

Obesity's Impact on Kentucky's Economy and Workforce in 2025



\$7.1B



TOTAL REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

2.3% Reduction in Kentucky's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)



71%

Adults have obesity or overweight



\$3.0B

Higher Healthcare, Absenteeism, & Disability Costs to Employers



\$832M

Detrimental State Budget Impact

IMPACT ON RESIDENTS



15,100

Reduced Labor Force

Reduced workforce participation + premature mortality



3%

Reduced Earnings for Employed Women

Women with obesity earn 3% less than women with healthy weight



10,200

Obesity-Related Premature Mortality

Premature deaths occur annually



\$383M

Higher Medical Costs

Households out-of-pocket spending on obesity-related care

COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

Higher Medical Cost Per Employee

Overweight

\$380

Obesity

\$1,510



\$849M

Higher Healthcare Costs



\$1.5B

Health-related lost workdays



\$669M

Workers' Compensation and Disability

TOTAL FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Increased Government Spending



Medicaid

Higher Medicaid Spending

\$362M



Healthcare

Employee healthcare coverage

\$156M

Lost Government Revenue



Tax Revenue

Reduced receipts from lost economic activity

\$314M

TOTAL STATE & LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT

\$832M

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Kentucky's Case for Action: The Health & Economic Value of Weight Loss

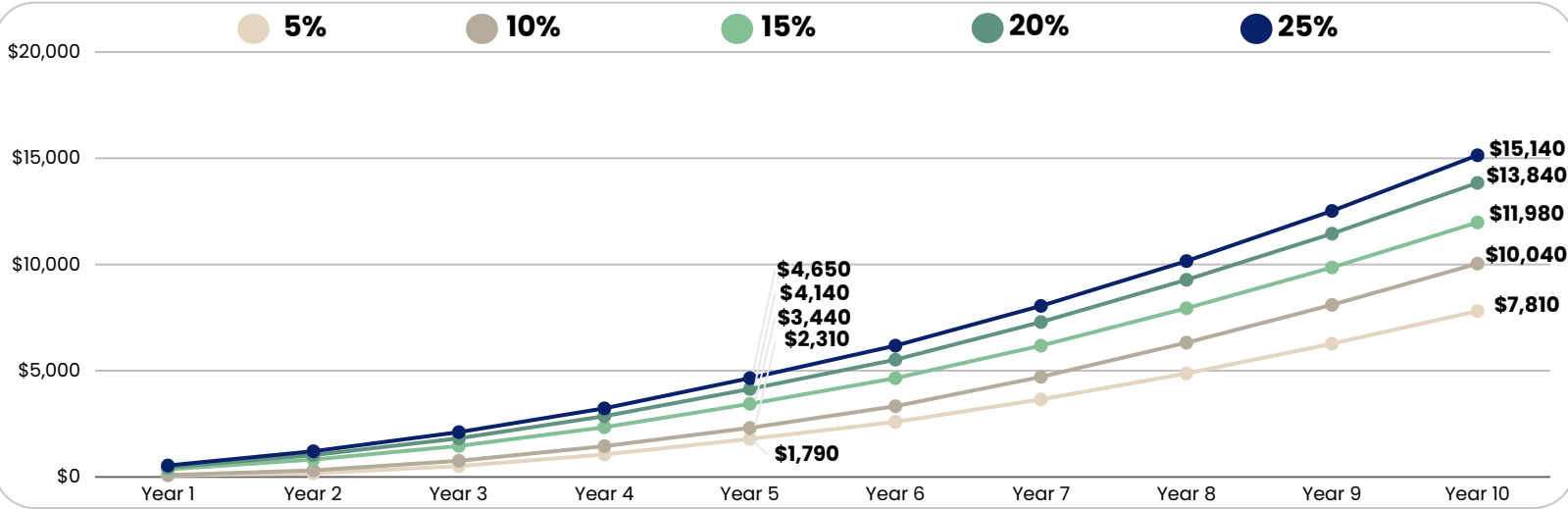
KEY SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY



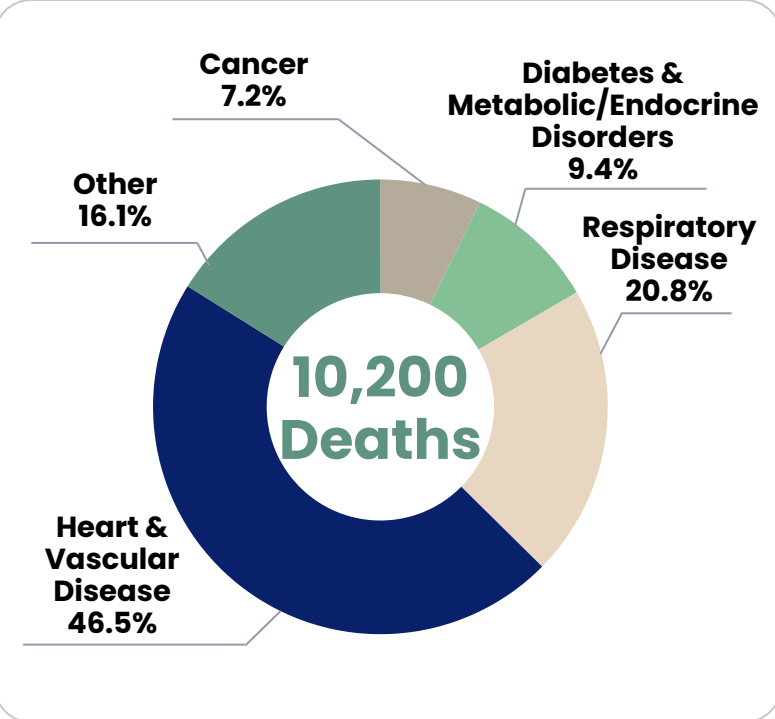
A **5%–25%** weight loss through sustained treatment among adults over 10 years could generate between **\$10.4B and \$20.2B** in cumulative medical cost savings

\$10.4B–\$20.2B
10-Year Savings Range

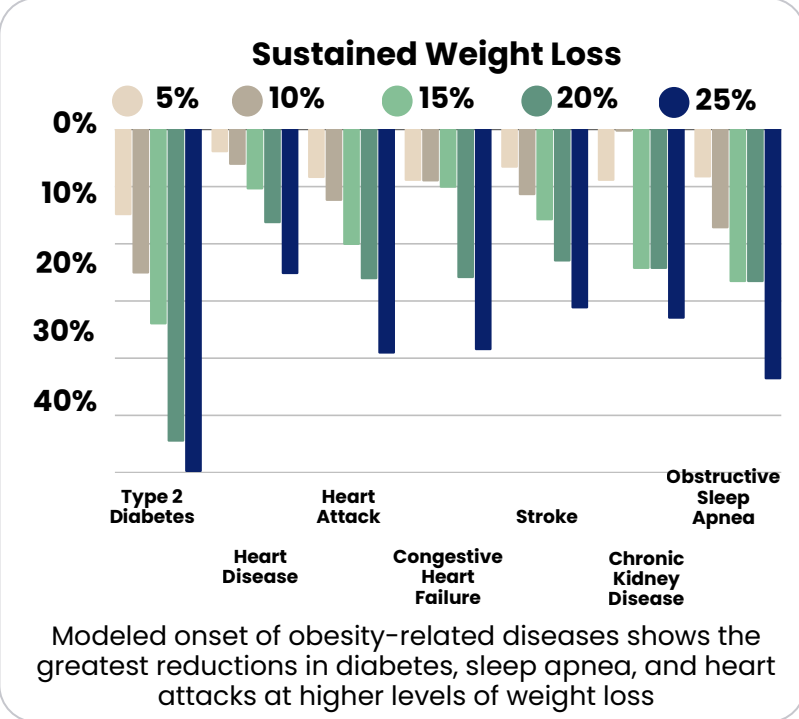
MEDICAL COST SAVINGS PER PERSON BY SUSTAINED WEIGHT LOSS



OBESITY-ATTRIBUTED DEATHS BY CAUSE



10-YEAR REDUCTION IN DISEASE ONSET



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