

# Kidney failure in Montana: 2025

## Overview of kidney failure in Montana

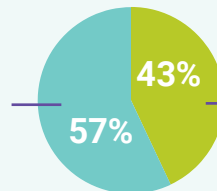
**1,592**

Montanans are living with  
kidney failure



**912**

Montanans  
are on dialysis



**680**

Montanans are living with  
a kidney transplant



### LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused  
by diabetes



**43%**

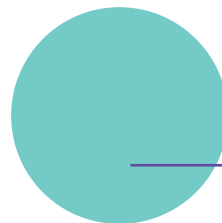
Percentage of kidney failure cases caused  
by high blood pressure



**30%**

**245**

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



Received a kidney transplant: **0**

Began dialysis: **245**

The total number of Montanans living with kidney failure has increased by **19%** since 2012.

## 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

2.3x

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.



176

Montanans 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.



\$484,712

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