

Vision Problems in Florida

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN FLORIDA

	female	male	white	black	Hispanic	other	total
Hyperopia, age 40 and older	607,016	409,274	816,145	55,349	122,524	22,272	1,016,291
Myopia, age 40 and older	1,160,866	987,261	1,625,900	157,894	299,487	64,845	2,148,126
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	99,075	58,957	139,393	6,444	10,423	1,772	158,032
Cataract, age 40 and older	1,114,179	752,687	1,438,196	138,494	250,239	39,937	1,866,866
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	286,960	290,097	352,935	59,060	150,456	14,605	577,057
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	121,255	80,868	126,497	36,905	32,277	6,445	202,123
Low vision, age 40 and older	139,545	92,278	175,885	13,127	38,664	4,147	231,823
Blindness, age 40 and older	59,668	36,361	78,880	9,809	5,847	1,493	96,029

THE COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN FLORIDA

The Economic Burden of Vision Problems (in \$ millions)	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-39	Ages 40-64	Ages 65+	All Ages
Direct Costs	\$275	\$515	\$1,372	\$2,456	\$4,619
Indirect Costs	\$35	\$742	\$713	\$3,800	\$5,290
Total Costs	\$310	\$1,257	\$2,085	\$6,256	\$9,909

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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