



# SOUTH CAROLINA

## 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.



### South Carolina Residents Affected by Liver Disease



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Ellen and Bakari Sellers advocate to raise awareness about pediatric liver disease and help empower liver patients everywhere. After their daughter, Sadie, was born with biliary atresia, a rare liver disease that only affects infants, the Sellers made it their mission to ensure that no pediatric family ever felt alone or left behind. The family has been integral in launching several new initiatives and even chaired ALF's first Liver Life Walk in South Carolina in 2024.

### State Statistics

1,088	South Carolina residents died of liver disease/cirrhosis in 2022
143	liver transplants were performed in South Carolina
96	people are on the liver transplant waitlist
11	South Carolinians have died while on the liver transplant waitlist
11.1%	of adults in South Carolina have diabetes
35.5%	of adults in South Carolina are obese
25%	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](http://liverfoundation.org) or call 1-800-GO-LIVER (800-465-4837).