



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

American Red Cross Blood Program Facts

- ◆ The American Red Cross Blood Services – New England Region includes services in the states of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont.
- ◆ More than 170 hospitals and clinics throughout central and northern New England rely on the Red Cross for blood products, as well as medical expertise and consultation. The Red Cross is a leader in research into uses for blood products.
- ◆ We collect more than 350,000 whole blood donations in central and northern New England, and more than 35,000 apheresis products. This blood is donated by more than 175,000 volunteer donors. These blood donations are manufactured into nearly 1,000,000 transfusable products for patients.
- ◆ Blood is used to treat patients with cancer and those undergoing surgery. It is used to treat victims of accidents and trauma. Blood products help to prevent viral infectious diseases such as chicken pox. Blood is used in the treatment of shock. And blood helps people with bleeding problems, such as leukemia patients and cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.
- ◆ 25% of blood donations in the New England Region are made at company blood drives. This translates into approximately 69,000 blood donations per year.
- ◆ 20% of all blood donations in New England are made by high school and college students.
- ◆ 30% of blood donations to the New England Region come from community sponsored blood drives.
- ◆ 25% of all blood donations come from fixed sites and regularly scheduled mobiles.
- ◆ The New England Region is the largest blood center in the Red Cross system, and is the second largest blood center in the United States.