

Kidney failure in South Carolina: 2025

Overview of kidney failure in South Carolina

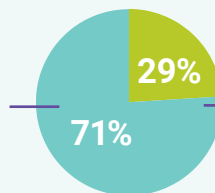
14,372

South Carolinians are living with kidney failure



10,267

South Carolinians are on dialysis



4,105

South Carolinians are living with a kidney transplant



LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes



43%

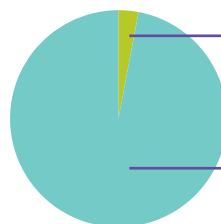
Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure



30%

2,504

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



Received a kidney transplant: **79**

Began dialysis: **2,425**

The total number of South Carolinians living with kidney failure has increased by **28%** since 2012.

Kidney transplants in South Carolina



ONLY ABOUT 1 IN 3 SOUTH CAROLINIANS ON THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT IN 2024.



1,623

South Carolinians are on the kidney transplant waiting list*

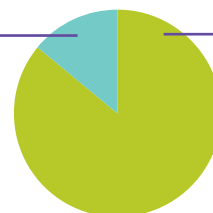


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transplants performed in South Carolina in 2024, a **210% increase** from 2014

82

living donor transplants performed in South Carolina



525

deceased donor transplants performed in South Carolina



Compared to 2014, there was a **204% increase** 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.



1,323

South Carolinians 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.



\$3,042,158

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