Quick Facts: Chronic Kidney Disease & End Stage Renal Disease

End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) is the final stage of chronic kidney disease. The word “renal” means kidney, and renal and kidney are words that can be used interchangeably. When you have ESRD, your kidneys can no longer keep up with your body’s needs anymore. As a result, your body is in great danger because its extra waste and water aren’t getting removed.

Over 26 million Americans total have chronic kidney disease. [4]

16.8% of the population in the U.S. (age 20 & older) has chronic kidney disease according to 2007 estimates. [2, 4]

3.5–7% of the population in Canada has chronic kidney disease according to estimates. [1]

9% of the population in the United Kingdom has chronic kidney disease according to 2009 estimates. [3]

References: