

# Vision Problems in Delaware

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

## PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN DELAWARE

	female	male	white	black	Hispanic	other	total
Hyperopia, age 40 and older	26,523	17,295	37,831	3,895	970	1,122	43,818
Myopia, age 40 and older	55,912	46,251	84,435	11,201	3,163	3,364	102,162
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	4,033	2,248	5,675	447	71	88	6,281
Cataract, age 40 and older	45,935	30,003	62,684	9,591	1,656	2,007	75,938
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	11,894	10,982	16,803	4,118	1,221	734	22,876
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	5,215	3,505	5,616	2,567	211	326	8,720
Low vision, age 40 and older	5,270	3,150	7,091	892	229	209	8,420
Blindness, age 40 and older	2,562	1,368	3,145	673	37	75	3,930

## THE COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN DELAWARE

The Economic Burden of Vision Problems (in \$ millions)	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-39	Ages 40-64	Ages 65+	All Ages
Direct Costs	\$14	\$25	\$66	\$97	\$203
Indirect Costs	\$2	\$37	\$34	\$150	\$223
Total Costs	\$16	\$62	\$100	\$248	\$426

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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