**Overview of kidney failure in South Dakota**

- **1,750** South Dakotans are living with kidney failure
- **1,067** South Dakotans are on dialysis
- **683** South Dakotans are living with a transplant

**Leading Causes of Kidney Failure**

- **47%** Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes
- **30%** Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure

- **282** New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in South Dakota in 2020 (most recent data available)
  - **14** Received a kidney transplant
  - **268** Began dialysis

**The total number of South Dakotans living with kidney failure has increased by 33.9% since 2010.**

**Kidney transplants in South Dakota**

- **328** South Dakotans are on the kidney transplant waiting list*
- **59** transplants performed in South Dakota in 2022
  - A **22.9% increase** from 2012

- **23** living donor transplants performed in South Dakota
- **36** deceased donor transplants performed in South Dakota

*As of February 17, 2023

Sources: U.S. Renal Data System 2022 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:**

- 4.2x greater for Black Americans
- 2.3x greater for American Indians
- 1.5x greater for Asian Americans
- 1.5x greater for people of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity than people of non-Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

**The American Kidney Fund (AKF) provides financial assistance to:**

- **1 out of 19** White Americans with kidney failure
- **1 out of 11** 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.

- **64** South Dakotans on dialysis and living with transplants received grants from AKF in 2022 to pay for their insurance premiums and other health care-related costs not covered by insurance.
- **$144,386** in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income South Dakota dialysis and transplant patients could afford their lifesaving health care in 2022.

**Insurance breakdown of Americans who received charitable premium assistance from AKF in 2022**

- Medicare Part B: 40.9%
- Medicare Advantage: 1.3%
- Medigap: 27.2%
- Commercial Employer Group Plans (including COBRA): 17.7%