**Overview of kidney failure in Tennessee**

- **15,871** Tennesseans are living with kidney failure
- **11,241** Tennesseans are on dialysis (71%)
- **4,630** Tennesseans 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%

*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

**The total number of Tennesseans living with kidney failure has increased by 27% since 2011.**

**Kidney transplants in Tennessee**

- **2,610** Tennesseans are on the kidney transplant waiting list*
- **861** transplants performed in Tennessee in 2023, a **86% increase** from 2013

**ONLY ABOUT 1 IN 3 TENNESSEANS ON THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT IN 2023.**

- **106** living donor transplants performed in Tennessee
- **755** deceased donor transplants performed in Tennessee

Compared to 2013, there was a **2% decrease** 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:**

- **4.3x** greater for Black Americans
- **2.3x** greater for American Indians
- **1.6x** greater for Asian Americans
- **2.2x** greater for people of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity than people of non-Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

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

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**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.

- **1,445** Tennesseans 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.
- **$4,427,976** in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Tennessee dialysis and transplant patients could afford their lifesaving health care in 2023.

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**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%**

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