

**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.



Ohio Residents Affected by Liver Disease



Donald M.

Don advocates to raise awareness around liver disease and dispel negative stigma and beliefs surrounding liver disease patients. Don was diagnosed with liver cancer of unknown origin and his only hope for survival was a liver transplant. He suffered several complications post-transplant, including an allergic reaction to the anti-rejection medication and excessive bleeding.



Julianna C.

Julianna advocates to break the stigma regarding liver disease. This disease does not discriminate as she has found with primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC). By raising awareness she hopes others will get their liver numbers checked which could potentially be a lifesaving test. Early detection is key and treatments are available for many diseases. She hopes one day a cure will be found for her disease.

State Statistics

1,894

Ohio residents died from liver disease/cirrhosis in 2023

713

liver transplants were performed in Ohio in 2025

231

people are on the liver transplant waitlist

30

Buckeyes died while on the liver transplant waitlist in 2025

11.4%

of adults in Ohio have diabetes

38%

of adults in Ohio are obese

24%

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).