

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



## REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BY \$6.9B

**72%** of adults have obesity or overweight



**\$2.5B** in higher healthcare, absenteeism, and disability costs to employers



**\$823M** detrimental state budget impact



## COST OF OBESITY ON LOUISIANIANS



### Reduced Labor Force Participation

52,300 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

\$462M spending by households

## COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

HIGHER MEDICAL COSTS



**\$696M** in higher healthcare costs to employers



**\$1.8B** in health-related lost workdays and disability



**2.2%** reduction in Louisiana's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

**5%-25%** weight loss among adults age <65 over 10 years has potential to **save \$2.8B-\$13.7B** in medical costs

## COST OF OBESITY ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**\$384M** reduced tax revenues from lost economic activity

Medicaid	\$249M higher Medicaid spending
Healthcare Coverage	\$168M for employee healthcare coverage
Public Assistance Program	\$22M in public assistance program costs
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$439M</b> increased spending

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