

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN ILLINOIS

| | <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 | 346,405 | 225,572 | 479,757 | 39,705 | 32,263 | 20,252 | 571,977 |
| Myopia, age 40 and older | 761,083 | 636,530 | 1,132,268 | 106,680 | 100,344 | 58,320 | 1,397,613 |
| Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older | 58,353 | 28,959 | 78,495 | 4,747 | 2,445 | 1,625 | 87,312 |
| Cataract, age 40 and older | 607,580 | 381,318 | 794,211 | 102,344 | 55,568 | 36,775 | 988,898 |
| Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older | 157,988 | 150,027 | 212,701 | 40,975 | 41,007 | 13,332 | 308,015 |
| Glaucoma, age 40 and older | 69,954 | 43,672 | 74,222 | 26,566 | 6,956 | 5,882 | 113,626 |
| Low vision, age 40 and older | 77,789 | 43,130 | 99,571 | 9,984 | 7,443 | 3,921 | 120,919 |
| Blindness, age 40 and older | 37,681 | 18,468 | 46,253 | 7,302 | 1,204 | 1,390 | 56,149 |

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