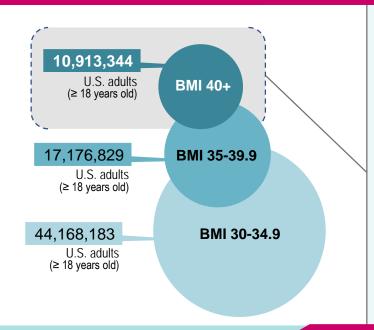


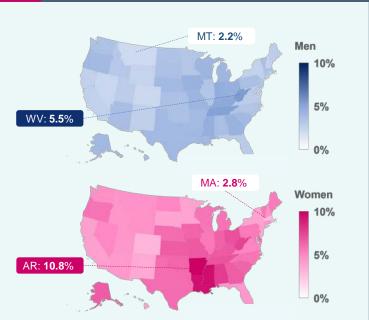
## TREATMENT PROVIDERS for SEVERE OBESITY

It Takes a Village: Promote Provider Training & Collaboration to Improve Access

## Self-reported prevalence of severe obesity

Percentage of adults (18+ years) reporting BMI ≥ 40 kg/m², by state and gender \*





## Ratio of adults with BMI ≥ 40 to provider

Fitness Coach [e] Physical Therapist [e] These national averages obscure tremendous between-Nurse Practitioner [e] state variation in the availability of health professionals. The number of adults with BMÍ  $\geq$  40 per family physician Internist [a] ranges from 45 (Colorado) to 181 (Mississippi). Family Physician [a] **Physician Assistant** Ob-Gyn [a,b] Dietitian [e] Psychiatrist [a] Surgeon [a] Gastroenterologist [a,d] Endocrinologist [a,c]

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[U.S. adults (18+) with BMI ≥ 40: active U.S. providers]

<sup>[</sup>a] Data from American Medical Association active physician Masterfile (2016); licensed MDs/DOs only [b] Adult females only included in per-provider calculations for ob-gyns [c] Missing counts from AK, NE, WY for endocrinologists [d] Missing counts from WY for gastroenterologists [e] Data from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Survey (May 2016); self-employed persons not included in survey



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<sup>\*</sup> Prevalence of severe obesity estimated using 2016 data from Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (adults aged 18+, 2016); calculations included unadjusted self-report data that likely underestimates the actual prevalence of severe obesity due to overestimation of height / underestimation of bodyweight