# Kidney failure in Kentucky: 2022



# **Overview of kidney failure in Kentucky**

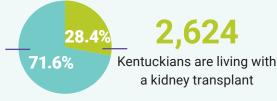
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Kentuckians are living with kidney failure



6,612 Kentuckians

are on dialysis





#### **LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE**

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes





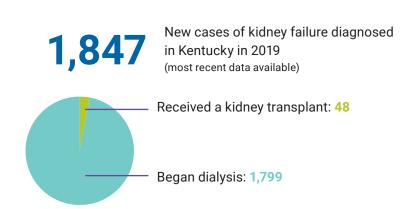
**47**%

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure





28%



The total number of Kentuckians living with kidney failure has increased by 37.9% since 2009.

## Kidney transplants in Kentucky



ONLY ABOUT 1 IN 5 KENTUCKIANS ON THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT IN 2021.



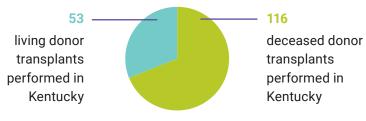
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Kentuckians are on the kidney transplant waiting list\*



169

transplants performed in Kentucky in 2021, a **13.4% increase** from 2011





Compared to 2011, there was an **71% increase** in living donor kidney transplants

## 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:



greater for Black Americans



greater for American Indians



greater for Asian Americans



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

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



White Americans with kidney failure



Black Americans with kidney failure



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.



1,116

Kentuckians on dialysis and living with transplants received grants from AKF in 2021 to pay for their insurance premiums and other health care-related costs not covered by insurance.



\$4,030,896

in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Kentucky dialysis and transplant patients could afford their lifesaving health care in 2021.



INSURANCE
BREAKDOWN OF
AMERICANS WHO
RECEIVED CHARITABLE
PREMIUM ASSISTANCE
FROM AKF IN 2021

Medicare Part B: 36.8%

Medigap: 31.1%

Employer group health plans (including COBRA): 18.9% Commercial plans: 10.5%

Exchange: 3.4% Annuity: 1.5%

Medicare Advantage: 1.2% Medicaid (in states that charge premiums): 0.1%