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

#### **REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BY \$12.1B**

**66%** of adults have obesity or overweight



\$4.88 in higher healthcare, absenteeism, and disability costs to employers \$1.2B detrimental state budget impact



### COST OF OBESITY ON WASHINGTONIANS





Reduced Labor Force Participation 58,200 fewer adults with obesity working

Reduced Earnings for Employed Women Women with obesity earn 9% less

than women with healthy weight

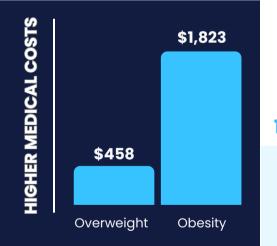


Obesity-Attributed Early Mortality 9,500 premature deaths occur annually



Higher Medical Costs \$996M spending by households

#### **COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS**



\$1.5B in higher healthcare costs to employers



workdays and disability

\$3.3B in health-related lost

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**1.5%** reduction in Washington's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

5%-25% weight loss among adults age <65 over 10 years has potential to save \$6.6B-\$23.5B in medical costs

## **COST OF OBESITY ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

\$446M reduced tax revenues from lost economic activity	Medicaid	\$399M higher Medicaid spending
	Healthcare Coverage	\$375M for employee healthcare coverage
	Public Assistance Program	\$15M in public assistance program costs
	TOTAL	\$789M increased spending

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