

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN ARKANSAS

	<i>female</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>white</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>Hispanic</i>	<i>other</i>	<i>total</i>
Hyperopia, age 40 and older	85,782	57,495	129,877	8,819	2,100	2,481	143,278
Myopia, age 40 and older	178,507	151,217	290,636	24,430	7,441	7,217	329,724
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	13,362	7,425	19,387	1,056	146	198	20,787
Cataract, age 40 and older	147,852	97,719	215,396	22,448	3,291	4,436	245,571
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	37,245	34,073	57,663	9,313	2,696	1,646	71,318
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	15,884	10,416	19,247	5,919	415	719	26,300
Low vision, age 40 and older	17,225	10,100	24,211	2,223	423	469	27,326
Blindness, age 40 and older	8,337	4,347	10,789	1,657	70	167	12,684

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