Obesity's Impact on Montana's **Economy and Workforce in 2023**



REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BY \$1.4B

66% of adults have obesity or overweight



\$613M in higher healthcare, absenteeism, and disability costs to employers



\$187M detrimental state budget impact



COST OF OBESITY ON MONTANANS



Reduced Labor Force Participation

8,800 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

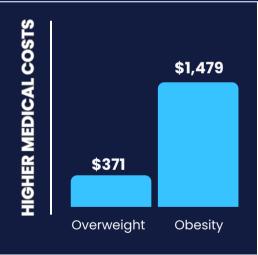
1,500 premature deaths occur annually



Higher Medical Costs

\$113M spending by households

COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS



\$169M in higher healthcare costs to employers



\$444M in health-related lost workdays and disability



2.1% reduction in Montana's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

5%-25% weight loss among adults age <65 over 10 years has potential to save \$0.7B-\$2.9B in medical costs

COST OF OBESITY ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

\$104M reduced tax revenues from lost economic activity

Medicaid

Healthcare Coverage

Public Assistance Program

TOTAL

\$36M higher Medicaid spending

\$44M for employee healthcare coverage

\$3M in public assistance program costs

\$83M increased spending

