**TREATMENT PROVIDERS for SEVERE OBESITY**

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

Self-reported prevalence of severe obesity

- **BMI 40+**
  - 10,913,344 U.S. adults (≥ 18 years old)

- **BMI 35-39.9**
  - 17,176,829 U.S. adults (≥ 18 years old)

- **BMI 30-34.9**
  - 44,168,183 U.S. adults (≥ 18 years old)

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

- **Men**
  - MT: 2.2%
  - WV: 5.5%
  - AR: 10.8%

- **Women**
  - MA: 2.8%

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**Ratio of adults with BMI ≥ 40 to provider**

These national averages obscure tremendous between-state variation in the availability of health professionals. The number of adults with BMI ≥ 40 per family physician ranges from 45 (Colorado) to 181 (Mississippi).

- **Physician Assistant**
- **Ob-Gyn**
- **Nurse Practitioner**
- **Dietitian**
- **Physician**
- **Family Physician**
- **Internist**
- **Physical Therapist**
- **Fitness Coach**
- **Psychiatrist**
- **Endocrinologist**
- **Surgeon**
- **Gastroenterologist**


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

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* 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.

[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  