

Did You Know?

32 million Americans ages 18 or older have reported experiencing vision loss

Here are some facts about visual disabilities and blindness that you may not know

What does it mean to be legally blind?

The statutory definition of "legally blind" is that central visual acuity must be 20/200 or less in the better eye with the best possible correction.

Vision loss among genders

In 2018, 13.7 million men and 18.5 million women reported experiencing significant vision loss.

Blindness across America

As of 2016, the States with the highest blind population were California (797,300), Texas (702,500) and Florida (544,700).

Most common causes of blindness

The most common causes of blindness are age-related such as macular degeneration, cataract, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma.

Latinos have a higher chance of vision loss

Chronic conditions that lead to vision loss such as diabetes and higher blood pressure are more common in Latinos.

[CDC, Hispanics and Latinos Have Higher Risk for Vision Loss](#)
[AFB, Facts and Figures on Adults with Vision Loss](#)
[NFB, Blindness Statistics](#)

For more information about the blind community, visit the following links

[ACB - American Council of the Blind](#)
[AFB - American Foundation for the Blind](#)
[NFB - National Federation of the Blind](#)
[Perkins School for the Blind](#)