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%

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

Sources: U.S. Renal Data System 2023 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:

- 4.3x 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%