

Kidney failure in Illinois: 2025

Overview of kidney failure in Illinois

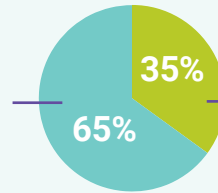
35,099

Illinoisans are living with kidney failure



22,686

Illinoisans are on dialysis



12,413

Illinoisans are living with a kidney transplant



LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes



43%

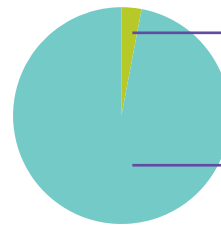
Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure



30%

5,288

New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in Illinois in 2022 (most recent data available)



Received a kidney transplant: **157**

Began dialysis: **5,131**

The total number of Illinoisans living with kidney failure has increased by **20%** since 2012.

Kidney transplants in Illinois



ONLY ABOUT 1 IN 2 ILLINOISANS ON THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT IN 2024.



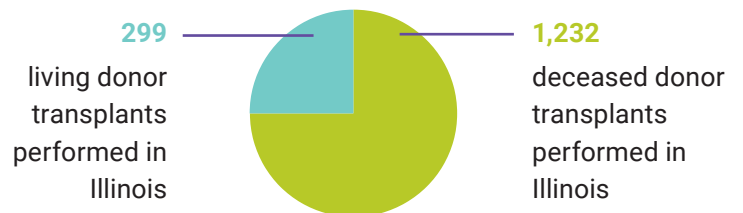
3,609

Illinoisans are on the kidney transplant waiting list*



1,531

transplants performed in Illinois in 2024, a **136% increase** from 2014



Compared to 2014, there was a **23% increase** in living donor kidney transplants

*As of February 19, 2025

Sources: U.S. Renal Data System 2024 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:

4.3 x

greater for Black Americans

2.3 x

greater for American Indians

1.6 x

greater for Asian Americans

2.3 x

greater for people of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity than people of non-Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

THE AMERICAN KIDNEY FUND (AKF) PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO:

1 in 20

White Americans with kidney failure

1 in 13

Black Americans with kidney failure

1 in 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.



3,460

Illinoisans on dialysis and living with transplants received grants from AKF in 2024 to pay for their insurance premiums and other health care-related costs not covered by insurance.



\$16,900,879

in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Illinois dialysis and transplant patients could afford their lifesaving health care in 2024.



INSURANCE BREAKDOWN OF AMERICANS WHO RECEIVED CHARITABLE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FROM AKF IN 2024

Medicare Part B: **25%**

Medicare Advantage: **0.6%**

Medigap: **27.3%**

Commercial Employer Group Plans (including COBRA): **20.1%**