Obesity's Impact on Arizona's Economy and Workforce in 2023



REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BY \$10.2B

67% of adults have obesity or overweight



\$4.1B in higher healthcare, absenteeism, and disability costs to employers



\$1.1B detrimental state budget impact



COST OF OBESITY ON ARIZONANS



Reduced Labor Force Participation

60,700 fewer adults with obesity working



Reduced Earnings for Employed Women

Women with obesity earn 9% less than women with healthy weight



Obesity-Attributed Early Mortality

9,500 premature deaths occur annually



Higher Medical Costs

\$694M spending by households

COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS



\$1B in higher healthcare costs to employers



\$3.1B in health-related lost workdays and disability



2.0% reduction in Arizona's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

5%-25% weight loss among adults age <65 over 10 years has potential to save \$5.4B-\$17.9B in medical costs

COST OF OBESITY ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

\$638M reduced tax revenues from lost economic activity

Medicaid

Healthcare Coverage

Public Assistance Program

\$201M higher Medicaid spending

\$200M for employee healthcare coverage

\$21M in public assistance program costs

TOTAL \$422M increased spending

