



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.



Pennsylvania Residents Affected by Liver Disease



Marlene R.

Marlene advocates to raise awareness around the importance of early screening and for increased federal funding for liver disease research. Marlene’s husband lived, undiagnosed, with hepatitis C for decades, which ultimately led to stage four liver cancer. With his only hope for survival a liver transplant, Marlene left her job to become his full-time caregiver. Unfortunately, he passed away in her arms one year later. Marlene believes that if early detection and screening were part of routine physicals, her husband may still be alive today as there is now a cure for hepatitis C.

State Statistics

1,733

Pennsylvania residents died from liver disease/cirrhosis in 2023

650

liver transplants were performed in Pennsylvania in 2025

459

people are on the liver transplant waitlist

62

Pennsylvanians died on the liver transplant waitlist in 2025

10.1%

of adults in Pennsylvania have diabetes

32.9%

of adults in Pennsylvania are obese

20.8%

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).