








Blood Facts

-  4.5 million Americans would die each year without lifesaving blood transfusions.
-  Every 8 minutes, someone in Jacksonville uses blood.
-  Each whole blood donation saves up to 3 lives.
-  A heart surgery patient receives 6 units of Red Blood Cells and 6 units of Platelets.
-  An organ transplant recipient receives up to 40 units of Red Blood Cells, 30 units of Platelets, and 25 units of Plasma. Before a liver transplant can occur, 200 units of that blood type must be on hand.
-  **Blood shortages occur more often during the summer and holidays. During these periods, usage increases and at the same time, donations decrease.**
-  60 % of the population is eligible to donate blood, yet only 5 % of eligible donors do (3 % of the entire population).



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