

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



REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BY \$6.9B

72% of adults have obesity or overweight



\$2.6B in higher healthcare, absenteeism, and disability costs to employers



\$790M detrimental state budget impact



COST OF OBESITY ON KENTUCKIANS



Reduced Labor Force Participation

51,100 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

9,100 premature deaths occur annually



Higher Medical Costs

\$440M spending by households

COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

HIGHER MEDICAL COSTS



\$662M in higher healthcare costs to employers



\$1.9B in health-related lost workdays and disability



2.5% reduction in Kentucky's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

5%-25% weight loss among adults age **<65 over 10 years** has potential to **save \$4B-\$13.4B** in medical costs

COST OF OBESITY ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

\$477M reduced tax revenues from lost economic activity

Medicaid

\$160M higher Medicaid spending

Healthcare Coverage

\$133M for employee healthcare coverage

Public Assistance Program

\$20M in public assistance program costs

TOTAL

\$313M increased spending

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