Overview of kidney failure in Maine

2,097 Mainers are living with kidney failure

1,285 Mainers are on dialysis

812 Mainers 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%

307 New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in Maine in 2020
(most recent data available)

Received a kidney transplant: 0

Began dialysis: 307

The total number of Mainers living with kidney failure has increased by 24.6% since 2010.

Kidney transplants in Maine

250 Mainers are on the kidney transplant waiting list*

45 transplants performed in Maine in 2022, no change from 2012

ONLY ABOUT 1 IN 6 MAINERS ON THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT IN 2022.

22 living donor transplants performed in Maine

23 deceased donor transplants performed in Maine

Compared to 2012, there was an 22.2% 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:

- 4.2x greater for Black Americans
- 2.3x greater for American Indians
- 1.5x greater for Asian Americans
- 1.5x 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 19 White Americans with kidney failure
- 1 out of 11 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.

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Mainers 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.

$347,472
in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Maine 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%