

**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.



Pennsylvania Residents Affected by Liver Disease



Marlene R.

Marlene advocates to raise awareness around the importance of early screening and for increased federal funding for liver disease research. Marlene’s husband lived, undiagnosed, with hepatitis C for decades, which ultimately led to stage four liver cancer. With his only hope for survival a liver transplant, Marlene left her job to become his full-time caregiver. Unfortunately, he passed away in her arms one year later. Marlene believes that if early detection and screening were part of routine physicals, her husband may still be alive today as there is now a cure for hepatitis C.

State Statistics

1,834	Pennsylvania residents died from liver disease/ cirrhosis in 2020
591	liver transplants were performed in Pennsylvania
476	people are on the liver transplant waitlist
66	Pennsylvanians have died while on the liver transplant waitlist
10.1%	of adults in Pennsylvania have diabetes
32.9%	of adults in Pennsylvania are obese
20.8%	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).