



# ILLINOIS Kidney Care Alliance

The Illinois Kidney Care Alliance supports our partners in helping them educate the public about the impact of kidney disease. Through our work, we have seen that kidney failure devastates people in different ways and can impact them emotionally, financially and physically. Those with kidney failure are left with 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.



## ILLINOIS KIDNEY CARE BY THE NUMBERS



**34,458**

34,458 Illinois residents are currently living with kidney failure and without treatment, it could be fatal.<sup>1</sup>



**Only 25%**

of Illinois patients who were awaiting a kidney transplant were able to get one in 2020.<sup>2</sup>



**5,000+**

new cases of kidney failure were diagnosed in Illinois in 2018. **And of those diagnosed, less than 3% were able to get a transplant.**<sup>1</sup>



**85%**

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

## Illinois At Risk

**11.3%** are diagnosed with diabetes.<sup>3</sup>

**32.2%** have high blood pressure.<sup>3</sup>

**31.6%** self-report overweight/obese.<sup>3</sup>

## Leading Causes of Kidney Failure



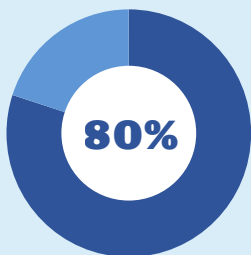
**Diabetes**



**High Blood Pressure**

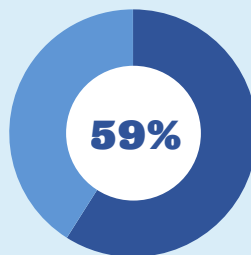


**Obesity**



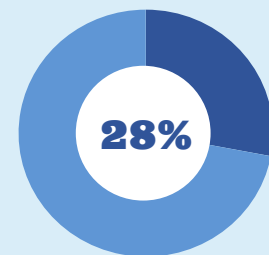
**of patients cannot work.**

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



**of patients are minorities.**

**34.7%** are African-American.  
**20.9%** are Hispanic/Latino.  
**5.2%** 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.

<sup>1</sup>Source: U.S. Renal Data System 2020

<sup>2</sup>Source: Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network

<sup>3</sup>Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System