

The Financial Impact of Diabetes



About Diabetes

Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when the pancreas is no longer able to make insulin, or when the body cannot make good use of the insulin it produces. The body needs insulin to transform glucose from food into energy. ¹

37.3 million
people in the U.S. with diabetes
(28.7 million diagnosed,
8.5 million undiagnosed)²



1.4 million

Americans diagnosed with
diabetes every year.³



According to the data in 2017, the total cost of diagnosed diabetes in the United States was \$327 billion:³

- \$237 billion was for direct medical costs³
- \$90 billion was in reduced productivity³

2X

After adjusting for population age and sex differences, average medical expenditures among people with diagnosed diabetes were 2.3 times higher than what expenditures would be in the absence of diabetes.³

\$327 billion



According to a 2021 study, increases in medical spending associated with type 2 diabetes begin well in advance of a diagnosis. But once a diagnosis is made, those expenses rise drastically.⁴

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