Kidney failure in USA: 2024

Overview of kidney failure in USA

808,536 Americans are living with kidney failure

556,548 Americans are on dialysis

251,988 Americans 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%

135,972 New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in America in 2023 (most recent data available)

Received a kidney transplant: 4,153

Began dialysis: 131,819

The total number of Americans living with kidney failure has increased by 31% since 2011.

Kidney transplants in America

90,788 Americans are on the kidney transplant waiting list*

28,144 Transplants performed in America in 2023, a 59% increase from 2013

6,290 Living donor transplants performed in America

21,854 Deceased donor transplants performed in America

Only about 1 in 3 Americans on the kidney transplant waiting list received a transplant in 2024.

*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.

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.

66,621 Americans 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.

$251,744,285 in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Americans dialysis and transplant patients could afford their lifesaving health care in 2023.

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%