

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

## PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN WASHINGTON

	<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	184,499	131,763	281,332	4,002	9,395	21,533	<b>316,261</b>
Myopia, age 40 and older	424,885	364,561	681,376	13,473	31,532	63,066	<b>789,447</b>
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	28,790	16,382	42,329	442	680	1,721	<b>45,172</b>
Cataract, age 40 and older	302,351	212,395	451,246	9,293	15,367	38,840	<b>514,746</b>
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	81,802	76,017	126,942	4,804	11,993	14,079	<b>157,819</b>
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	32,399	20,551	42,064	2,652	1,938	6,295	<b>52,950</b>
Low vision, age 40 and older	37,748	23,339	54,002	836	2,032	4,218	<b>61,086</b>
Blindness, age 40 and older	17,669	9,748	24,943	664	332	1,478	<b>27,417</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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