Latin America and Caribbean Region
GBD Super Region snapshot

**Prevalence of vision loss**
Population: 585 million

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**Categories of vision loss**

- Blindness: 3.7M
- Moderate to severe vision loss: 24.5M
- Mild: 21.5M
- Near: 27.9M

**Top five causes of blindness and moderate to severe vision loss**

1. Uncorrected refractive error: 14.9M
2. Cataract: 5.8M
3. Glaucoma: 0.8M
4. Diabetic retinopathy: 0.7M
5. Age-related macular degeneration: 0.4M

**The number of people with vision loss is growing**

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**Eye care service indicators**

- Countries: 33
- Cataract surgeries: 1,206,853 annually
- National eye health
  - No. countries reporting: 22
  - Coordinators: 22
  - Committees: 18
  - Plans: 9
- Data
  - No. countries reporting: 18
  - Prevalence surveys: 18
  - Service assessments: 4

**Human resources**

- 27,754 ophthalmologists
- 20,142 optometrists
- 8,259 allied ophthalmic personnel

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