Kidney failure in Washington: 2024

Overview of kidney failure in Washington

13,956
Washingtonians are living with kidney failure

8,756
Washingtonians are on dialysis

5,200
Washingtonians 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%

New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in Washington in 2021 (most recent data available)

2,197

Received a kidney transplant: 88

Began dialysis: 2,109

The total number of Washingtonians living with kidney failure has increased by 44% since 2011.

Kidney transplants in Washington

1,222
Washingtonians are on the kidney transplant waiting list*

486
transplants performed in Washington in 2023, a 22% increase from 2013

89
living donor transplants performed in Washington

397
deceased donor transplants performed in Washington

Compared to 2013, there was a 28% 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:**

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2.2 <small>2.2 x</small> 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.

857 Washingtonians 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.

$3,657,213 in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Washington 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**

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