South Carolina ranks 13th in states impacted by obesity.

**Adults with Obesity by Race & Ethnicity**
- Asian: 20.6%
- Black: 31.1%
- Hispanic: 32.7%
- White: 45.2%

**Adults with Obesity by Gender**
- Male: 33.8%
- Female: 38.3%

**Adults with Obesity, Overweight, & Normal Weight**
- 36.1% Adults with Obesity
- 29.5% Normal Weight
- 34.4% Overweight

**Adults with Obesity by Age Group**
- Ages 18-24: 21%
- Ages 25-44: 38.4%
- Ages 45-64: 42.3%
- Ages 65+: 32.5%

**Adults with Hypertension and Diabetes**
- Hypertension: 37.9%
- Diabetes: 13.8%

**Impacts of Obesity Across the Country**
- The total cost of obesity in the U.S. is $1.7 Trillion.
- Only one state makes weight-based discrimination illegal. Weight bias negatively impacts those affected financially, mentally, socially and physically.
- Healthcare costs are 34% higher for people with obesity.
- Healthcare coverage for obesity and weight management is inadequate and insufficient, and varies significantly by each health plan.

**OAC’s Beliefs and Demands**
- **OAC BELIEVES THAT** obesity is a complex chronic disease, not a matter of personal choice or moral deficiency.
- **OAC DEMANDS THAT** people who are affected by obesity deserve access to affordable, individualized medical coverage for science-based treatments in the same way other chronic diseases are managed, and to be treated with the dignity, respect, and equality that is offered to their peers.

**Take Action Today!**
- OAC works to educate the public and key decision makers about weight bias, access to care, and much more!
- Visit OAC’s website today to learn more about how you can be involved!
- ObesityAction.org
- OAC’s Action Center provides tools that you can use to take action today!