South Asia
GBD Super Region snapshot

Prevalence of vision loss
Population: 1,795 million

Vision loss by age

- **Children and adolescents (0-19)**: 22.5 million
- **Adults (20-49)**: 78.0 million
- **Older adults (50 and over)**: 234.6 million

Prevalence of vision loss compared to other GBD Super Regions

Categories of vision loss

- **Blindness**
  - 11.9 M
  - 6.4 M Female
  - 5.6 M Male

- **Moderate to severe vision loss**
  - 96.2 M
  - 51.4 M Female
  - 44.9 M Male

- **Mild**
  - 60.1 M
  - 32.0 M Female
  - 28.1 M Male

- **Near**
  - 166.8 M
  - 88.5 M Female
  - 78.3 M Male

Top five causes of blindness and moderate to severe vision loss

- **Uncorrected refractive error**: 55.4 M
- **Cataract**: 35.1 M
- **Glaucoma**: 1.5 M
- **Age-related macular degeneration**: 1.5 M
- **Diabetic retinopathy**: 0.6 M

The number of people with vision loss is growing

- **1990**
  - 162.8 million
  - 82.8 million
- **2020**
  - 335.1 million
  - 178.2 million
- **2050**
  - 518.0 million
  - 276.8 million

Eye care service indicators

- **Countries**: 5
- **Cataract surgeries**: 500,000 annually

National eye health

- **No. countries reporting**: 5
- **Committees**: 4
- **Plans**: 5

Human resources

- **26,248** ophthalmologists
- **11,038** optometrists
- **44,589** allied ophthalmic personnel

Data

- **No. countries reporting**: 5
- **Prevalence surveys**: 5
- **Service assessments**: 4

For further information and definitions visit [https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas](https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas)

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