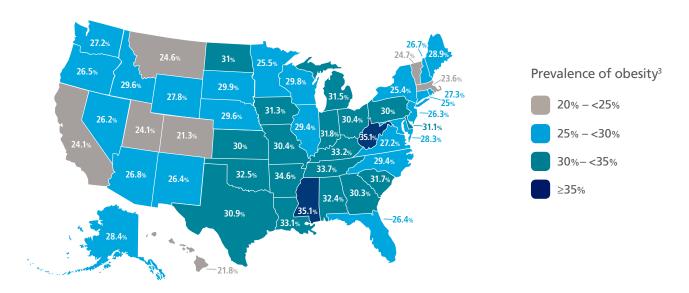
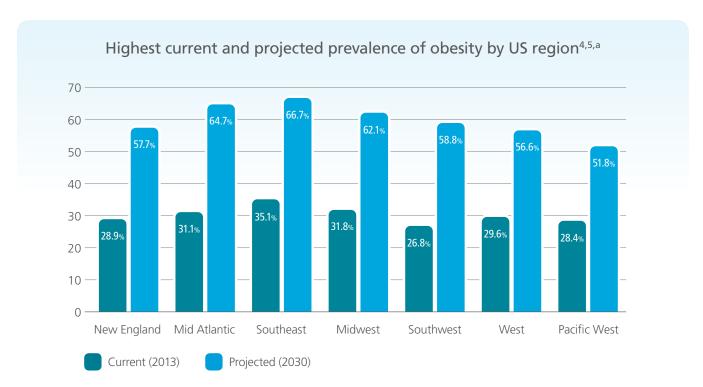
The burden of obesity on employers

A quick look at prevalence, causes, cost, and more

PREVALENCE

78.6 million adults in the United States have obesity, and that number is expected to continue growing^{1,2}





^a Data represent the highest current and projected prevalence for each region, as percentages varied by state.





Obesity is a complex disease with multiple causes⁶



COMORBIDITIES

There are various issues and comorbidities associated with obesity⁷

Relative risk of developing type 2 diabetes and hypertension ^{7,a}			
	TYPE 2 DIABETES	HYPERTENSION	
	6.7 x	1.8 _x	
	12.4 x	2.4 _x	

^a In adults with BMI ≥30 kg/m² compared to individuals of normal weight.⁷

COST

Obesity-related illness costs have been estimated to account for ~21% of total US health care expenditures⁸

27% more physician visits and outpatient costs^{9,b}

46% increased inpatient costs9,b

80% increased spending on prescription drugs^{9,b}





Moderate weight loss can have a positive impact on health and may even affect indirect costs^{10,11}

Employees who lose 5% of their body weight may see meaningful improvements^{10,a,b}:

- A decrease in triglycerides
- A decrease in bad cholesterol
- An increase in good cholesterol

Weight loss may lead to increased productivity in employees with obesity¹¹

Consider working with your internal team to see how obesity affects your organization. Interested in learning more? Visit **www.NovoNordiskWORKS.com**

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^a Based on the average weight of 222 lb at baseline and an average weight loss of 5%.¹⁰

^b Based on changes associated with a 1-kg weight loss. ¹⁰