

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

## PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN TENNESSEE

	<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	183,679	121,001	276,108	20,945	3,166	4,462	<b>304,680</b>
Myopia, age 40 and older	403,381	335,164	654,542	59,420	11,047	13,536	<b>738,545</b>
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	27,044	14,558	38,609	2,421	223	349	<b>41,602</b>
Cataract, age 40 and older	309,616	199,146	444,563	51,299	5,099	7,802	<b>508,762</b>
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	80870	72151	124052	21986	4032	2951	<b>153021</b>
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	33,914	21,700	40,115	13,561	648	1,290	<b>55,614</b>
Low vision, age 40 and older	34,820	19,435	47,985	4,793	679	797	<b>54,255</b>
Blindness, age 40 and older	16,746	8,330	21,047	3,628	111	291	<b>25,077</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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