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

18,038
Californians are on the kidney transplant waiting list*

681
living donor transplants performed in California

2,338
deceased donor transplants performed in California

3,019
transplants performed in California in 2023, a 40% increase from 2013

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:

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## 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%**

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