ONE IN NINE African Americans in Massachusetts has diabetes.*

Diabetes is one of the leading risk factors for **KIDNEY DISEASE** along with high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, or a family history of kidney failure.

While African Americans made up just **13 percent** of the US population in 2009 ...

... they accounted for **32 percent** of kidney failure cases. **

Kidney disease can progress to kidney failure, which may require treatment with dialysis or a kidney transplant to maintain health longer.

You have the power to protect your kidneys.

- Speak with your health provider and get tested for kidney disease
- Manage your diabetes and high blood pressure
- Share what you've learned with at-risk friends and family members
- **Learn more at** nkdep.nih.gov/get-involved.shtml

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