

LOOKING AHEAD

Improving Our Vision for the Future

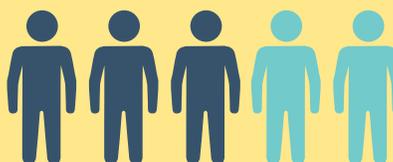
VISION & EYE PROBLEMS ARE INCREASING AS AMERICA AGES

90
MILLION

Americans over 40 have vision and eye problems

That's more than

3 in **5**



By 2050, without effective interventions:



Diabetic retinopathy ↑ 72%



Cataracts ↑ 87%



Glaucoma ↑ 100%



Age-related macular degeneration ↑ 100%



Vision impairment & blindness ↑ 150%



COST OF VISION PROBLEMS

↑ **157%** TO **\$373**
BILLION

VISION LOSS TOUCHES EVERY PART OF PEOPLE'S LIVES

People with vision loss are more likely to have:



Type 2 diabetes



Depression



Stroke



Hearing loss



Chronic kidney disease

Vision loss is also related to:



Isolation



Balance problems



Falls & fall-related injuries



Risk of early death

ACCESS TO EYE CARE + EARLY DETECTION = IMPROVED VISION HEALTH + LOWER COSTS

CDC's Vision Health Initiative



ASSESSES the impact of vision loss and identifies populations at risk



AIMS to increase awareness of vision and eye health, improve access to vision care, and promote the health of people with vision loss



Uses **APPLIED** public health research to develop evidence-based interventions and understand the costs of vision loss



ADVANCES vision and eye health as a public health priority through support of state and territorial health department activities



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

cdc.gov/visionhealth

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