

Vision Problems in Indiana

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN INDIANA

	<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	185,802	124,848	290,225	11,288	5,152	3,986	310,650
Myopia, age 40 and older	413,604	346,441	699,242	31,871	16,438	12,494	760,045
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	30,138	15,628	43,745	1,328	386	307	45,766
Cataract, age 40 and older	312,017	202,895	470,750	28,408	8,839	6,914	514,911
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	80,189	70,918	129,934	11,950	6,587	2,636	151,107
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	33,058	20,217	43,483	7,505	1,126	1,160	53,275
Low vision, age 40 and older	38,476	21,252	55,040	2,741	1,229	717	59,727
Blindness, age 40 and older	18,447	8,961	24,914	2,037	196	260	27,408

THE COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN INDIANA

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	\$110	\$187	\$466	\$634	\$1,397
Indirect Costs	\$14	\$269	\$242	\$980	\$1,506
Total Costs	\$124	\$456	\$708	\$1,614	\$2,902

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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