Tennessee ranks 19th in states impacted by obesity.

- **Adults with Obesity by Race & Ethnicity**
  - N/A: 45.8%
  - Black: 34.9%
  - Hispanic: 34.1%
  - White: 28.4%

- **Adults with Obesity by Gender**
  - Male: 32.8%
  - Female: 37.1%

- **Adults with Obesity by Age Group**
  - Ages 18-24: 25.8%
  - Ages 25-44: 35%
  - Ages 45-64: 40.6%
  - Ages 65+: 28.9%

- **Adults with Hypertension and Diabetes**
  - Hypertension: 38.1%
  - Diabetes: 14.3%

- **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.

- **Impacts of Obesity Across the Country**
  - **Children 2-19 with Obesity by Race & Ethnicity**
    - Asian: 9%
    - Black: 24.8%
    - Hispanic: 26.2%
    - White: 18.6%

- **$1.7 Trillion**
  - The total cost of obesity in the U.S. is $1.7 Trillion.

- **Healthcare coverage for obesity and weight management is inadequate and insufficient, and varies significantly by each health plan.**

- **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**

- **Obesity Action Coalition**
  - The Obesity Action Coalition (OAC) exists to serve the needs of and give a voice to the individuals affected by the disease of obesity while helping them along their journey toward better health through education, advocacy and support.

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