

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



\$4.5B



TOTAL REDUCED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

2.2% Reduction in Arkansas's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)



73%

Adults have obesity or overweight



\$2.0B

Higher Healthcare, Absenteeism, & Disability Costs to Employers



\$432M

Detrimental State Budget Impact

IMPACT ON RESIDENTS



9,500

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



7,100

Obesity-Related Premature Mortality

Premature deaths occur annually



\$244M

Higher Medical Costs

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

COST OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYERS

Higher Medical Cost Per Employee

Overweight

\$360

Obesity

\$1,410



\$540M

Higher Healthcare Costs



\$1B

Health-related lost workdays



\$429M

Workers' Compensation and Disability

TOTAL FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Increased Government Spending



Medicaid

Higher Medicaid Spending

\$183M



Healthcare

Employee healthcare coverage

\$109M

Lost Government Revenue



Tax Revenue

Reduced receipts from lost economic activity

\$140M

TOTAL STATE & LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT

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



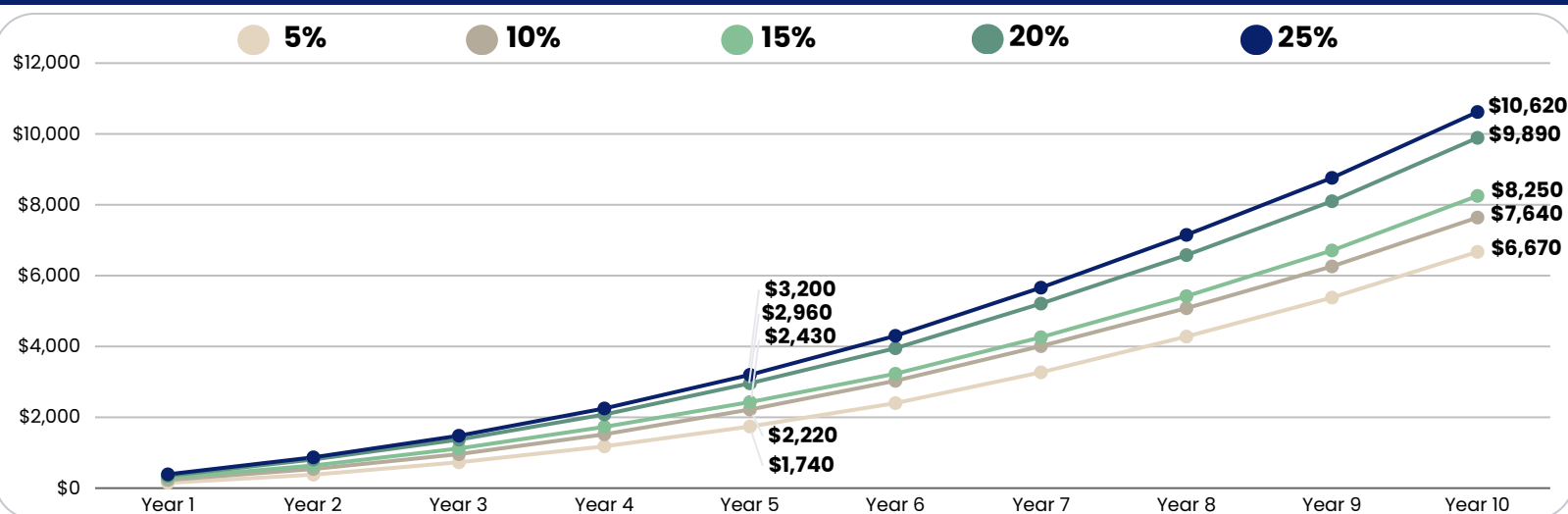
KEY SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY



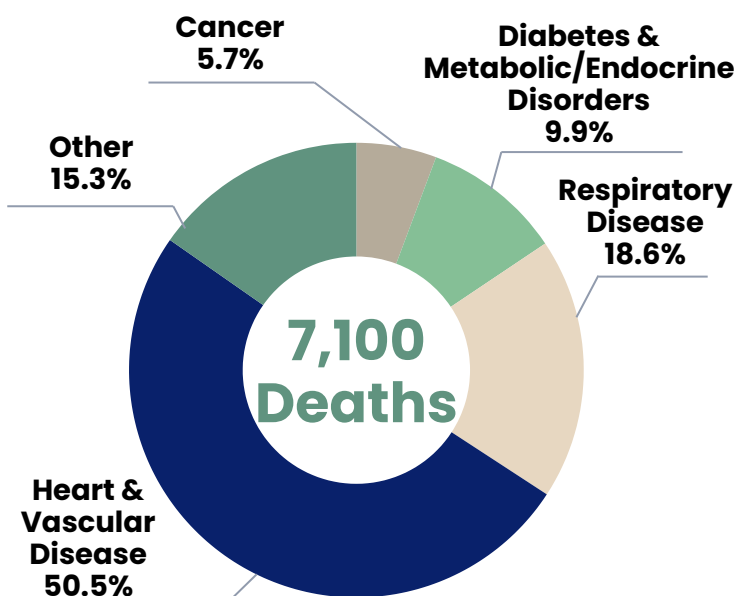
A **5%–25%** weight loss through sustained treatment among adults over 10 years could generate between **\$6.3B and \$10B** in cumulative medical cost savings

\$6.3B–\$10B
10-Year Savings Range

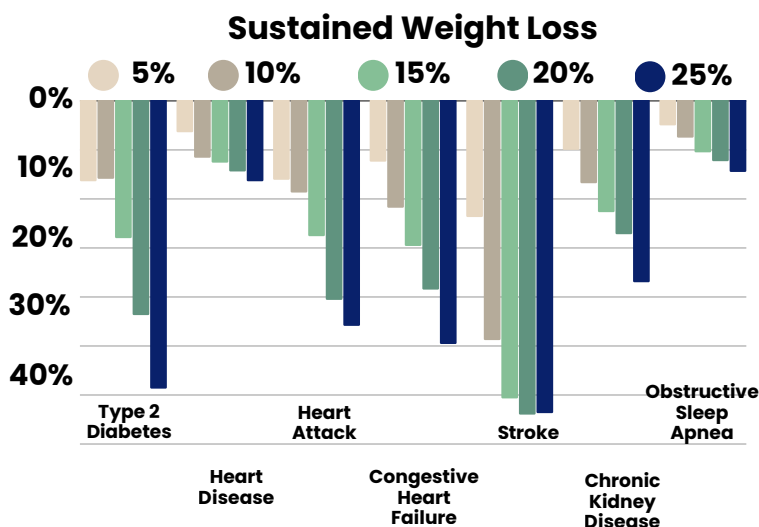
MEDICAL COST SAVINGS PER PERSON BY SUSTAINED WEIGHT LOSS



OBESITY-ATTRIBUTED DEATHS BY CAUSE



10-YEAR REDUCTION IN DISEASE ONSET



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

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