

## 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.



### Arizona Residents Affected by Liver Disease



#### Bruce D.

Bruce advocates to raise awareness about rare liver diseases and for increased federal funding for liver disease research. For more than a decade, Bruce has challenged doctors and analyzed his own test results in hopes of a diagnosis, but his condition has worsened and he now has hepatic encephalopathy, a condition found in patients with advanced liver disease which causes temporary brain dysfunction, confusion and forgetfulness. As a result, it is no longer safe for him to drive, which makes it difficult for him to access medical care and treatment.



#### Debra K.

Debra advocates for equitable healthcare. In 2013, after unknowingly living with hepatitis C for over 30 years, Debra's liver failed and she found herself in need of a lifesaving liver transplant. If it weren't for her quality health insurance, Debra would not have been able to afford all of her testing, treatments, hospitalization costs and/or medications.

### State Statistics

<b>1,492</b>	Arizona residents died from liver disease/ cirrhosis in 2022
<b>374</b>	liver transplants were performed in Arizona
<b>166</b>	people are on the liver transplant waitlist
<b>12</b>	Arizonians have died while on the liver transplant waitlist
<b>11.4%</b>	of adults in Arizona have diabetes
<b>33.5%</b>	of adults in Arizona are overweight or obese
<b>22.6%</b>	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](https://liverfoundation.org) or call 1-800-GO-LIVER (800-465-4837).