

# Kidney failure in Alaska: 2022

## Overview of kidney failure in Alaska

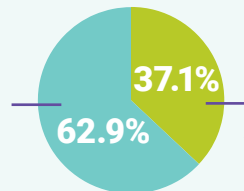
**1,065**

Alaskans are living with  
kidney failure



**670**

Alaskans  
are on dialysis



**395**

Alaskans are living with a  
kidney transplant



### LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by  
diabetes



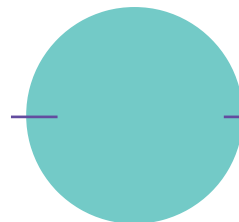
Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high  
blood pressure



**154**

New cases of kidney failure diagnosed  
in Alaska in 2019  
(most recent data available)

Began  
dialysis:  
**154**



Received  
a kidney  
transplant:  
**0**

The total number of Alaskans living with kidney failure  
has increased by **36.3%** since 2009.

## There are no transplant centers in Alaska



**ALASKANS WHO ARE IN NEED OF A  
KIDNEY TRANSPLANT MUST TRAVEL  
OUT OF STATE FOR SURGERY**

## 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:

3.4×

greater for Black Americans

1.9×

greater for American Indians

1.3×

greater for Asian Americans

1.5×

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 17

White Americans  
with kidney failure

1 out of 10

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.



79

Alaskans on dialysis and living with transplants received grants from AKF in 2021 to pay for their insurance premiums and other health care-related costs not covered by insurance.



\$437,363

in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Alaska dialysis and transplant patients could afford their lifesaving health care in 2021.



**INSURANCE  
BREAKDOWN OF  
AMERICANS WHO  
RECEIVED CHARITABLE  
PREMIUM ASSISTANCE  
FROM AKF IN 2021**

Medicare Part B: **36.8%**  
Medigap: **31.1%**  
Employer group health plans  
(including COBRA): **18.9%**  
Commercial plans: **10.5%**

Exchange: **3.4%**  
Annuity: **1.5%**  
Medicare Advantage: **1.2%**  
Medicaid (in states that  
charge premiums): **0.1%**