

Obesity's Impact on South Carolina's Economy and Workforce in 2022



REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BY \$7.4B

70% of adults have obesity or overweight



>\$1.6B in higher healthcare, absenteeism, and disability costs to employers



\$909M detrimental state budget impact



COST OF OBESITY ON SOUTH CAROLINIANS



Reduced Labor Force Participation

56,400 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

8,800 premature deaths occur annually



Higher Medical Costs

\$528M spending by households

COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

HIGHER MEDICAL COSTS



\$907M in higher healthcare costs to employers



\$708M in health-related lost workdays and disability



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

5%-25% weight loss among adults age <65 over 10 years has potential to save **\$6.2B-\$15.4B** in medical costs

COST OF OBESITY ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

\$544.8M reduced tax revenues from lost economic activity

Medicaid	\$171.7M higher Medicaid spending
Healthcare Coverage	\$167.7M for employee healthcare coverage
Public Assistance Program	\$24.4M in public assistance program costs
TOTAL	\$363.8M increased spending

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