

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.



Colorado Residents Affected by Liver Disease



Jenna M.

Jenna advocates to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation. Jenna didn't know she had been born with primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC) until she found herself in need of a lifesaving liver transplant. Thanks to the selfless act of a living liver donor, she will have the opportunity to watch her three sons, ages 12, 10 and 8, grow up.



Stephanie M.

Stephanie advocates for increased living donor protections and access to more affordable care. Stephanie's son was born at 32 weeks and quickly diagnosed with Alagille Syndrome, a rare genetic liver disease. At 10 months old, he received a successful liver transplant thanks to her husband, who became their son's living liver donor. Her family has faced many challenges including a heavy financial impact.



Victoria S., MD

Victoria advocates for increased federal funding for liver disease research and access to specialized care. As a rheumatologist and a patient of two autoimmune liver diseases, Victoria understands the impact research has on patient outcomes, and that primary care physicians need to be better educated about liver diseases.

State Statistics

1,212	Colorado residents died of liver disease/cirrhosis in 2022
183	liver transplants were performed in Colorado
164	people are on the liver transplant waitlist
19	Coloradans have died while on the liver transplant waitlist
7.6%	of adults in Colorado have diabetes
25%	of adults in Colorado are obese
16.7%	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).