

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN NEW MEXICO

	<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	53,630	37,488	59,101	750	25,132	6,136	91,118
Myopia, age 40 and older	111,605	94,156	125,411	2,221	60,822	17,307	205,761
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	7,209	4,289	8,763	91	2,146	497	11,498
Cataract, age 40 and older	95,631	65,235	97,596	1,954	50,015	11,300	160,866
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	29,560	33,415	26,251	884	31,824	4,016	62,974
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	10,479	6,873	8,667	539	6,346	1,799	17,352
Low vision, age 40 and older	11,828	8,021	10,958	193	7,426	1,271	19,849
Blindness, age 40 and older	4,091	2,481	4,851	143	1,142	435	6,572

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