



# LIMB LOSS IN THE U.S.A.

## SUPPORT THE MISSION

The Amputee Coalition is the leading, national nonprofit organization working to support people with limb loss.

Our mission is to reach out to and empower people affected by limb loss to achieve their full potential through education, support and advocacy, and to promote limb loss prevention.

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## LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

The Amputee Coalition has designated April as Limb Loss Awareness Month to raise awareness about limb loss and limb loss prevention. To learn more, go to [amputee-coalition.org](http://amputee-coalition.org).

## OVERVIEW



2.1 Million  
People living with limb loss.

185K  
People have an amputation each year.

507  
People lose a limb each day.



**1,558** military personnel lost a limb as a result of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.



**3.6** million people will be living with limb loss by 2050.



**36%** of people living with limb loss experience depression.



**85%** of lower-limb amputations are preceded by a foot ulcer.

## FACTS

Lifetime healthcare costs for people with limb loss is \$509,275 compared to \$361,200 for people without limb loss.



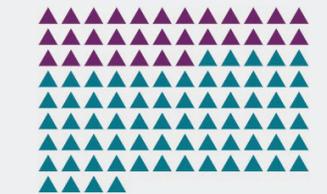
Hospital charges for patients who underwent an amputation totaled \$10 billion in 2014.

African Americans are 4 times more likely to have an amputation than White Americans.



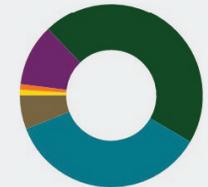
## LIMB LOSS COMMUNITY INCIDENCE

Gender of Amputation Patients, 2014



Female (31%) Male (69%)

Age at Amputation, 2014



<1 (0.2%) 45-64 (46%)  
1-17 (1%) 65-84 (36%)  
18-44 (11%) 85+ (6%)

## LIMB LOSS COMMUNITY PREVELANCE

Causes of Amputation



Vascular Disease (54%) Trauma (45%) Cancer (2%)

Types of Amputations



Upper limb (35%) Lower limb (65%)