

Vision Problems in Arizona

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN ARIZONA

	female	male	white	black	Hispanic	other	total
Hyperopia, age 40 and older	174,194	123,878	247,255	4,181	33,510	13,126	298,072
Myopia, age 40 and older	361,729	309,918	523,638	13,238	96,019	38,753	671,647
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	25,596	16,059	37,490	468	2,657	1,040	41,655
Cataract, age 40 and older	299,097	212,979	417,453	9,967	61,019	23,637	512,075
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	82,272	82,524	109,327	4,786	42,095	8,589	164,797
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	30,442	20,438	36,613	2,771	7,668	3,828	50,879
Low vision, age 40 and older	34,956	23,879	46,908	896	8,489	2,542	58,835
Blindness, age 40 and older	14,533	8,949	20,546	695	1,345	896	23,482

THE COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN ARIZONA

The Economic Burden of Vision Problems (in \$ millions)	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-39	Ages 40-64	Ages 65+	All Ages
Direct Costs	\$111	\$187	\$432	\$664	\$1,395
Indirect Costs	\$14	\$270	\$224	\$1,028	\$1,536
Total Costs	\$126	\$457	\$656	\$1,693	\$2,931

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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