Central Latin America
GBD Region snapshot

Prevalence of vision loss
Population: 259 million  Countries: 9

Vision loss by age
Children and adolescents (0-19)  Older adults (50 and over)
3.2 million  24.1 million
Adults (20-49)  6.6 million

The number of people with vision loss is growing
1990  2020  2050
7.9 million Female  18.9 million Male  32.8 million Female
6.7 million Male  15.0 million Male  26.0 million Male

Categories of vision loss
1.3 million people
0.7M Female
0.6M Male
Blindness
9.8 million people
5.5M Female
4.4M Male
Moderate to severe
9.1 million people
5.0M Female
4.1M Male
Mild
13.7 million people
7.7M Female
5.9M Male
Near

Top five causes of blindness and moderate to severe vision loss
Uncorrected refractive error
2.3M
Cataract
5.8M
Glucoma
0.3M
Diabetic retinopathy
0.3M
Age-related macular degeneration
0.1M

Eye care service indicators
Human resources
9,082  ophthalmologists
15,530  optometrists
5,625  allied ophthalmic personnel
National eye health
No. countries reporting:
Coordinators: 8
Committees: 9
Plans: 6
Data
No. countries reporting:
Prevalence surveys: 7
Service assessments: 1
Cataract surgeries
394,238 annually

For further information and definitions visit https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas. Data from VLEG/GBD 2020 model, via the IAPB Vision Atlas.