

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

## Prevalence of age-related eye disease in Vermont

	<i>total</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>male</i>
Vision Impairment, Age 40 and older	7,664	5,085	2,579
Blindness, Age 40 and older	2,142	1,433	709
Myopia, Age 40 and older	87,758	48,122	39,636
Hyperopia, Age 40 and older	32,116	18,845	13,271
Age-Related Macular Degeneration, Age 50 and older	4,953	3,148	1,804
Cataract, Age 40 and older	52,086	30,964	21,122
Diabetic Retinopathy, Age 40 and older	9,545	4,630	4,915
Glaucoma, Age 40 and older	4,631	2,844	1,786

## The Economic Impact of Vision Problems in Vermont

<b>ANNUAL COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN VERMONT</b>	<b>\$ 111,683,683</b>
<i>Vermont Share of Total Burden to the U.S. Economy</i>	\$ 76,948,275
Direct Medical Costs	\$ 35,213,617
Direct Non-Medical Costs	\$ 24,345,217
Productivity Losses	\$ 17,389,441
<i>Excess Monetary Impact to Individuals, Caregivers and Other Healthcare Payers</i>	\$ 34,735,408
Medical Care Expenditures	\$ 11,129,242
Informal Care Costs	\$ 782,525
Health Utility Loss	\$ 22,823,641

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

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<http://preventblindness.org/research/costofblindness.html>

