



# SOUTH CAROLINA

## 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.



### South Carolina Residents Affected by Liver Disease



#### Ellen and Bakari Sellers

Ellen and Bakari Sellers advocate to raise awareness about pediatric liver disease and help empower liver patients everywhere. After their daughter, Sadie, was born with biliary atresia, a rare liver disease that only affects infants, the Sellers made it their mission to ensure that no pediatric family ever felt alone or left behind. The family has been integral in launching several new initiatives and even chaired ALF's first Liver Life Walk in South Carolina in 2024.

### State Statistics

1,009	South Carolina residents died of liver disease/cirrhosis in 2023
188	liver transplants were performed in South Carolina in 2025
126	people are on the liver transplant waitlist
8	South Carolinians died while on the liver transplant waitlist in 2025
11.1%	of adults in South Carolina have diabetes
35.5%	of adults in South Carolina are obese
25%	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).