## MONTANA



### PREVALENCE OF LIVER DISEASE STATE FACT SHEET

American Liver Foundation (ALF) Liver Life Advocates—Raising Awareness, Advancing Change<sup>™</sup>, represents more than 100 million Americans affected by liver disease.

### Montana Residents Affected by Liver Disease



#### Desirea W.

Desirea advocates to raise awareness about liver health, alcohol-use disorder (AUD). and alcohol-associated liver disease. After battling AUD for years, Desirea's husband was diagnosed with alcohol-associated cirrhosis. After flying to a center that accepts ALD patients in Seattle, WA for a transplant evaluation, her husband's condition worsened. He is currently in critical condition and under a medical coma in the center's ICU.



State Statistics	
247	Montana residents died of liver disease/cirrhosis in 2022
0	liver transplants were performed in Montana
0	people are on the liver transplant waitlist
0	Montanans have died while on the liver transplant waitlist
7.1%	of adults in Montana have diabetes
30.8%	of adults in Montana are overweight or obese
18.5%	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).

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