

# Obesity's Impact on Arkansas' Economy and Workforce in 2023



## REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BY \$4.6B

**71%** of adults have obesity or overweight



**\$1.6B** in higher healthcare, absenteeism, and disability costs to employers



**562M** detrimental state budget impact



## COST OF OBESITY ON ARKANSANS



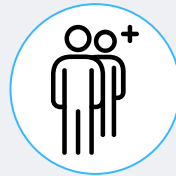
**Reduced Labor Force Participation**

35,000 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**

6,200 premature deaths occur annually



**Higher Medical Costs**

\$285M spending by households

## COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

HIGHER MEDICAL COSTS



**\$429M** in higher healthcare costs to employers



**\$1.2B** in health-related lost workdays and disability



**2.6%** reduction in Arkansas' Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

**5%-25%** weight loss among adults age <65 over 10 years has potential to **save \$1.3B-\$7.2B** in medical costs

## COST OF OBESITY ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**\$339M** reduced tax revenues from lost economic activity

Medicaid

**\$115M** higher Medicaid spending

Healthcare Coverage

**\$97M** for employee healthcare coverage

Public Assistance Program

**\$11M** in public assistance program costs

**TOTAL**

**\$223M** increased spending

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