

WHO LIVES WITH LIMB LOSS OR LIMB DIFFERENCE?

An estimated **2 million people** are living with limb loss in the United States.¹

There are an estimated **185,000 amputations each year**. This number is expected to double by 2050 due to increasing rates of contributing diseases.¹

Black Americans are up to 4 times more likely to experience diabetes-related amputation than white Americans.²

Latinx Americans are up to 2 times more likely to experience amputation than white Americans.³

Low-income individuals are more likely to experience limb loss due to disease than higher income individuals.⁴



CAUSES OF LIMB LOSS¹

Vascular disease – 70%

Vascular disease includes morbidities such as **diabetes and peripheral arterial disease (PAD)**. This is the most common cause for lower limb amputations.

Trauma – 29%

Trauma is the most common cause for upper limb amputations, but not for lower limb.⁵

Cancer – 1%

Osteosarcoma is the most common type of **cancer** treated by amputation.⁶

More than **26 million Americans live with diabetes**, which puts them at higher risk of limb loss due to complications, like PAD.⁷ **6.5 million Americans live with PAD**, and this disease disproportionately affects Black Americans.⁸

COSTS OF LIMB LOSS

The estimated **cost to Medicare is more than \$80,000 per person** for a lower limb amputation and can cost **more than \$500,000 over a patient's lifetime**.¹⁰

These health care costs **do not include other indirect costs, such as loss of work**, which can significantly increase a family's or individual's financial burden.

Hospitals report that rehabilitation, prosthesis fitting, and device adjustment alone cost the health care system more than **\$5.3 billion annually**.¹¹

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