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ADULT OBESITY FACTS:

- Obesity affects more than 31.7% of South Carolinians.
- More than 30.1% of male South Carolinians are affected by obesity.
- More than 33.1% of female South Carolinians are affected by obesity.
- South Carolina is ranked 13/51 in states impacted by obesity.
- The age group most affected by obesity in South Carolina is 45-64 (36.5%).
- South Carolina ranks 8th in adults with Type 2 Diabetes (11.8%).

CHILDHOOD OBESITY FACTS:

- South Carolina is one of the 21 states that have physical activity requirements in their schools.
- 16.3% of high school students are affected by obesity.
- South Carolina is NOT one of the 19 states that have BMI screening requirements.

NATIONAL COST OF OBESITY

- Estimated cost of annual obesity-related healthcare: $315.8 billion
- How much more healthcare costs for individuals affected by obesity: 42%
- The direct costs caused by childhood obesity: $14.1 billion
- Nationwide annual costs due to obesity-related absenteeism: $4.3 billion

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