

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN MAINE

	<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	46,608	32,519	77,712	157	300	958	79,127
Myopia, age 40 and older	102,409	84,595	182,625	601	851	2,928	187,004
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	7,688	4,169	11,742	17	24	75	11,858
Cataract, age 40 and older	76,572	52,424	126,442	356	553	1,645	128,996
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	19,463	16,470	34,715	203	375	640	35,933
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	7,567	4,518	11,633	106	71	276	12,086
Low vision, age 40 and older	9,602	5,447	14,768	32	81	168	15,049
Blindness, age 40 and older	4,568	2,232	6,699	26	13	62	6,799

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