

PREVALENCE OF LIVER DISEASE STATE FACT SHEET

American Liver Foundation (ALF) Liver Life Advocates—Raising Awareness, Advancing Change™, represents more than 100 million Americans affected by liver disease.

New York Residents Affected by Liver Disease



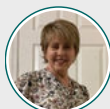
Patty M., MPH

Patty advocates to raise awareness about liver disease, specifically in the Latino community. Patty's grandmother passed away from liver cancer, but had she been given the right resources and access to care, they may have been able to slow the progression of her disease, or identify it in time for transplant.



Brittany M.

Brittany advocates to help educate individuals and medical professionals about liver disease, especially in children. Brittany's son, Caleb, was diagnosed at four months old with biliary atresia (BA), a rare liver disease that only affects infants. By six months old, Caleb needed a lifesaving liver transplant. Had doctors known about BA, or how to test for it, they may have been able to prolong a transplant allowing him to grow and get the vaccines he needed, first.



Catherine P., PhD

Catherine advocates to increase living donor protections. Twenty years after undergoing treatment for blood cancer, Catherine was diagnosed with liver cirrhosis. She did not qualify for a deceased donor liver and was advised to begin looking for a living donor. Catherine received a portion of her son's liver in December 2022.



State Statistics

1,953

New York residents died of liver disease/cirrhosis in 2022

776

liver transplants were performed in New York

520

people are on the liver transplant waitlist

67

New Yorkers have died while on the liver transplant waitlist

10%

of adults in New York have diabetes

30.3%

of adults in New York are obese

25.1%

of adults have no leisurely physical activity

ALF 2025 Legislative Priorities

- Increase funding for MASLD research and education
- Expand liver disease surveillance and prevention efforts at the CDC
- Finalize coverage for anti-obesity medication under Medicare Part D
- Support laws like the [Living Donor Protection Act](#), [Safe Step Act](#), [HOLD Act](#) and [HELP Copays Act](#)
- Improve access to liver disease treatments and reduce out-of-pocket costs

ALF is a national community of patients, caregivers and medical professionals dedicated to helping people improve their liver health. Providing guidance and life-saving resources, we are a beacon for the 100 million Americans affected by liver disease. We advocate for patients and families, fund medical research and educate the public about liver wellness and disease prevention. We bring people together through our educational programs and events and create a network of support that lasts a lifetime. ALF is the largest organization focused on all liver diseases and the trusted voice for patients and families living with liver disease. For more information visit liverfoundation.org or call 1-800-GO-LIVER (800-465-4837).