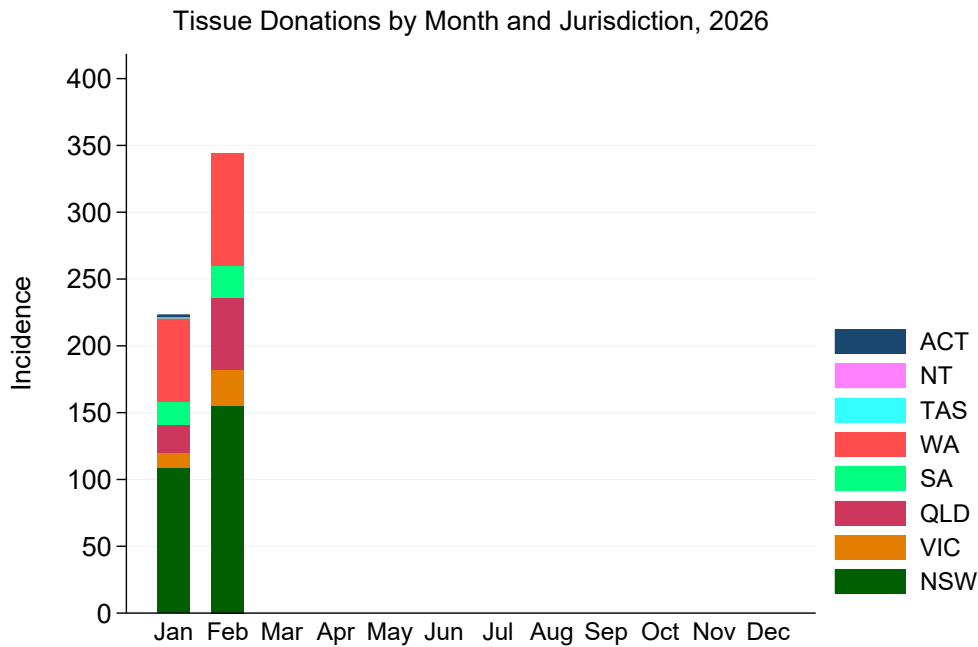


Figure 15: Tissue Donations by Month and Jurisdiction, 2026

Table 18: Tissue Donations by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	109	155											264
VIC	11	27											38
QLD	21	54											75
SA	17	24											41
WA	63	84											147
TAS	1	0											1
NT	0	0											0
ACT	1	0											1
AUSTRALIA	223	344											567

Eye and Tissue Donation Registry

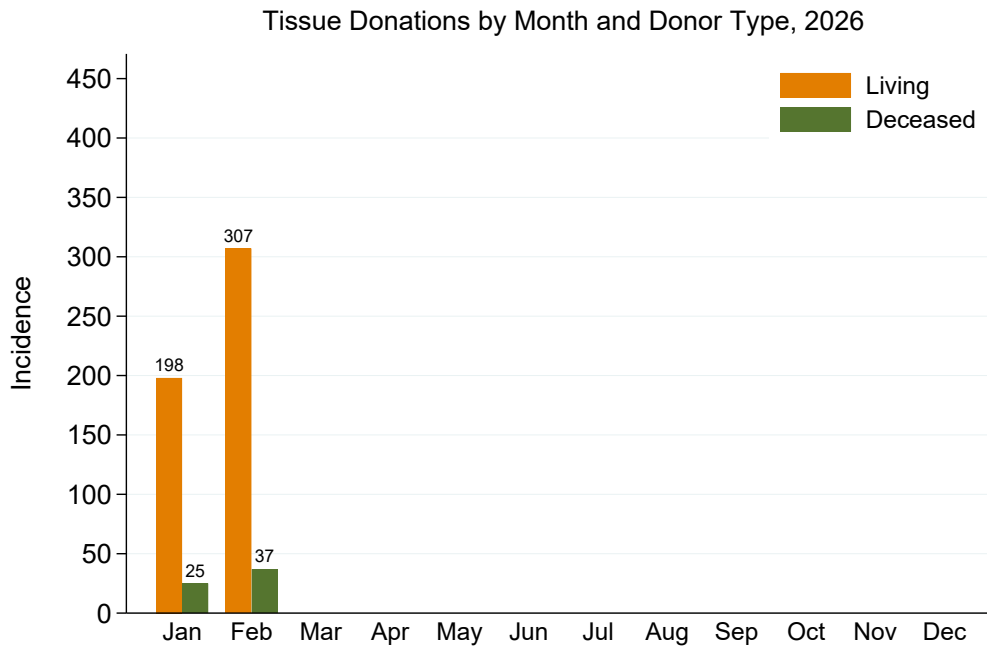


Figure 16: Tissue Donations by Month and Donor Type, 2026

Table 19: Living Tissue Donations by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	102	147											249
VIC	4	11											15
QLD	16	43											59
SA	16	24											40
WA	60	82											142
TAS	0	0											0
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	0											0
AUSTRALIA	198	307											505

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Table 20: Living Tissue Donations by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Tissue Type, 2026

	Amnion	Cardiovascular	Musculoskeletal
NSW	8	5	236
VIC	0	1	14
QLD	0	0	58
SA	0	0	40
WA	0	0	142
TAS	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0
ACT	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	8	6	490

Table 21: Deceased Tissue Donations by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	7	8											15
VIC	7	16											23
QLD	5	11											16
SA	1	0											1
WA	3	2											5
TAS	1	0											1
NT	0	0											0
ACT	1	0											1
AUSTRALIA	25	37											62

Table 22: Deceased Tissue Donations by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Donor Category, 2026

	Solid Organ/Tissue				Tissue Only				Total			
	cv	ms	skin	pi	cv	ms	skin	pi	cv	ms	skin	pi
NSW	9	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	9	6	0	0
VIC	7	4	4	0	2	3	3	0	9	7	7	0
QLD	2	2	0	0	0	12	0	0	2	14	0	0
SA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
WA	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	0
TAS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
AUSTRALIA	21	10	4	0	2	22	3	0	23	32	7	0

Eye and Tissue Donation Registry

Table 23: Intended Solid Organ Donor Who Became Eyes and Tissue Donors, 2026

	Eye Only	Tissue Only	Eye and Tissue
NSW	0	0	0
VIC	9	0	0
QLD	1	0	3
SA	3	0	0
WA	1	0	0
TAS	2	0	0
NT	0	0	0
ACT	1	0	0
AUSTRALIA	17	0	3

Eye and Tissue Donation Registry

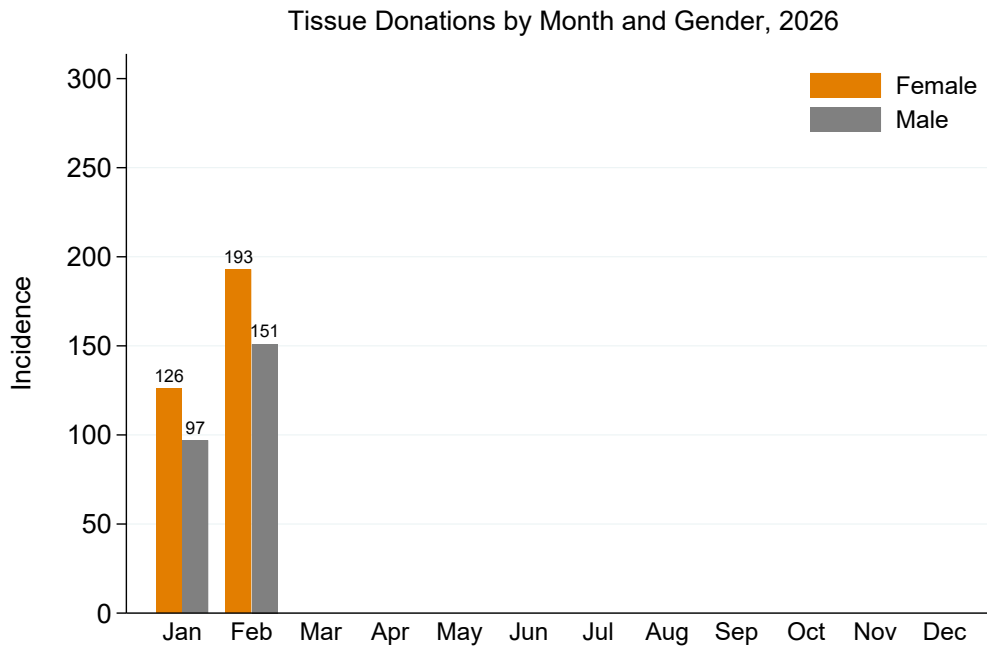


Figure 17: Tissue Donations by Month and Gender, 2026

Table 24: Female Tissue Donations by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	65	95											160
VIC	6	11											17
QLD	11	27											38
SA	10	16											26
WA	33	44											77
TAS	1	0											1
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	0											0
AUSTRALIA	126	193											319

Table 25: Male Tissue Donations by Jurisdiction of Retrieval and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	44	60											104
VIC	5	16											21
QLD	10	27											37
SA	7	8											15
WA	30	40											70
TAS	0	0											0
NT	0	0											0
ACT	1	0											1
AUSTRALIA	97	151											248

5 Notified Tissue Grafts Implanted

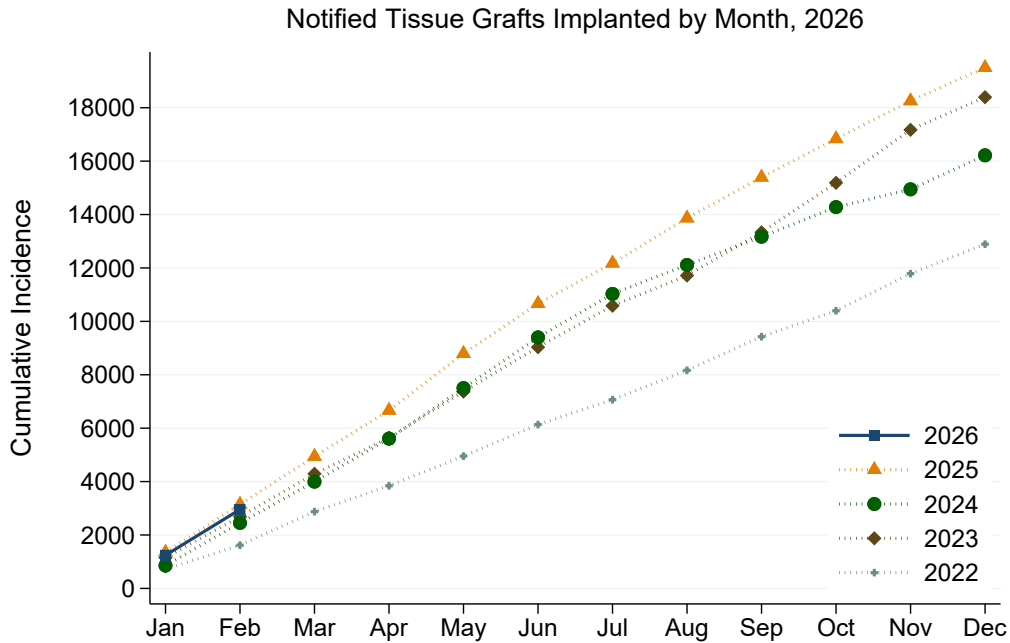


Figure 18: Notified Tissue Grafts Implanted by Month, 2026

Table 26: Notified Tissue Grafts Implanted by Jurisdiction of Retrieving Bank and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	745	1081											1826
VIC	240	207											447
QLD	191	341											532
SA	4	8											12
WA	62	78											140
TAS	0	0											0
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	0											0
AUSTRALIA	1242	1715											2957

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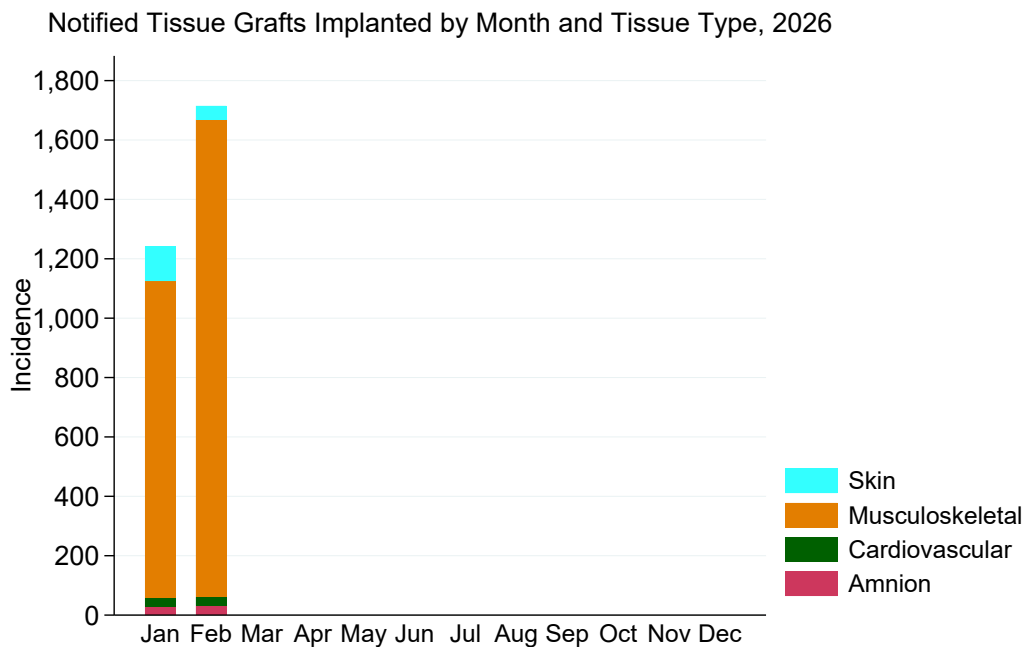


Figure 19: Notified Tissue Grafts Implanted by Month and Tissue Type, 2026

Table 27: Notified Tissue Grafts Implanted by Jurisdiction of Retrieving Bank and Tissue Type, 2026

	Amnion	Cardiovascular	Musculoskeletal	Skin
NSW	62	51	1713	0
VIC	0	7	277	163
QLD	0	0	532	0
SA	0	0	12	0
WA	0	0	140	0
AUSTRALIA	62	58	2674	163

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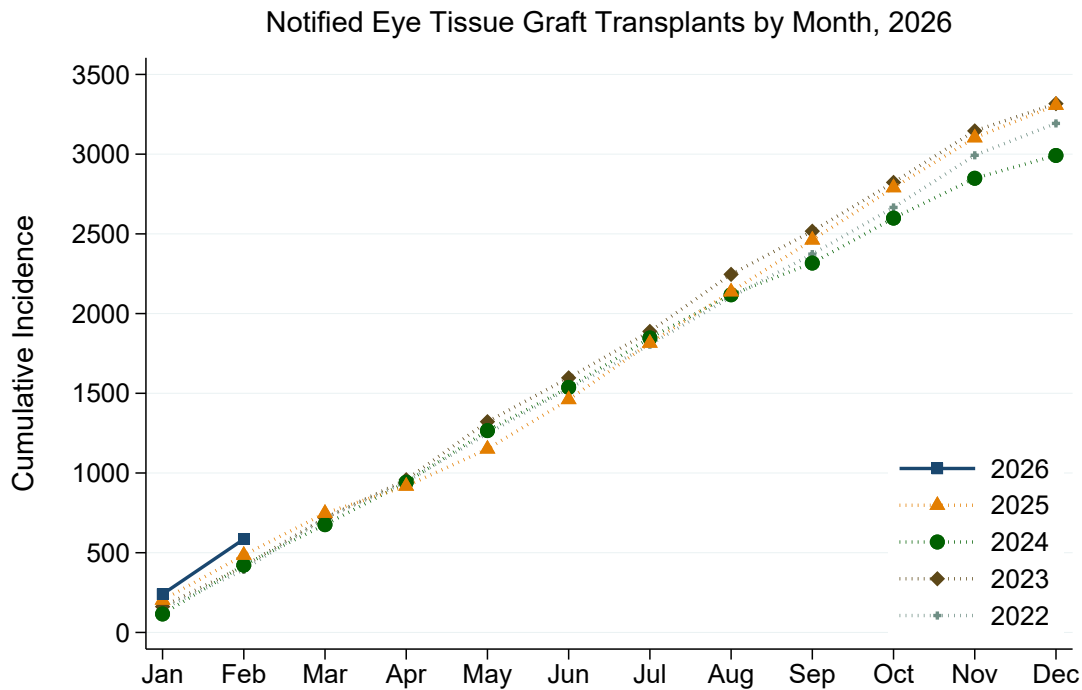


Figure 20: Notified Eye Tissue Graft Transplants by Month, 2026

Table 28: Notified Eye Tissue Graft Transplants by Jurisdiction of Retrieving Bank and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	62	66											128
VIC	51	72											123
QLD	75	156											231
SA	17	11											28
WA	29	34											63
TAS	6	4											10
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	2											2
AUSTRALIA	240	345											585

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Table 29: Cornea Graft Transplants by Jurisdiction of Retrieving Bank and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	42	54											96
VIC	25	42											67
QLD	63	129											192
SA	8	6											14
WA	29	33											62
TAS	6	2											8
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	2											2
AUSTRALIA	173	268											441

Table 30: Sclera Unit Graft Transplants by Jurisdiction of Retrieving Bank and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	20	12											32
VIC	26	30											56
QLD	12	27											39
SA	9	5											14
WA	0	1											1
TAS	0	2											2
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	0											0
AUSTRALIA	67	77											144

6 Notified Tissue Graft Recipients

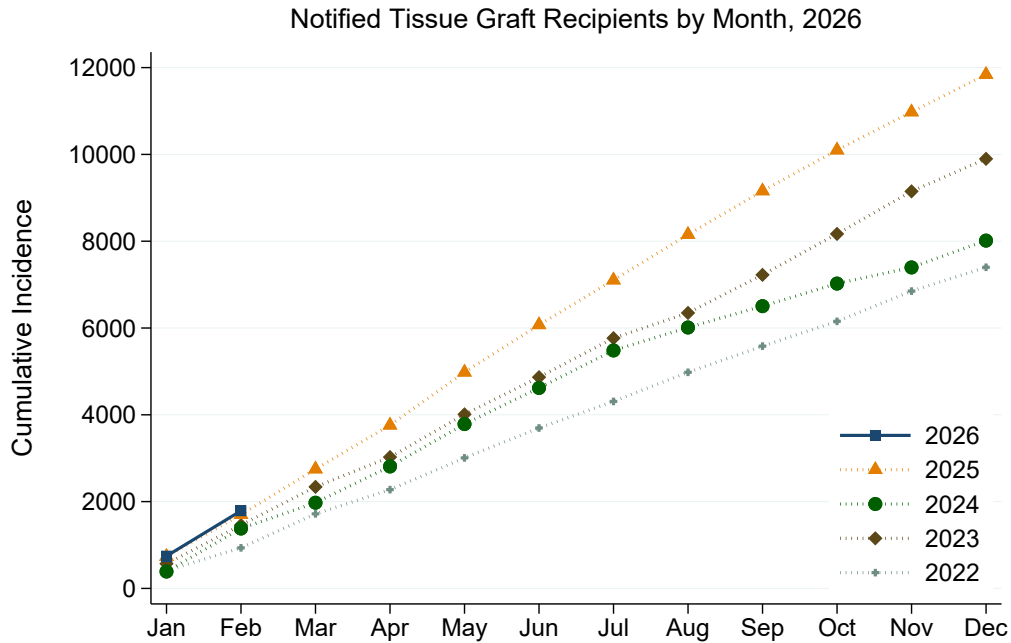


Figure 21: Notified Tissue Graft Recipients by Month, 2026

Table 31: Notified Tissue Graft Recipients by Jurisdiction of Retrieving Bank and Month, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NSW	540	747											1287
VIC	85	104											189
QLD	73	129											202
SA	4	3											7
WA	44	59											103
TAS	0	0											0
NT	0	0											0
ACT	0	0											0
AUSTRALIA	746	1042											1788

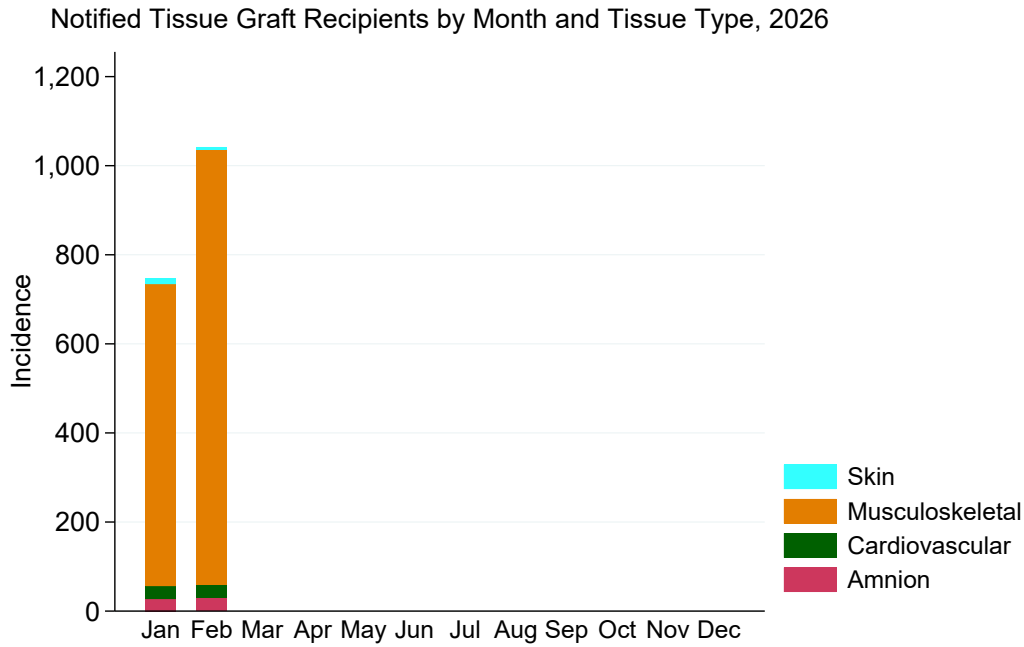


Figure 22: Notified Tissue Graft Recipients by Month and Tissue Type, 2026

Table 32: Notified Tissue Graft Recipients by Jurisdiction of Retrieving Bank and Tissue Type, 2026

	Amnion	Cardiovascular	Musculoskeletal	Skin
NSW	58	50	1179	0
VIC	0	7	164	18
QLD	0	0	202	0
SA	0	0	7	0
WA	0	0	103	0
AUSTRALIA	58	57	1655	18

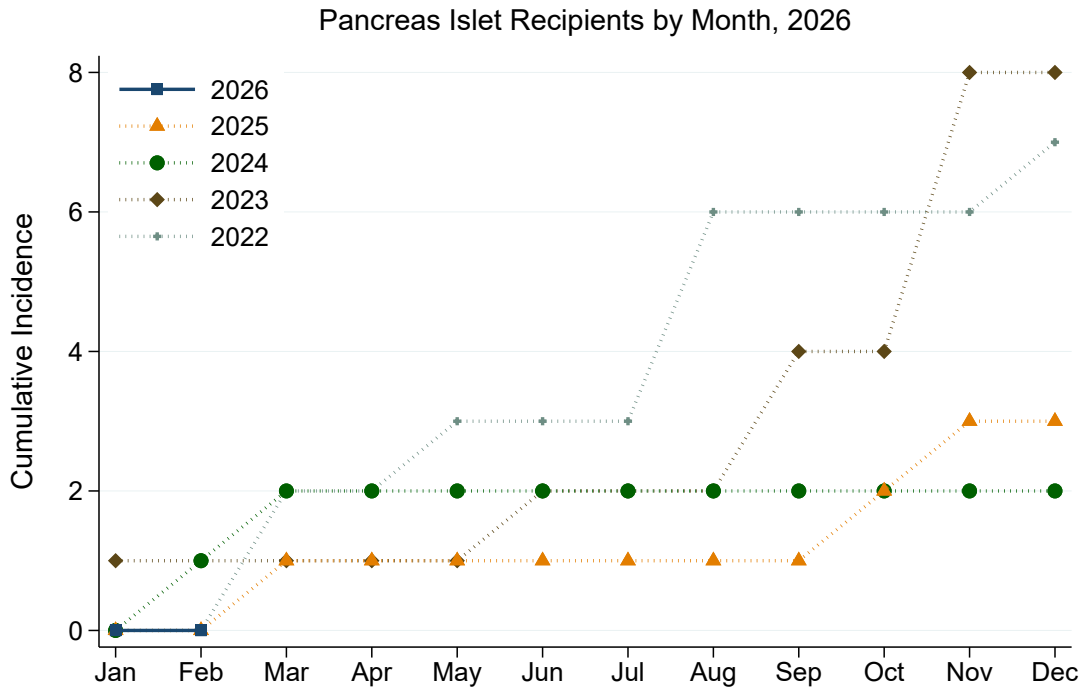


Figure 23: Pancreas Islet Recipients by Month, 2026

Table 33: Pancreas Islet Graft Recipients by Transplant Jurisdiction and Month, 2026

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

7 Glossary and Definitions

- 1 *Amnion (am)* – is the innermost layer of the embryonic membranes.
- 2 *Cardiovascular tissue (cv)* – includes, but not limited to, heart valves, pericardium and annexed vessels.
- 3 *Cornea* – The cornea is the transparent anterior tissue of the eyeball consisting of many layers.
- 4 *Deceased solid organ and tissue donation* – identifies a donation event where one or more solid organs and tissues are retrieved from a deceased donor. Data has been crosschecked with the solid organ and tissue sector to ensure the donor has met the deceased solid organ and tissue donation criteria.
- 5 *Deceased tissue donation* – identifies a donation event where one or more tissues are retrieved from a deceased donor and can comprise of musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, skin or eye tissue.
- 6 *Donation event*
 - A single retrieval event, within a calendar day, where a living donor can donate one or more musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, or amnion tissues.
 - Retrieval from deceased donors of solid organ, tissue and/or eyes that may occur on differing days but after the donor declaration of death date.
- 7 *Eye only donor* – A deceased donor where eye only retrieval has taken place. A donor is counted as an eye only donor if 2 whole eyes, 2 corneas only, one eye or one cornea only is retrieved. Outcomes of donated eye tissue are not limited to transplantation.
- 8 *Eye and solid organ (and tissue) donor* – A deceased donor where eye and solid organ retrieval has taken place. These donors may or may not have donated an additional tissue(s) e.g. musculoskeletal, cardiovascular or skin. Data has been crosschecked with the solid organ and tissue sector to confirm the donation event and donor classification.
- 9 *Eye and tissue only donor* – A deceased donor where eye and an additional tissue(s) e.g. musculoskeletal, cardiovascular or skin has taken place. Data has been crosschecked with the tissue sector to confirm the donation event and donor classification.
- 10 *Eye tissue donation* – Unless otherwise specified all donors undergo retrieval of both whole eyes or both corneas. This means the number of eye tissue donations can be calculated by doubling the amount of total eye donors.
- 11 *Eye tissue graft transplants* – Corneal or scleral tissue transplanted into an eye tissue recipient within the reporting time period.
- 12 *Eye tissue recipient* – Unless otherwise specified the number of eye tissue recipients is equal to the number of eye tissue graft transplants (consistent with EBAANZ).
- 13 *Living tissue donation* – identifies a donation event where one or more tissues are retrieved from a living donor. Living tissue can be amnion, cardiovascular, but is vastly comprised of donated femoral heads (bone) retrieved during hip replacement surgery. A living musculoskeletal donor can donate one femoral head during one donation event, two femoral heads during one donation event or one femoral head during two separate donation events.
- 14 *Musculoskeletal tissue (ms)* – includes, but not limited to, bone, cartilage and tendon retrieved from areas such as the pelvis, arm and leg.

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- 15 *Notified tissue graft implants* – Number of tissue grafts supplied and confirmed by the hospital to the distributing tissue bank to have been implanted. One tissue graft recipient may receive multiple graft implants.
- 16 *Notified tissue graft recipients* – The number of tissue graft recipients, confirmed by the hospital to the distributing bank, who receive one or more graft implants during a single tissue transplant event.
- 17 *Pancreas islet (pi)* – A multicellular structure within the pancreas that maintains normal blood glucose level within the body.
- 18 *Sclera unit* – A unit of the protective outer layer of the eyeball, used for transplantation during ocular surgery.
- 19 *Skin tissue (sk)* – includes, but not limited to, split thickness skin (epidermis and upper part of the dermis), of varying size.
- 20 *Tissue transplant event*
- A single tissue transplant event occurs when a tissue graft recipient receives 1 or more tissue grafts on a single occasion. This will be counted as one tissue graft recipient, one tissue transplant event.
 - If a tissue graft recipient receives 1 or more tissue grafts during multiple tissue transplant events, this will be counted as one tissue graft recipient *for each tissue transplant event*.
- 21 *Unique donor* – A deceased or living donor who donates one or more tissue(s) during a single donation event.

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