

# Vision Problems in West Virginia

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

## PREVALENCE OF AGE RELATED EYE DISEASE IN WEST VIRGINIA

	<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	63,532	43,952	104,625	1,411	430	1,018	<b>107,484</b>
Myopia, age 40 and older	133,020	112,293	237,640	3,866	1,136	2,671	<b>245,313</b>
Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older	9,817	5,507	15,027	176	35	85	<b>15,324</b>
Cataract, age 40 and older	105,851	71,570	170,918	3,759	828	1,916	<b>177,421</b>
Diabetic retinopathy, age 40 and older	26,556	22,797	46,591	1,546	547	669	<b>49,353</b>
Glaucoma, age 40 and older	10,247	6,408	15,270	985	106	294	<b>16,656</b>
Low vision, age 40 and older	12,270	7,063	18,612	390	124	207	<b>19,332</b>
Blindness, age 40 and older	5,623	2,837	8,085	283	19	72	<b>8,460</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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