

# Kidney failure in Alaska: 2023

## Overview of kidney failure in Alaska

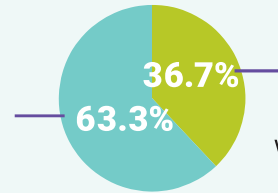
**1,086**

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

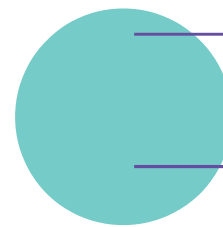


Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure



**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**

# 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.



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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%**