

Kidney failure in Alaska: 2024

Overview of kidney failure in Alaska

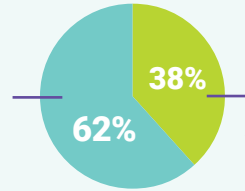
1,066

Alaskans are living with kidney failure



658

Alaskans are on dialysis



408

Alaskans are living with a kidney transplant



LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes



44%

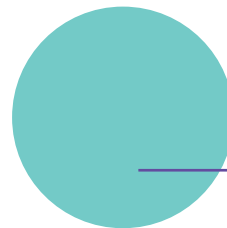
Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure



29%

143

New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in Alaska in 2021 (most recent data available)



Received a kidney transplant: **0**

Began dialysis: **143**

The total number of Alaskans living with kidney failure has increased by **41%** since 2011.

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:

4.3X

greater for Black Americans

2.3X

greater for American Indians

1.6X

greater for Asian Americans

2.2X

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 21

White Americans with kidney failure

1 out of 12

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.



74

Alaskans on dialysis and living with transplants received grants from AKF in 2023 to pay for their insurance premiums and other health care-related costs not covered by insurance.



\$449,505

in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Alaska dialysis and transplant patients could afford their lifesaving health care in 2023.



INSURANCE BREAKDOWN OF AMERICANS WHO RECEIVED CHARITABLE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FROM AKF IN 2023

Medicare Part B: **44.6%**
Medigap: **23.4%**
Employer group health plans (including COBRA): **17.2%**
Medicare Advantage: **1.4%**