

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

## PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN MARYLAND

	<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	151,787	94,978	190,640	36,844	7,092	12,190	<b>246,766</b>
Myopia, age 40 and older	338,686	281,516	455,454	105,114	23,400	36,235	<b>620,202</b>
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	23,559	12,155	30,019	4,212	521	962	<b>35,714</b>
Cataract, age 40 and older	269,649	165,807	311,684	90,163	11,846	21,763	<b>435,456</b>
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	71,493	68,747	84,987	38,483	8,731	8,039	<b>140,240</b>
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	34,798	23,218	29,041	23,912	1,506	3,556	<b>58,015</b>
Low vision, age 40 and older	31,922	18,416	38,095	8,344	1,605	2,294	<b>50,338</b>
Blindness, age 40 and older	16,192	8,645	17,451	6,306	259	822	<b>24,837</b>

To view the *Vision Problems in the U.S.* report and database please visit [PreventBlindness.org/VisionProblems](http://PreventBlindness.org/VisionProblems)

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