

Kidney failure in Tennessee: 2025

Overview of kidney failure in Tennessee

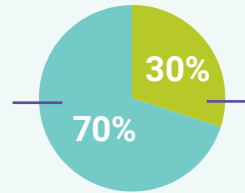
15,854

Tennesseans are living with kidney failure



11,055

Tennesseans are on dialysis



4,799

Tennesseans are living with a kidney transplant



LEADING CAUSES OF KIDNEY FAILURE

Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by diabetes

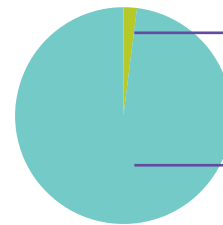


Percentage of kidney failure cases caused by high blood pressure



2,812

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



Received a kidney transplant: **66**

Began dialysis: **2,746**

The total number of Tennesseans living with kidney failure has increased by **21%** since 2012.

Kidney transplants in Tennessee



ONLY ABOUT 1 IN 7 TENNESSEANS ON THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT IN 2024.

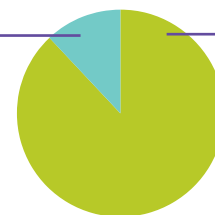


2,560

Tennesseans are on the kidney transplant waiting list*

116

living donor transplants performed in Tennessee



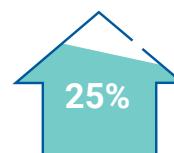
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deceased donor transplants performed in Tennessee



964

transplants performed in Tennessee in 2024, a **108% increase** from 2014



Compared to 2014, there was a **25% 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:

4.3 x

greater for Black Americans

2.3 x

greater for American Indians

1.6 x

greater for Asian Americans

2.3 x

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.



1,346

Tennesseans 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.



\$4,026,896

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