

**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



Cindy C.

Cindy advocates to raise awareness about pediatric liver diseases. At eight-months-old, her son developed liver cirrhosis and needed a liver transplant. Despite receiving a transplant, he remains in the hospital with complications.



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 was told she 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.



Jeffrey S.

Jeff advocates for increased federal funding for liver disease research. In 1971, he received a blood transfusion at six-months-old. In 2006, he was diagnosed with hepatitis C which progressed to liver cirrhosis in 2011. Thanks to advancements in liver disease research Jeff is now cured of hep C.

State Statistics

1,807

Illinois residents died from liver disease/cirrhosis in 2022

433

liver transplants were performed in Illinois

236

people are on the liver transplant waitlist

24

Illinoisans have died while on the liver transplant waitlist

10.8%

of adults in Illinois have diabetes

33%

of adults in Illinois are overweight or obese

22.1%

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).