

# Kidney failure in Montana: 2024

## Overview of kidney failure in Montana

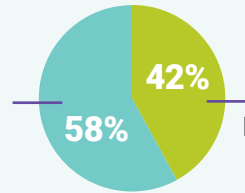
**1,582**

Montanans are living with kidney failure



**923**

Montanans are on dialysis



**659**

Montanans are living with a kidney transplant



### LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes



44%

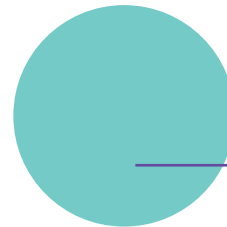
Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure



29%

**267**

New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in Montana in 2021 (most recent data available)



Received a kidney transplant: **0**

Began dialysis: **267**

The total number of Montanans living with kidney failure has increased by **25%** since 2011.

## There are no transplant centers 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:

4.3X

greater for Black Americans

2.3X

greater for American Indians

1.6X

greater for Asian Americans

2.2X

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 21

White Americans with kidney failure

1 out of 12

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 2023 to pay for their insurance premiums and other health care-related costs not covered by insurance.



\$369,278

in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Montana dialysis and transplant patients could afford their lifesaving health care in 2023.



**INSURANCE BREAKDOWN OF AMERICANS WHO RECEIVED CHARITABLE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FROM AKF IN 2023**

Medicare Part B: **44.6%**  
Medigap: **23.4%**  
Employer group health plans (including COBRA): **17.2%**  
Medicare Advantage: **1.4%**