

# Kidney failure in California: 2024

## Overview of kidney failure in California

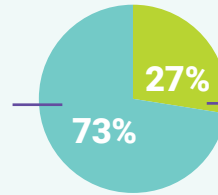
**111,204**

Californians are living with kidney failure



**80,623**

Californians are on dialysis



**30,581**

Californians are living with a kidney transplant



### LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes



44%

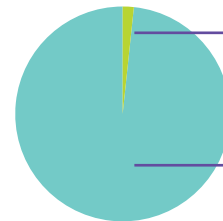
Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure



29%

**16,857**

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



Received a kidney transplant: **304**

Began dialysis: **16,553**

The total number of Californians living with kidney failure has increased by **39%** since 2011.

## Kidney transplants in California



**ONLY ABOUT 1 IN 6 CALIFORNIANS ON THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT IN 2023.**



**18,038**

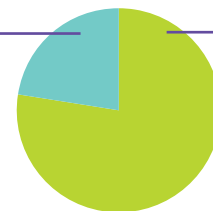
Californians are on the kidney transplant waiting list\*



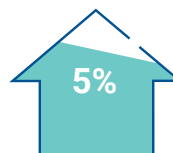
**3,019**

transplants performed in California in 2023, a **40% increase** from 2013

681  
living donor transplants performed in California



2,338  
deceased donor transplants performed in California



Compared to 2013, there was a **5% increase** in living donor kidney transplants

\*As of April 21, 2024

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.



2,764

Californians 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.



\$9,932,905

in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income California 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%**