

# Vision Problems in Texas

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

## PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN TEXAS

	female	male	white	black	Hispanic	other	total
Hyperopia, age 40 and older	551,643	377,962	658,091	55,619	182,401	33,493	929,605
Myopia, age 40 and older	1,265,354	1,083,418	1,568,491	165,534	509,930	104,817	2,348,771
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	75,707	42,462	94,651	6,292	14,647	2,578	118,169
Cataract, age 40 and older	958,274	631,006	1,061,152	133,725	336,896	57,507	1,589,280
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	290,971	316,083	296,234	59,825	228,671	22,324	607,054
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	111,016	73,704	96,598	35,948	42,513	9,661	184,720
Low vision, age 40 and older	113,036	71,217	118,595	12,316	47,581	5,760	184,253
Blindness, age 40 and older	45,913	25,818	52,667	9,438	7,485	2,141	71,731

## THE COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN TEXAS

The Economic Burden of Vision Problems (in \$ millions)	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-39	Ages 40-64	Ages 65+	All Ages
Direct Costs	\$469	\$782	\$1,692	\$1,959	\$4,903
Indirect Costs	\$60	\$1,126	\$879	\$3,032	\$5,096
Total Costs	\$528	\$1,908	\$2,571	\$4,992	\$9,999

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](http://www.preventblindness.org/publications).

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