

Vision Problems in Idaho

Understanding the prevalence and cost of eye disorders will help policy makers 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 Idaho ages and life expectancy increases. The number of Idaho residents with impaired vision, including blindness, could more than double over the next three decades.

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN IDAHO

	<i>female</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>white</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>Hispanic</i>	<i>other</i>	<i>total</i>
Hyperopia, age 40 and older	41,494	30,987	68,568	90	2,293	1,530	72,481
Myopia, age 40 and older	93,885	81,200	162,838	369	7,405	4,472	175,085
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	6,354	3,928	9,982	9	169	122	10,282
Cataract, age 40 and older	67,240	50,127	110,612	191	3,816	2,748	117,367
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	18,101	16,947	30,952	122	2,962	1,012	35,048
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	6,691	4,398	10,106	58	477	447	11,089
Low vision, age 40 and older	8,111	5,342	12,635	16	503	300	13,453
Blindness, age 40 and older	3,743	2,162	5,703	14	82	105	5,905

THE COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN IDAHO

The Economic Burden of Vision Problems (in \$ millions)	<i>Ages 0-17</i>	<i>Ages 18-39</i>	<i>Ages 40-64</i>	<i>Ages 65+</i>	<i>All Ages</i>
Direct Costs	\$29	\$46	\$106	\$147	\$327
Indirect Costs	\$4	\$66	\$55	\$227	\$351
Total Costs	\$33	\$111	\$161	\$374	\$679

This data is based on two reports published by Prevent Blindness America: *Vision Problems in the U.S. – Prevalence of Adult Vision Impairment and Age-Related Eye Disease in America* and *The Cost of Vision Problems: The Economic Burden of Vision Loss and Eye Disorders in the United States*. While *Vision Problems in the U.S.* provides prevalence data for ages 40 and over, *The Cost of Vision Problems* addresses the economic burden for all ages. To read the reports online in full, visit www.preventblindness.org/publications.

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