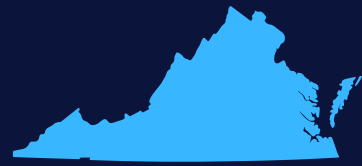


# Obesity's Impact on Virginia's Economy and Workforce in 2023



## REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BY \$14.8B

**67%** of adults have obesity or overweight



**\$5.2B** in higher healthcare, absenteeism, and disability costs to employers



**\$1.7B** detrimental state budget impact



## COST OF OBESITY ON VIRGINIANS



### Reduced Labor Force Participation

83,200 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

11,700 premature deaths occur annually



### Higher Medical Costs

\$1.1B spending by households

## COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

HIGHER MEDICAL COSTS



**\$1.6B** in higher healthcare costs to employers



**\$3.6B** in health-related lost workdays and disability



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

**5%-25%** weight loss among adults age **<65 over 10 years** has potential to **save \$5.5B-\$23.7B** in medical costs

## COST OF OBESITY ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**\$939M** reduced tax revenues from lost economic activity

Medicaid	\$426M higher Medicaid spending
Healthcare Coverage	\$339M for employee healthcare coverage
Public Assistance Program	\$26M in public assistance program costs
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$791M</b> increased spending

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