What is the toll?

New analysis indicates costs attributed to obesity are estimated to $147 billion per year. Annual medical spending attributable to obesity

In 1998 the medical costs of obesity were estimated to be $78.5 billion, approximately half financed by Medicare or Medicaid. National Medical Spending Attributable To Overweight And Obesity: How Much, And Who’s Paying? -- Finkelstein et al., 10.1377/hlthaff.w3.219 -- Health Affairs.

Total health care expenditures of obese adults increased by more than 80% from 2001 to 2006.

During this time, the proportion of health care expenditures for obese adults increased from 28.1% of total health expenditures to 35.3%. The mean annual health care expenditure for obese adults increased from $3,458 in 2001 to $5,148 in 2006. AHRQ News and Numbers: Health Care Spending for Obese U.S. Adults Rose More than 80 Percent from 2001 to 2006.

Total health care costs attributable to obesity/overweight are projected to double every decade, accounting for 16-18% of total US health care costs. Will all Americans become overweight or obese? est...[Obesity (Silver Spring). 2008] - PubMed Result

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