

Vision Problems in Vermont

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 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

	female	male	white	black	Hispanic	other	total
Hyperopia, age 40 and older	20,649	14,692	34,634	64	181	462	35,341
Myopia, age 40 and older	46,929	39,018	83,823	237	483	1,405	85,947
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	3,354	1,827	5,122	7	15	36	5,181
Cataract, age 40 and older	33,314	23,219	55,243	143	350	796	56,532
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	8,745	7,493	15,620	83	228	307	16,238
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	3,358	2,019	5,152	42	47	134	5,376
Low vision, age 40 and older	4,229	2,403	6,479	12	57	83	6,632
Blindness, age 40 and older	2,034	992	2,977	10	9	30	3,026

THE COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN VERMONT

The Economic Burden of Vision Problems (in \$ millions)	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-39	Ages 40-64	Ages 65+	All Ages
Direct Costs	\$9	\$17	\$51	\$69	\$146
Indirect Costs	\$1	\$24	\$26	\$107	\$159
Total Costs	\$10	\$41	\$77	\$177	\$305

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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