Kidney failure in Delaware: 2024

Overview of kidney failure in Delaware

- **2,698** Delawareans are living with kidney failure
- **1,871** Delawareans are on dialysis
- **827** Delawareans are living with a kidney transplant

**LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY failure**

- **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 Delaware in 2021**

- **414** received a kidney transplant
- **14** began dialysis

The total number of Delawareans living with kidney failure has increased by **30%** since 2011.

Kidney transplants in Delaware

- **152** Delawareans are on the kidney transplant waiting list
- **50** transplants performed in Delaware in 2023, a **2% increase** from 2013

**ONLY ABOUT 1 IN 3 DELAWAREANS ON THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT IN 2023.**

- **12** living donor transplants performed in Delaware
- **38** deceased donor transplants performed in Delaware

Compared to 2013, there was a **50% 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.

- **279** Delawareans 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.
- **$885,994** in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Delaware 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%**