

Vision Problems in Ohio

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN OHIO

	female	male	white	black	Hispanic	other	total
Hyperopia, age 40 and older	352,665	232,161	540,782	29,951	5,640	8,452	584,826
Myopia, age 40 and older	763,608	634,056	1,275,293	80,441	16,380	25,551	1,397,664
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	58,299	30,247	83,796	3,642	445	663	88,546
Cataract, age 40 and older	604,334	387,294	887,941	78,512	10,204	14,970	991,628
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	151,486	133,145	240,584	31,323	7,147	5,578	284,631
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	65,278	40,611	81,716	20,419	1,295	2,459	105,889
Low vision, age 40 and older	74,727	41,592	105,422	7,878	1,450	1,570	116,320
Blindness, age 40 and older	36,088	17,911	47,500	5,707	228	564	53,999

THE COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN OHIO

The Economic Burden of Vision Problems (in \$ millions)	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-39	Ages 40-64	Ages 65+	All Ages
Direct Costs	\$186	\$322	\$858	\$1,221	\$2,587
Indirect Costs	\$24	\$463	\$445	\$1,890	\$2,822
Total Costs	\$210	\$784	\$1,303	\$3,111	\$5,408

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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