

## The State of Obesity in

# Maine



**358,100** Adults living with obesity<sup>1,2,a</sup>

**31.9%**Percentage of adults with obesity<sup>2</sup>

Prevalence of obesity varies depending on the population<sup>3</sup>:

32% Whites

31.6% Hispanics

**27.5**% Seniors

 $^{a}$ Obesity is defined as BMI ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Class 2 or 3 obesity is defined as BMI ≥35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. <sup>4</sup> BMI=body mass index.

(aged ≥ 65 years)

These counties have the highest percentage of people with obesity in Maine<sup>5</sup>:



35% Aroostook



**35%**Androscoggin



**35%** Washington

Obesity is a major risk factor for cardiometabolic disease.<sup>6</sup> In Maine, the prevalence of cardiometabolic comorbidities of obesity include:



**33.9**% Hypertension<sup>7</sup>



**35.4%**High cholesterol<sup>8</sup>



10.4%

<sup>b</sup>Estimates do not differentiate between type 1 and type 2 diabetes (T2D). T2D accounts for 90-95% of all diabetes cases and the data presented here are more likely to be characteristic of T2D.

## **National Obesity Statistics**

The direct and indirect costs of obesity for employers



Employees with obesity can incur up to a **2.5X** increase in costs vs employees of normal weight<sup>10,c</sup>



Absence due to illness or injury is increased 128% for employees with

obesity, or **3** additional days per year<sup>11</sup>

\$14,341 to \$28,321 employee with

Cost per employee with obesity per year<sup>10,d</sup>

\$271 to \$542

Annual productivity loss per employee with obesity<sup>11</sup>

Includes medical, pharmacy, sick days, disability, presenteeism, and workers' compensation costs. Cost increase depends on class (severity) of obesity.

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# Anti-obesity Medications (AOMs) and Coverage for Maine Residents<sup>12</sup>

AOMs are FDA-approved medications for the management of obesity.



#### Nationwide Coverage<sup>a</sup>

AOMs are covered by over 90% of National Pharmacy Benefit Managers.



### Maine Plan Coverage<sup>a</sup>

AOMs are covered on the following plans in Maine:

State Employee Health Plan(s)

<sup>a</sup>Coverage data as of January 2023.

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