

**Understanding the prevalence of age-related eye disorders will help policymakers 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 Alabama ages and life expectancy increases. The number of Alabama residents with impaired vision, including blindness, could more than double over the next three decades.**

## PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN ALABAMA

	<i>female</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>white</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>Hispanic</i>	<i>other</i>	<i>total</i>
<b>Hyperopia, age 40 and older</b>	135,654	86,076	189,516	26,636	2,063	3,516	<b>221,731</b>
<b>Myopia, age 40 and older</b>	285,575	239,613	436,318	71,613	6,885	10,372	<b>525,188</b>
<b>Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older</b>	19,699	10,661	26,734	3,199	149	278	<b>30,359</b>
<b>Cataract, age 40 and older</b>	238,623	148,408	309,148	68,266	3,451	6,166	<b>387,030</b>
<b>Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older</b>	60,852	56,348	84,615	27,622	2,644	2,319	<b>117,199</b>
<b>Glaucoma, age 40 and older</b>	27,930	18,848	27,522	17,806	443	1,007	<b>46,778</b>
<b>Low vision, age 40 and older</b>	26,078	14,778	33,068	6,684	480	624	<b>40,856</b>
<b>Blindness, age 40 and older</b>	12,864	6,663	14,288	4,933	77	229	<b>19,527</b>

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