

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

PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN RHODE ISLAND

	<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	33,908	21,783	51,226	902	2,124	1,438	55,691
Myopia, age 40 and older	72,835	58,239	117,346	2,791	6,637	4,301	131,074
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	6,585	3,019	9,226	102	162	115	9,604
Cataract, age 40 and older	59,099	36,326	86,995	2,165	3,630	2,634	95,425
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	14,480	12,426	22,347	997	2,614	948	26,906
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	6,291	3,427	8,249	585	453	431	9,718
Low vision, age 40 and older	8,457	4,300	11,768	202	478	309	12,757
Blindness, age 40 and older	4,099	1,808	5,571	154	78	104	5,907

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