Kidney failure in New Jersey: 2024

Overview of kidney failure in New Jersey

- **22,987** New Jerseyans are living with kidney failure
- **15,420** New Jerseyans are on dialysis
- **7,567** New Jerseyans 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%

New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in New Jersey in 2021 (most recent data available): **3,782**

- Received a kidney transplant: 112
- Began dialysis: 3,670

The total number of New Jerseyans living with kidney failure has increased by **22%** since 2011.

Kidney transplants in New Jersey

- **2,346** New Jerseyans are on the kidney transplant waiting list*
- **195** living donor transplants performed in New Jersey
- **706** deceased donor transplants performed in New Jersey

- **901** transplants performed in New Jersey in 2023, a **133% increase** from 2013
- Compared to 2013, there was a **15% increase** in living donor kidney transplants

*As of April 21, 2024

Sources: U.S. Renal Data System 2023 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:

- Greater for Black Americans: 4.3x
- Greater for American Indians: 2.3x
- Greater for Asian Americans: 1.6x
- Greater for people of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity: 2.2x 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.

- 1,725 New Jerseyans 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.
- $7,327,060 in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income New Jersey 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%