

# The State of Obesity in Rhode Island



PEOPLE LIVING WITH OBESITY<sup>1</sup>

**240,300**

PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WITH OBESITY<sup>1</sup>

**30%**



PROJECTED NUMBER OF CASES OF  
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE BY 2030<sup>1</sup>

**301,251**

ADULT HYPERTENSION RATE<sup>1</sup>

**33.1%**



PERCENTAGE INCREASE  
IN EMPLOYER COST  
VS NORMAL WEIGHT<sup>2\*</sup>  
**73%**

\*Costs include covered medical, short-term disability, workers' compensation, and sick days. Figures from the 2014 referenced study were increased by 6.7% representing the growth in annual average Consumer Price Index (CPI) between 2011 (year of data analyzed in the referenced study) and 2016 (the last full year of available CPI data).



EMPLOYEES  
WITH OBESITY  
EXPERIENCE

**1.6 TO 9.4**

ADDITIONAL  
SICK DAYS<sup>3†</sup>

†Range provided  
is based on class  
of obesity

COST OF OBESITY



**\$605**

EMPLOYER COST  
PER EMPLOYEE  
WITH OBESITY  
PER YEAR<sup>4‡</sup>

‡2008 costs adjusted for 2019 dollars

## Novo Nordisk in Rhode Island

Novo Nordisk is a global healthcare company with more than 90 years of innovation and leadership in diabetes care. This heritage has given us experience and capabilities that also enable us to help people manage other serious chronic conditions, including obesity. Novo Nordisk employs nearly 6,000 people in the United States.

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