

# Maine Vision Problems: The Scope and Burden of Age-Related Eye Disease



**Understanding the prevalence and cost of age-related eye disorders will help policymakers develop better policies and interventions for preventing and treating vision problems. If appropriate preventive steps are not taken, costs will burgeon as the population of Maine ages and life expectancy increases. The number of Maine residents with impaired vision, including blindness, could more than double over the next three decades.**

## Prevalence of age-related eye disease in Maine

	<i>total</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>male</i>
Vision Impairment, Age 40 and older	17,655	11,802	5,853
Blindness, Age 40 and older	4,935	3,322	1,613
Myopia, Age 40 and older	186,587	102,607	83,980
Hyperopia, Age 40 and older	71,490	42,443	29,047
Age-Related Macular Degeneration, Age 50 and older	11,498	7,382	4,116
Cataract, Age 40 and older	119,018	71,713	47,305
Diabetic Retinopathy, Age 40 and older	20,926	10,271	10,655
Glaucoma, Age 40 and older	10,374	6,422	3,952

## The Economic Impact of Vision Problems in Maine

<b>ANNUAL COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN MAINE</b>	<b>\$ 236,924,170</b>
<i>Maine Share of Total Burden to the U.S. Economy</i>	\$ 163,236,972
Direct Medical Costs	\$ 74,701,665
Direct Non-Medical Costs	\$ 51,645,596
Productivity Losses	\$ 36,889,711
<i>Excess Monetary Impact to Individuals, Caregivers and Other Healthcare Payers</i>	\$ 73,687,198
Medical Care Expenditures	\$ 23,609,415
Informal Care Costs	\$ 1,660,037
Health Utility Loss	\$ 48,417,746

Details available online at [preventblindness.org](http://preventblindness.org)

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