

**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.



Kansas Residents Affected by Liver Disease



Melissa T.

Melissa advocates for increased federal funding for liver disease research. After losing her grandmother to end stage liver disease from an unknown cause, Melissa was shocked to learn her mom was diagnosed with liver disease just a few years later. Despite not knowing the exact cause of her mom’s disease, doctors believe it is hereditary and that Melissa’s health may also be at risk.



Steven V.

Steven advocates to raise awareness around the importance of liver health and to educate people about the vital functions your liver performs. Steven was completely unaware of how important maintaining a healthy diet was until September 2023, when he was diagnosed with metabolic dysfunction associated steatohepatitis (MASH), and learned he needed a lifesaving liver transplant.

State Statistics

478

Kansas residents died from liver disease/ cirrhosis in 2023

60

liver transplants were performed in Kansas

126

people are on the liver transplant waitlist

8

Kansans died while on the liver transplant waitlist in 2025

10.2%

of adults in Kansas have diabetes

36.5%

of adults in Kansas are obese

22.6%

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).