

**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.



Illinois Residents Affected by Liver Disease



Anne D.

Anne advocates to raise awareness about the importance of liver health and the advancements in liver transplant. After being unexpectedly diagnosed with end-stage liver disease, Anne needed a liver transplant. Being an O+ blood type made it difficult for her to match with a deceased donor. Thankfully, her daughter Katie stepped up to be her living liver donor.



Katie D.

Katie advocates to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation and stronger living donor protections. When her mother, Anne, was unexpectedly diagnosed with end-stage liver disease, a deceased donor match was unlikely due to her O+ blood type. Katie applied to be her living donor and, after extensive testing, was found to be a match. On June 15, 2017, she donated 60% of her liver to save her mother's life.



Hamza H.

Hamza advocates for liver health initiatives that improve patient outcomes beyond clinical settings. With plans to pursue a career in healthcare, he supports policies and programs that advance research, access, and prevention.

State Statistics

1,643

Illinois residents died from liver disease/cirrhosis in 2023

480

liver transplants were performed in Illinois in 2025

214

people are on the liver transplant waitlist

17

Illinoisans died while on the liver transplant waitlist in 2025

10.8%

of adults in Illinois have diabetes

33%

of adults in Illinois are obese

22.1%

of adults have no leisurely physical activity

ALF 2026 Legislative Priorities

- Support Living Donors: Advance the [Living Donor Protection Act](#) and the [Expanding Support for Living Organ Donors Act](#) to protect donors and reduce financial barriers
- Ensure Patient Access: Pass the [Safe Step Act](#), [Treat and Reduce Obesity Act](#), and [HELP Copays Act](#) to improve access and affordability
- Pediatric Screening: Advance the [Ian Kalvinskas Pediatric Liver Cancer Early Detection and Screening Act](#) for earlier diagnosis
- CDC Efforts: Strengthen liver disease surveillance and prevention

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).