

# Obesity's Impact on North Carolina's Economy and Workforce in 2025



**\$15.7B**



## TOTAL REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

1.7% Reduction in North Carolina's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)



**69%**

Adults have obesity or overweight



**\$7.2B**

Higher Healthcare, Absenteeism, & Disability Costs to Employers



**\$1.6B**

Detrimental State Budget Impact

## IMPACT ON RESIDENTS



**34,700**

**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



**21,100**

**Obesity-Related Premature Mortality**

Premature deaths occur annually



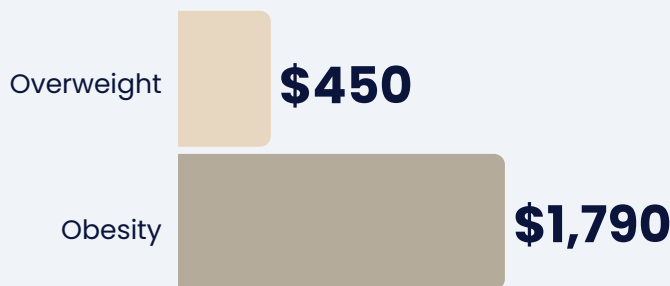
**\$1.1B**

**Higher Medical Costs**

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

## COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

### Higher Medical Cost Per Employee



**\$2.5B**

**Higher Healthcare Costs**



**\$3.3B**

**Health-related lost workdays**



**\$1.4B**

**Workers' Compensation and Disability**

## TOTAL FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Increased Government Spending

<b>Medicaid</b>	Higher Medicaid Spending	<b>\$728M</b>
<b>Healthcare</b>	Employee healthcare coverage	<b>\$403M</b>

### Lost Government Revenue

<b>Tax Revenue</b>	Reduced receipts from lost economic activity	<b>\$470M</b>
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**TOTAL STATE & LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT**

**\$1.6B**

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# North Carolina's Case for Action: The Health & Economic Value of Weight Loss



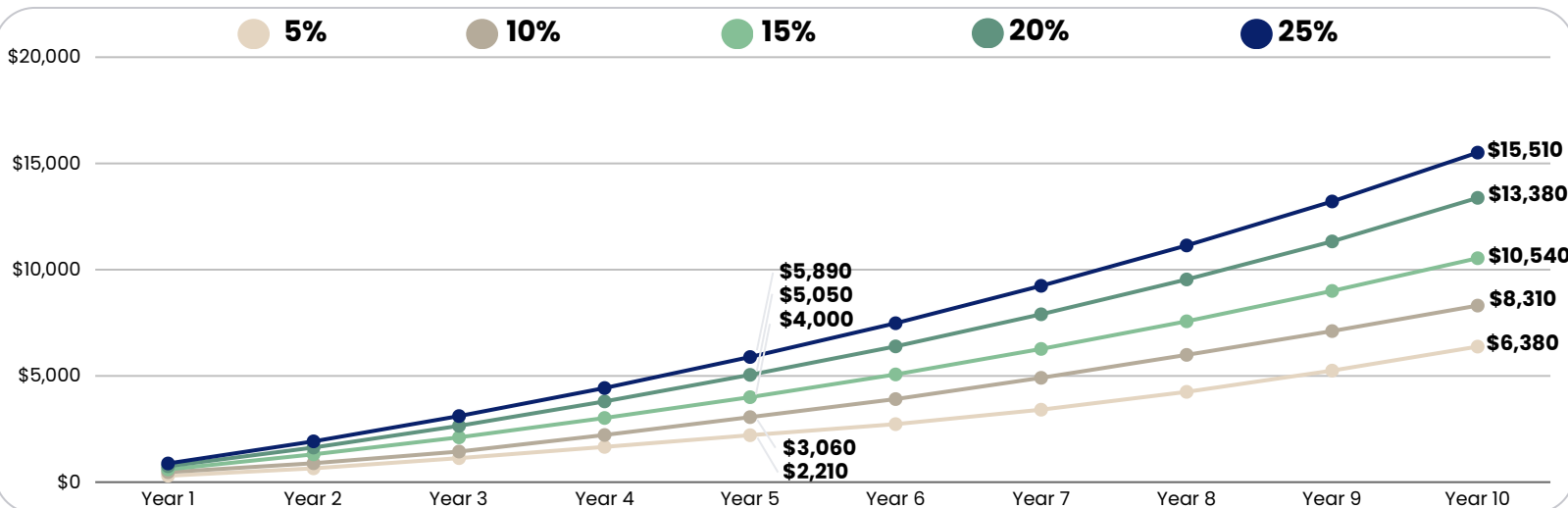
## KEY SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY



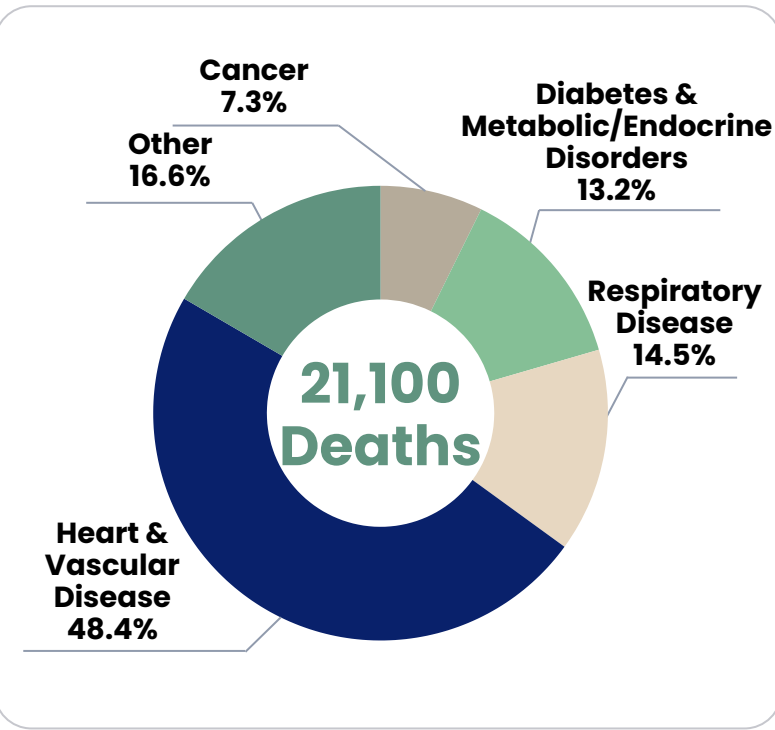
A **5%–25%** weight loss through sustained treatment among adults over 10 years could generate between **\$19.5B and \$47.3B** in cumulative medical cost savings

**\$19.5B–\$47.3B**  
10-Year Savings Range

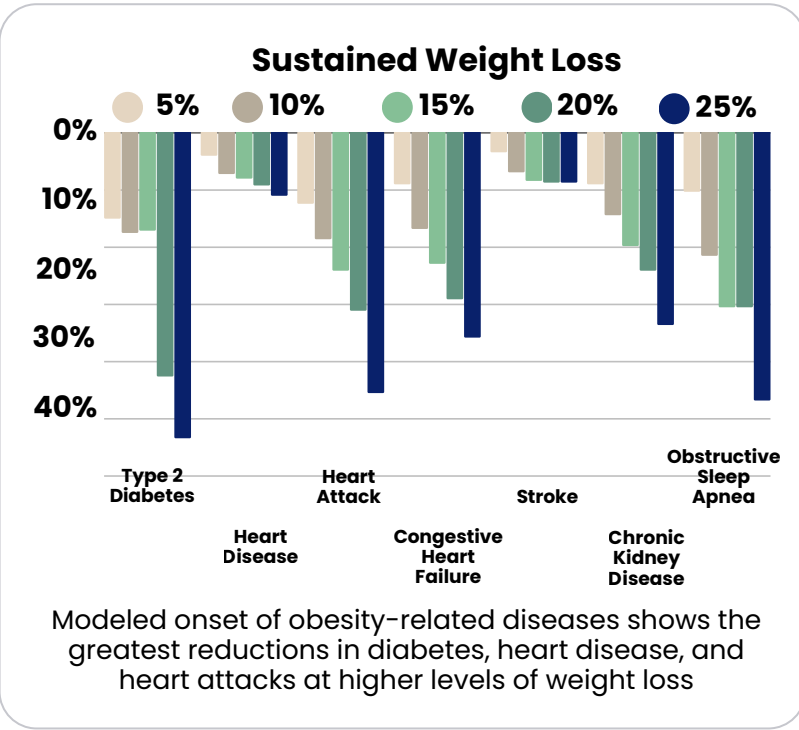
## MEDICAL COST SAVINGS PER PERSON BY SUSTAINED WEIGHT LOSS



## OBESITY-ATTRIBUTED DEATHS BY CAUSE



## 10-YEAR REDUCTION IN DISEASE ONSET



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