

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



REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BY \$1.6B

72% of adults have obesity or overweight



\$606M in higher healthcare, absenteeism, and disability costs to employers



\$249M detrimental state budget impact



COST OF OBESITY ON DELAWAREANS



Reduced Labor Force Participation

9,800 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

1,600 premature deaths occur annually



Higher Medical Costs

\$124M spending by households

COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

HIGHER MEDICAL COSTS



\$186M in higher healthcare costs to employers



\$420M in health-related lost workdays and disability



1.7% reduction in Delaware's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

5%-25% weight loss among adults age <65 over 10 years has potential to **save \$1.2B-\$3.6B** in medical costs

COST OF OBESITY ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

\$156M reduced tax revenues from lost economic activity

Medicaid	\$48M higher Medicaid spending
Healthcare Coverage	\$41M for employee healthcare coverage
Public Assistance Program	\$4M in public assistance program costs
TOTAL	\$93M increased spending

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