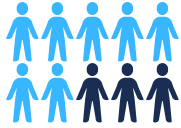


# Obesity's Impact on West Virginia's Economy and Workforce in 2023



## REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BY \$2.8B

74% of adults have obesity or overweight



\$1B in higher healthcare, absenteeism, and disability costs to employers



\$354M detrimental state budget impact



## COST OF OBESITY ON WEST VIRGINIANS



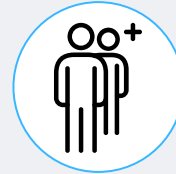
### Reduced Labor Force Participation

23,500 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

4,700 premature deaths occur annually



### Higher Medical Costs

\$196M spending by households

## COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

HIGHER MEDICAL COSTS



\$295M in higher healthcare costs to employers



\$752M in health-related lost workdays and disability



2.9% reduction in West Virginia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

5%-25% weight loss among adults age <65 over 10 years has potential to save \$1B-\$5.6B in medical costs

## COST OF OBESITY ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

\$208M reduced tax revenues from lost economic activity

Medicaid	\$71M higher Medicaid spending
Healthcare Coverage	\$68M for employee healthcare coverage
Public Assistance Program	\$7M in public assistance program costs
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$146M increased spending</b>

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