

Obesity's Impact on Rhode Island's Economy and Workforce in 2023



REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BY \$1.7B

67% of adults have obesity or overweight



\$663M in higher healthcare, absenteeism, and disability costs to employers



\$218M detrimental state budget impact



COST OF OBESITY ON RHODE ISLANDERS



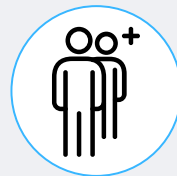
Reduced Labor Force Participation

9,700 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

\$136M spending by households

COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

HIGHER MEDICAL COSTS



\$205M in higher healthcare costs to employers



\$458M in health-related lost workdays and disability



2.2% reduction in Rhode Island'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

\$122M reduced tax revenues from lost economic activity

Medicaid

\$58M higher Medicaid spending

Healthcare Coverage

\$34M for employee healthcare coverage

Public Assistance Program

\$4M in public assistance program costs

TOTAL

\$96M increased spending

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