

# Vision Problems in Nevada

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

## PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN NEVADA

	female	male	white	black	Hispanic	other	total
Hyperopia, age 40 and older	65,408	49,582	90,357	4,132	11,200	9,300	<b>114,990</b>
Myopia, age 40 and older	148,515	136,237	210,983	12,277	35,692	25,801	<b>284,753</b>
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	8,111	5,579	11,634	475	832	749	<b>13,690</b>
Cataract, age 40 and older	108,445	81,671	143,998	10,280	18,986	16,852	<b>190,116</b>
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	31,878	33,993	41,089	4,607	14,138	6,038	<b>65,871</b>
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	11,735	8,724	12,656	2,805	2,361	2,636	<b>20,459</b>
Low vision, age 40 and older	11,228	8,216	14,369	937	2,480	1,658	<b>19,444</b>
Blindness, age 40 and older	4,639	3,107	6,020	708	405	612	<b>7,746</b>

## THE COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN NEVADA

The Economic Burden of Vision Problems (in \$ millions)	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-39	Ages 40-64	Ages 65+	All Ages
Direct Costs	\$45	\$82	\$193	\$244	<b>\$564</b>
Indirect Costs	\$6	\$118	\$100	\$378	<b>\$601</b>
Total Costs	<b>\$51</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$293</b>	<b>\$622</b>	<b>\$1,165</b>

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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