

Vision Problems in New Hampshire

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

	female	male	white	black	Hispanic	other	total
Hyperopia, age 40 and older	41,353	29,717	69,281	186	572	1,032	71,070
Myopia, age 40 and older	99,326	83,232	176,523	703	1,842	3,491	182,558
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	6,495	3,599	9,956	19	43	77	10,094
Cataract, age 40 and older	65,802	46,308	109,033	408	965	1,705	112,110
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	17,693	15,441	31,496	235	708	694	33,134
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	6,718	4,080	10,251	122	122	303	10,798
Low vision, age 40 and older	8,203	4,751	12,614	34	131	175	12,954
Blindness, age 40 and older	3,914	1,956	5,756	29	21	65	5,871

THE COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Economic Burden of Vision Problems (in \$ millions)	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-39	Ages 40-64	Ages 65+	All Ages
Direct Costs	\$20	\$35	\$108	\$135	\$297
Indirect Costs	\$2	\$51	\$56	\$209	\$318
Total Costs	\$22	\$86	\$163	\$344	\$615

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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