

# Kidney failure in Rhode Island: 2025

## Overview of kidney failure in Rhode Island

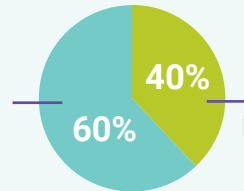
**1,926**

Rhode Islanders are living  
with kidney failure



**1,162**

Rhode Islanders  
are on dialysis



**764**

Rhode Islanders are living  
with a kidney transplant



### LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused  
by diabetes



**43%**

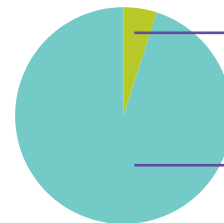
Percentage of kidney failure cases caused  
by high blood pressure



**30%**

**306**

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



Received a kidney transplant: **15**

Began dialysis: **291**

The total number of Rhode Islanders living with kidney failure has increased by **18%** since 2012.

## Kidney transplants in Rhode Island



**ONLY ABOUT 1 IN 7 RHODE ISLANDERS  
ON THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST  
RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT IN 2024.**



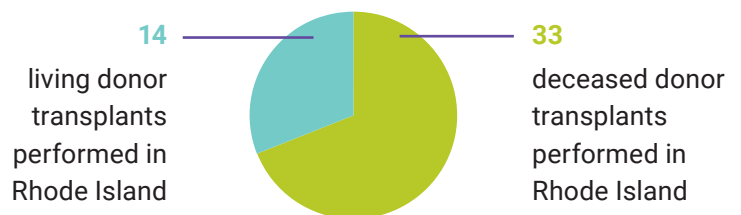
**343**

Rhode Islanders are on the kidney  
transplant waiting list\*



**47**

transplants performed in Rhode Island in  
2024, a **24% decrease** from 2014



Compared to 2014, there was a  
**13% decrease** in living donor kidney  
transplants

\*As of February 19, 2025

Sources: U.S. Renal Data System 2024 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:

**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.



**144**

Rhode Islanders 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.



**\$526,661**

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