

## 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 S.

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

**481**

Kansas residents died from liver disease/ cirrhosis in 2022

**51**

liver transplants were performed in Kansas

**145**

people are on the liver transplant waitlist

**6**

Kansans have died while on the liver transplant waitlist

**10.2%**

of adults in Kansas have diabetes

**36.5%**

of adults in Kansas are overweight or obese

**22.6%**

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).