

Illinois 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 Illinois ages and life expectancy increases. The number of Illinois residents with impaired vision, including blindness, could more than double over the next three decades.

Prevalence of Age-Related Eye Disease in Illinois

	<i>total</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>male</i>
Vision Impairment, Age 40 and older	154,097	102,057	52,040
Blindness, Age 40 and older	44,885	28,444	16,441
Myopia, Age 40 and older	1,378,992	750,157	628,835
Hyperopia, Age 40 and older	532,099	325,586	206,513
Age-Related Macular Degeneration, Age 50 and older	90,175	60,877	29,298
Cataract, Age 40 and older	942,405	587,506	354,899
Diabetic Retinopathy, Age 40 and older	187,928	97,924	90,004
Glaucoma, Age 40 and older	99,577	60,820	38,756

The Economic Impact of Vision Problems in Illinois

ANNUAL COST OF ADULT VISION PROBLEMS IN ILLINOIS **\$ 2,189,581,600**

<i>Illinois Share of Total Burden to the U.S. Economy</i>	\$ 1,508,586,778
Direct Medical Costs	\$ 690,370,220
Direct Non-Medical Costs	\$ 477,292,992
Productivity Losses	\$ 340,923,566
<i>Excess Monetary Impact to Individuals, Caregivers, and Other Healthcare Payers</i>	\$ 680,994,822
Medical Care Expenditures	\$ 218,191,082
Informal Care Costs	\$ 15,341,560
Health Utility Loss	\$ 447,462,180

Sources, available online at www.preventblindness.org

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