Kidney failure in Georgia: 2023

Overview of kidney failure in Georgia

29,854
Georgians are living with kidney failure

22,891
Georgians are on dialysis

6,963
Georgians are living with a kidney transplant

LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes

47%

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure

30%

4,860
New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in Georgia in 2020
(most recent data available)

Received a kidney transplant: 109

Began dialysis: 4,751

The total number of Georgians living with kidney failure has increased by 42.9% since 2010.

Kidney transplants in Georgia

2,848
Georgians are on the kidney transplant waiting list*

826
transplants performed in Georgia in 2022, a 69.3% increase from 2012

157
living donor transplants performed in Georgia

669
deceased donor transplants performed in Georgia

Compared to 2012, there was an 7.5% increase in living donor kidney transplants

*As of February 17, 2023
Sources: U.S. Renal Data System 2022 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:

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<td>Hispanic/Latino ethnicity</td>
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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.

- **4,428**
  
  Georgians on dialysis and living with transplants received grants from AKF in 2022 to pay for their insurance premiums and other health care-related costs not covered by insurance.

- **$14,721,612**
  
  in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Georgia dialysis and transplant patients could afford their lifesaving health care in 2022.

### Insurance breakdown of Americans who received charitable premium assistance from AKF in 2022

- Medicare Part B: **40.9%**
- Medicare Advantage: **1.3%**
- Medigap: **27.2%**
- Commercial Employer Group Plans (including COBRA): **17.7%**