

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

## PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN LOUISIANA

	<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	115,888	73,550	152,568	29,046	3,878	3,945	<b>189,438</b>
Myopia, age 40 and older	250,127	213,678	362,302	79,621	10,481	11,401	<b>463,804</b>
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	16,522	9,094	21,545	3,441	314	317	<b>25,616</b>
Cataract, age 40 and older	205,594	128,544	246,422	73,312	7,317	7,088	<b>334,138</b>
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	53,878	52,774	68,477	30,629	4,921	2,625	<b>106,652</b>
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	25,529	18,078	22,217	19,317	931	1,143	<b>43,608</b>
Low vision, age 40 and older	22,346	13,238	26,781	6,978	1,063	763	<b>35,584</b>
Blindness, age 40 and older	11,096	6,142	11,602	5,202	165	270	<b>17,238</b>

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