

OHIO WORKERS HELD BACK

Obesity's Impact on Ohio's Workforce

WHERE OHIO RANKS AND OBESITY'S IMPACT

Workers and Taxpayers are Suffering the Impacts of This Disease

>1/3 of Ohioans have obesity

15th highest in the nation



Lost Days Working

Workers with obesity lost 13x more workdays.

Increased Medical Costs

Workers with obesity have 7x higher medical expenses, costing Ohio employers and taxpayers millions in additional healthcare spending.

Lost Wages

Workers with obesity forgo \$114,626 in wages over a lifetime.

BENEFITS OF ELIMINATING OBESITY

More Ohioans Working

32,156 more workers means **\$19.6 million** in additional in tax revenue



START FIGHTING THE DISEASE

A Healthy Workforce is Vital to Prosperity



Expand Access to Obesity Care

Access to education, counseling, medications, and surgery—according to nationally recognized, evidence-based standards—will improve care.



Increase Nutrition Counseling

Replace the dietician's license with a certificate to increase the number of people who can offer sound nutritional advice.



Track Performance

Assess the success and cost-effectiveness of treatments in the state employee health plan and Medicaid and publicize the results.

Read the Full Report at BuckeyeInstitute.org

Citations can be found in *Obesity's Impact on Ohio's Workforce*.



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