

**Kidney failure devastates people emotionally and financially as well as physically. Those with kidney failure have only two options for survival: dialysis treatment (often 3x a week) or a kidney transplant.**

These patients suffer from symptoms that can include fluid retention, swelling, shortness of breath, fatigue, confusion, nausea, and weakness.

Dialysis can take place at home or at a dialysis center – and access to insurance options can reduce financial stress. Many patients are too sick to work, and with dialysis sessions taking four hours each three times a week, it's tantamount to having a part-time job.



**31,906**

Illinois residents are living with kidney failure. If left untreated, it can be fatal.



**Only 25%**

of Illinois patients who were awaiting a kidney transplant were able to get one in 2018.



**5,000+**

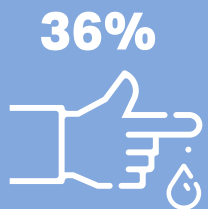
new cases of kidney failure were diagnosed in Illinois in 2016. **And of those diagnosed, only 3% were able to get a transplant.**



**85%**

of Illinois patients rely on Medicare or Medicaid for their primary insurance.

## Leading Causes of Kidney Failure



**36%**

Diabetes

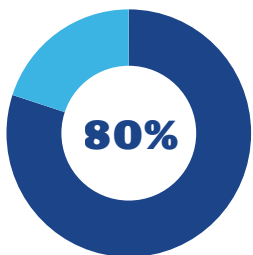


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High Blood Pressure

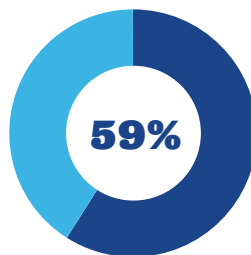
## Illinois At Risk

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Community Health Needs  
Assessment



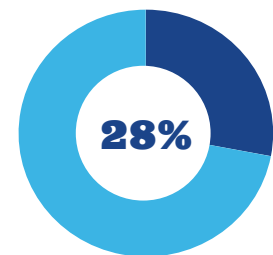
**of patients cannot work.**

Dialysis is life support. Treating kidney failure and its comorbidities is more consuming than a full-time job.



**of patients are minorities.**

**36%** are African-American.  
**20%** are Hispanic/Latino.  
**3%** are Asian.



**of patient income goes toward treatment.**

Average income of patients is < \$25,000 yet average out-of-pocket costs for dialysis patients is \$7,000/yr.