

# Kidney failure in Montana: 2022

## Overview of kidney failure in Montana

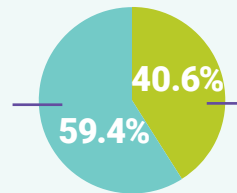
**1,577**

Montanans are living with  
kidney failure



**937**

Montanans  
are on dialysis



**640**

Montanans are living with  
a kidney transplant



### LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by  
diabetes

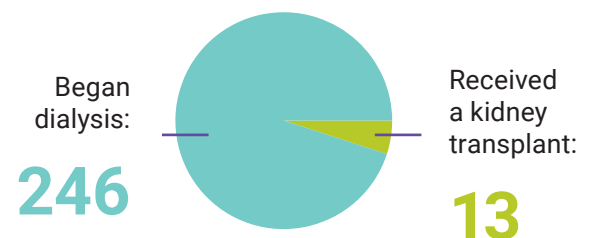


Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high  
blood pressure



**259**

New cases of kidney failure diagnosed  
in Montana in 2019  
(most recent data available)



**The total number of Montanans living with kidney failure  
has increased by 32.5% since 2009.**

## Kidney transplants in Montana



**MONTANANS WHO ARE IN NEED OF A  
KIDNEY TRANSPLANT MUST TRAVEL  
OUT OF STATE FOR SURGERY**

## 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:

3.4X

greater for Black Americans

1.9X

greater for American Indians

1.3X

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 17

White Americans  
with kidney failure

1 out of 10

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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Montanans 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.



\$575,459

in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Montana 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%**