# Kidney failure in North Carolina: 2022



## **Overview of kidney failure in North Carolina**

26,939

North Carolinians are living with kidney failure



19,953

North Carolinians are on dialysis



North Carolinians are living with a kidney transplant



#### **LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE**

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes





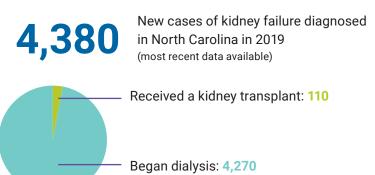
**47%** 

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure





28%



The total number of North Carolinians living with kidney failure has increased by 35.5% since 2009.

### **Kidney transplants in North Carolina**



ONLY ABOUT 1 IN 4 NORTH CAROLINIANS ON THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST **RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT IN 2021.** 



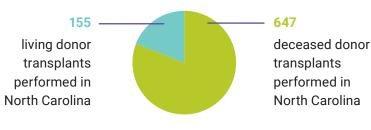
3,164

North Carolinians are on the kidney transplant waiting list\*



802

transplants performed in North Carolina in 2021, a 33.2% increase from 2011





Compared to 2011, there was an 22% increase in living donor kidney transplants

### 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:



1.9 ×

1.3 ×

greater for Black Americans

greater for American Indians

greater for Asian Americans



greater for people of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity than people of non-Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

#### THE AMERICAN KIDNEY FUND (AKF) PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO:



White Americans with kidney failure



Black Americans with kidney failure

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.



3,641

North Carolinians 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.



\$14,880,911

in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income North Carolina 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%