Kidney failure in Wisconsin: 2024

Overview of kidney failure in Wisconsin

12,052
Wisconsinites are living with kidney failure

7,230
Wisconsinites are on dialysis

4,822
Wisconsinites 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%

1,832
New cases of kidney failure diagnosed in Wisconsin in 2021 (most recent data available)

Received a kidney transplant: 79

Began dialysis: 1,753

The total number of Wisconsinites living with kidney failure has increased by 19% since 2011.

Kidney transplants in Wisconsin

1,244
Wisconsinites are on the kidney transplant waiting list*

479
transplants performed in Wisconsin in 2023, a 15% increase from 2013

126
living donor transplants performed in Wisconsin

353
decceased donor transplants performed in Wisconsin

Compared to 2013, there was a 5% 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.

### 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.

- **526** Wisconsinites 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.
- **$1,690,220** in charitable assistance from AKF ensured that low-income Wisconsin 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%**