Overview of kidney failure in Alaska

1,086 Alaskans are living with kidney failure

687 Alaskans are on dialysis

399 Alaskans 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%

151 New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in Alaska in 2020 (most recent data available)

Received a kidney transplant: 0

Began dialysis: 151

The total number of Alaskans living with kidney failure has increased by 50.6% since 2010.

There are no transplant centers in Alaska

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

*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.

- **79** Alaskans 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.
- **$395,074** in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Alaska 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%