

Vision Problems in Wyoming

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN WYOMING

	<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	15,395	11,944	25,795	68	927	550	27,339
Myopia, age 40 and older	35,259	31,749	62,637	226	2,514	1,632	67,008
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	2,222	1,419	3,514	8	75	44	3,641
Cataract, age 40 and older	24,495	18,789	40,420	172	1,726	966	43,284
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	6,836	6,604	11,778	86	1,210	366	13,440
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	2,456	1,677	3,706	49	218	159	4,133
Low vision, age 40 and older	2,871	1,906	4,412	18	247	100	4,777
Blindness, age 40 and older	1,304	747	1,962	14	39	36	2,051

THE COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN WYOMING

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	\$9	\$16	\$42	\$53	\$121
Indirect Costs	\$1	\$24	\$22	\$83	\$129
Total Costs	\$11	\$40	\$63	\$136	\$250

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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