

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN MASSACHUSETTS

	<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	201,873	131,502	302,986	7,751	10,608	12,030	333,375
Myopia, age 40 and older	447,855	362,071	717,045	22,742	32,386	37,753	809,926
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	36,397	17,483	51,239	891	817	933	53,880
Cataract, age 40 and older	346,103	217,453	504,492	19,197	18,374	21,493	563,556
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	87,215	75,738	133,658	8,263	13,034	7,998	162,953
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	37,359	21,229	47,612	5,094	2,295	3,588	58,588
Low vision, age 40 and older	47,053	24,932	65,291	1,836	2,448	2,409	71,985
Blindness, age 40 and older	22,775	10,554	30,722	1,376	395	836	33,329

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