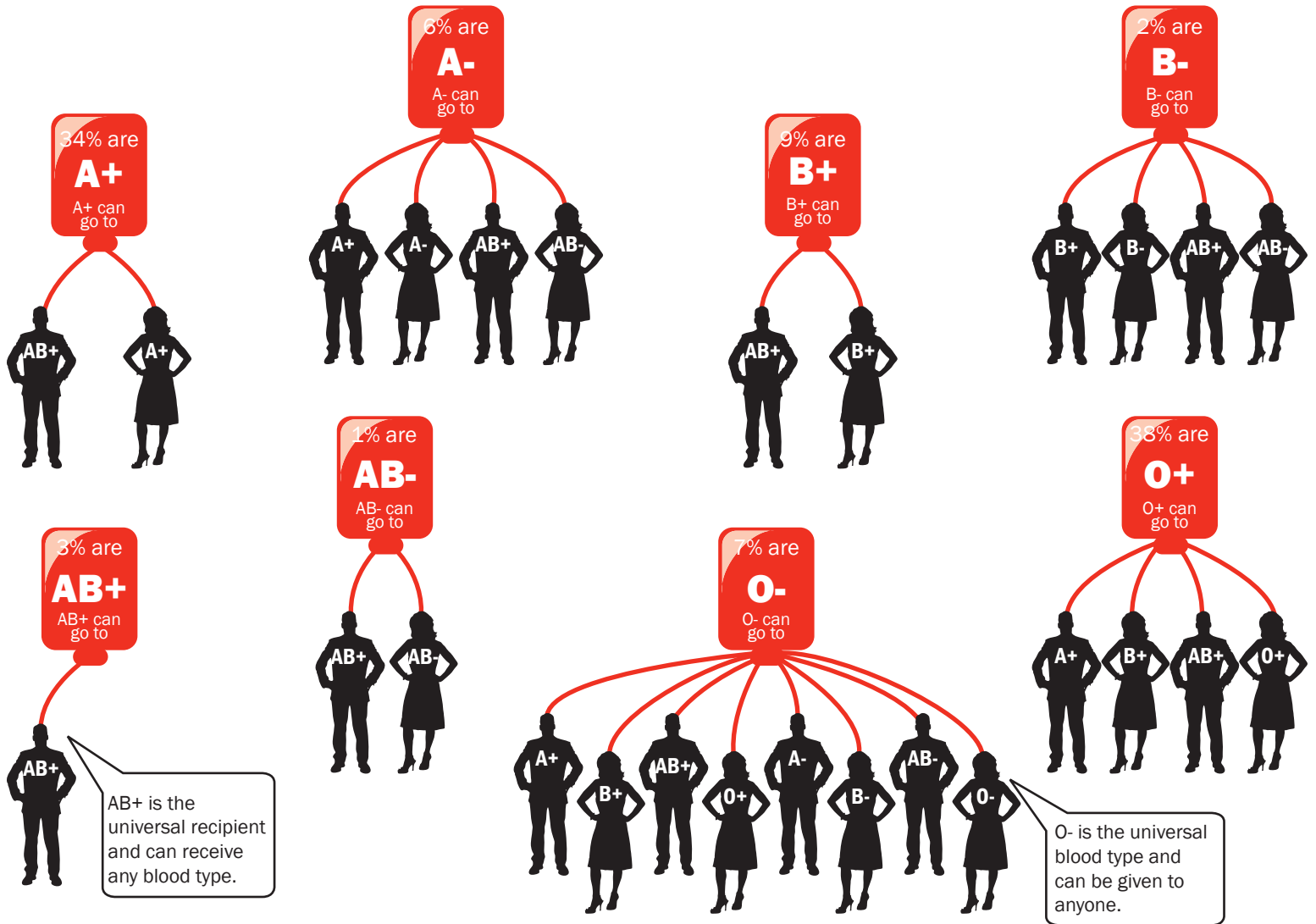


# WHAT'S YOUR BLOOD TYPE?

There are four main blood types: A, B, AB and O. Blood is also classified as either Rh Positive or Rh Negative. For each patient's safety, blood is cross-matched prior to transfusion. The rarest blood type is the type that is not available when it is needed.

## OF THE US POPULATION



## FREQUENTLY TRANSFUSED BLOOD COMPONENTS

**PLASMA**  
is used to treat burn victims and to help stop bleeding.

**RED BLOOD CELLS**  
make up about half of whole blood. They carry oxygen from the lungs to the body and are given to patients with severe anemia.

**PLATELETS**  
help blood clot and are used in heart surgery, cancer treatment and bleeding problems.

DONATING BLOOD IS SAFE AND EASY.