Kidney failure in the District of Columbia: 2024

Overview of kidney failure in the District of Columbia

- 2,830 DC residents are living with kidney failure
- 2,047 DC residents are on dialysis
- 783 DC residents are living with a kidney transplant
- 44% of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes
- 29% of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure

New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in the District of Columbia in 2021 (most recent data available)

- 308 received a kidney transplant
- 28% of肾 failure cases caused by diabetes
- 72% of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure

The total number of DC residents living with kidney failure has increased by 10% since 2011.

Kidney transplants in the District of Columbia

- 1,113 DC residents are on the kidney transplant waiting list
- 391 transplants performed in 2023 in the District of Columbia, a 94% increase from 2013
- 91 living donor transplants performed in the District of Columbia
- 300 deceased donor transplants performed in the District of Columbia

Only about 1 in 3 DC residents on the kidney transplant waiting list received a transplant in 2023.

Compared to 2013, there was a 98% increase in living donor kidney transplants.

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

*As of April 21, 2024
# 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:

- **4.3×** greater for Black Americans
- **2.3×** greater for American Indians
- **1.6×** greater for Asian Americans
- **2.2×** 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.

- **82** DC residents 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.
- **$241,106** in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income the District of Columbia 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%**