



SOUTH DAKOTA

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 Dakota Residents Affected by Liver Disease



Michael and Paula E.

Paula contracted hepatitis C from a blood transfusion more than 20 years ago, but by the time she was diagnosed, her health had rapidly declined. With her husband, Michael, by her side, Paula underwent a successful liver transplant, and the couple has been telling their story for more than a decade now to help raise awareness around the importance of liver health and to let others know they are not alone.

State Statistics

236

South Dakota residents died of liver disease/cirrhosis in 2023

4

liver transplants were performed in South Dakota in 2022

NA

people are on the liver transplant waitlist

2

South Dakotans died while on the liver transplant waitlist in 2023

8.1%

of adults in South Dakota have diabetes

37.2%

of adults in South Dakota are obese

22.3%

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).