

Obesity's Impact on Louisiana's Economy and Workforce in 2025



\$7.8B



TOTAL REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

2.3% Reduction in Louisiana's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)



72%

Adults have obesity or overweight



\$2.9B

Higher Healthcare, Absenteeism, & Disability Costs to Employers



\$817M

Detrimental State Budget Impact

IMPACT ON RESIDENTS



15,900

Reduced Labor Force

Reduced workforce participation + premature mortality



3%

Reduced Earnings for Employed Women

Women with obesity earn 3% less than women with healthy weight



10,000

Obesity-Related Premature Mortality

Premature deaths occur annually



\$364M

Higher Medical Costs

Households out-of-pocket spending on obesity-related care

COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

Higher Medical Cost Per Employee

Overweight

\$380

Obesity

\$1,510



\$807M

Higher Healthcare Costs



\$1.5B

Health-related lost workdays



\$647M

Workers' Compensation and Disability

TOTAL FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Increased Government Spending



Medicaid

Higher Medicaid Spending

\$412M



Healthcare

Employee healthcare coverage

\$169M

Lost Government Revenue



Tax Revenue

Reduced receipts from lost economic activity

\$236M

TOTAL STATE & LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT

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Louisiana's Case for Action: The Health & Economic Value of Weight Loss



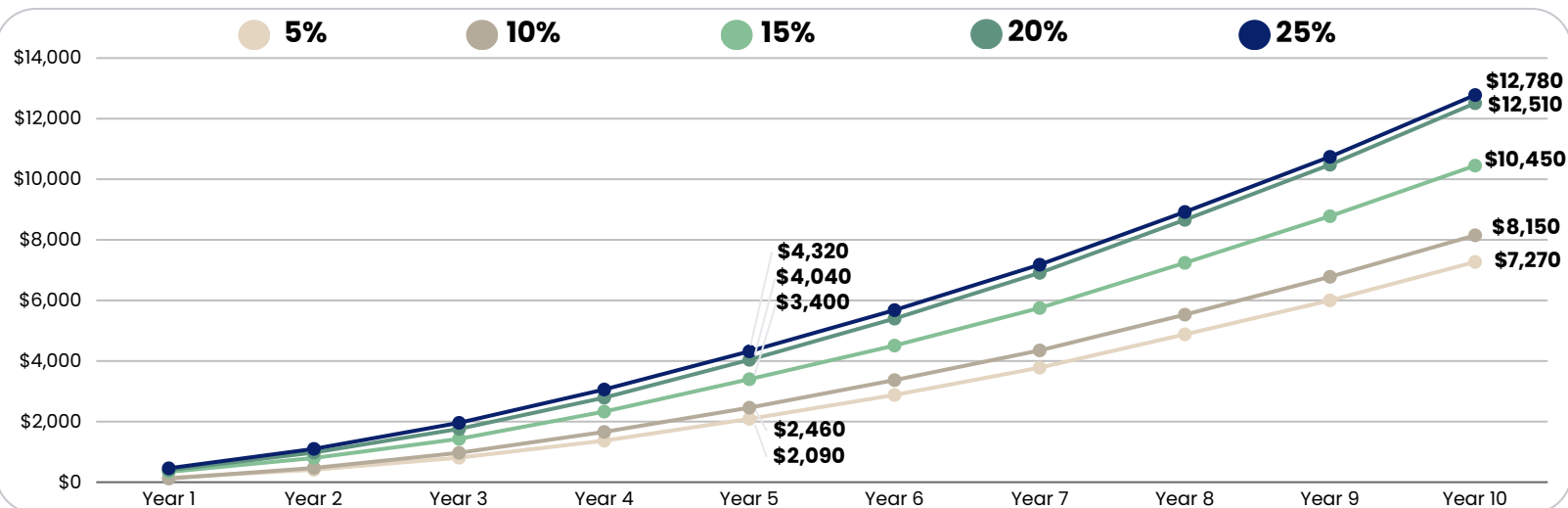
KEY SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY



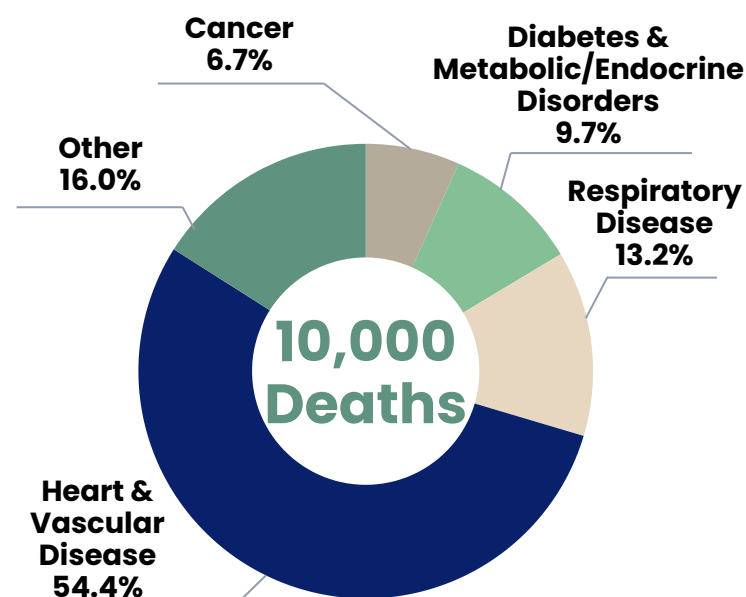
A **5%–25%** weight loss through sustained treatment among adults over 10 years could generate between **\$10.2B and \$17.9B** in cumulative medical cost savings

\$10.2B–\$17.9B
10-Year Savings Range

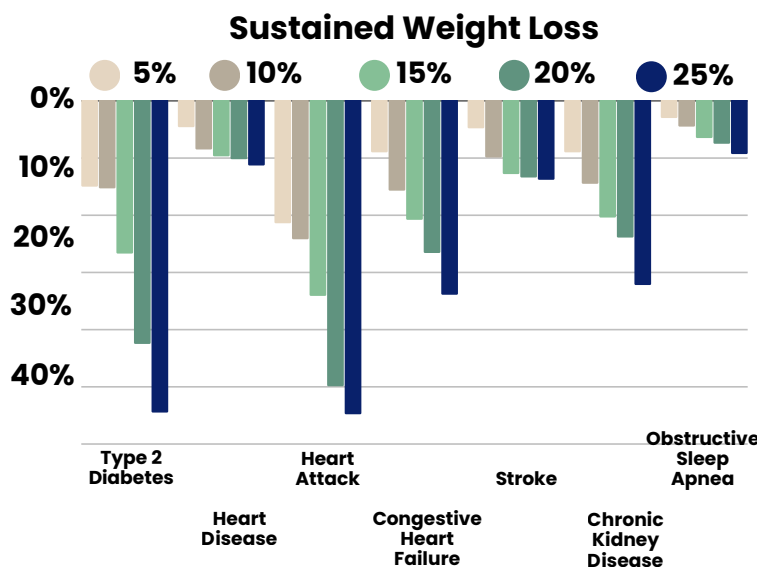
MEDICAL COST SAVINGS PER PERSON BY SUSTAINED WEIGHT LOSS



OBESITY-ATTRIBUTED DEATHS BY CAUSE



10-YEAR REDUCTION IN DISEASE ONSET



Modeled onset of obesity-related diseases shows the greatest reductions in diabetes, heart disease, and heart attacks at higher levels of weight loss

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