**Overview of kidney failure in Alabama**

- **13,906** Alabamians are living with kidney failure
- **10,310** Alabamians are on dialysis
- **3,596** Alabamians are living with a kidney transplant

**Leading Causes of Kidney Failure**
- Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes: **47%**
- Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure: **30%**

**New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in Alabama in 2020**
- **2,397** received a kidney transplant
- **2,349** began dialysis

The total number of Alabamians living with kidney failure has increased by **33.1%** since 2010.

**Kidney transplants in Alabama**

- **1,112** Alabamians are on the kidney transplant waiting list*
- **308** transplants performed in Alabama in 2022, a **39.4% decrease** from 2012

**Only about 1 in 4 Alabamians on the kidney transplant waiting list received a transplant in 2022.**

- **54** living donor transplants performed in Alabama
- **254** deceased donor transplants performed in Alabama

Compared to 2012, there was an **34.9% decrease** in living donor kidney transplants.

*As of February 17, 2023
Sources: U.S. Renal Data System 2022 Annual Data Report, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
Health disparities in kidney failure

Kidney failure has a disproportionate impact on people of color. Compared to white Americans, the likelihood of developing kidney failure is:

- 4.2x greater for Black Americans
- 2.3x greater for American Indians
- 1.5x greater for Asian Americans
- 1.5x greater for people of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity than people of non-Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

The American Kidney Fund (AKF) provides financial assistance to:

- 1 out of 19 White Americans with kidney failure
- 1 out of 11 Black Americans with kidney failure
- 1 out of 10 Hispanic/Latino Americans with kidney failure

Why people with kidney failure need financial assistance from AKF:

Kidney failure is a disability. Dialysis is life support. Treating kidney failure and its comorbidities is more consuming than a full-time job: more than 80% of people on dialysis cannot work.

- 1,372 Alabamians on dialysis and living with transplants received grants from AKF in 2022 to pay for their insurance premiums and other health care-related costs not covered by insurance.
- $4,801,138 in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Alabama dialysis and transplant patients could afford their lifesaving health care in 2022.

Insurance breakdown of Americans who received charitable premium assistance from AKF in 2022:

- Medicare Part B: 40.9%
- Medicare Advantage: 1.3%
- Medigap: 27.2%
- Commercial Employer Group Plans (including COBRA): 17.7%