



**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.



**New York Residents Affected by Liver Disease**



**Amy M., PT, DPT**

Amy advocates to raise awareness about liver disease and the need for earlier access to lifesaving liver transplants. A news reporter and healthcare professional living with primary biliary cholangitis (PBC), a rare autoimmune liver disease, Amy has faced repeated life-threatening complications—highlighting how the MELD score often forces PBC patients to wait until advanced stages of the disease before qualifying for transplant. Despite her health, Amy continues to work and advocate while waiting for a transplant.



**Patty M., MPH**

Patty advocates to raise awareness about liver disease, specifically in the Latino community. Patty's grandmother passed away from liver cancer, but had she been given the right resources and access to care, they may have been able to slow the disease's progression, or identify it in time for transplant.



**Catherine P., PhD**

Catherine advocates to increase living donor protections. Twenty years after undergoing treatment for blood cancer, Catherine was diagnosed with liver cirrhosis. She did not qualify for a deceased donor liver and was advised to begin looking for a living donor. Catherine received a portion of her son's liver in December 2022.

**State Statistics**

<b>1,837</b>	New York residents died of liver disease/cirrhosis in 2023
<b>903</b>	liver transplants were performed in New York in 2025
<b>542</b>	people are on the liver transplant waitlist
<b>44</b>	New Yorkers died while on the liver transplant waitlist in 2025
<b>10%</b>	of adults in New York have diabetes
<b>30.3%</b>	of adults in New York are obese
<b>25.1%</b>	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](http://liverfoundation.org) or call 1-800-GO-LIVER (800-465-4837).