

GLAUCOMA

BY THE NUMBERS

Glaucoma is often misunderstood, underdiagnosed, and impacts far more people than most realize.

Glaucoma is a leading cause of blindness. Approximately 9 to 12% of all cases of blindness in the United States are caused by glaucoma.

There are an estimated **3 million Americans who have glaucoma**, yet only 50% of them know they have it.

Right now, **there is no cure for glaucoma** and, unfortunately, once vision is lost it cannot be regained. Diagnosis is the first step to preserving your vision.

Everyone, no matter their age, is at risk for glaucoma.

Approximately **1 out of every 10,000 babies** born in the United States is born with glaucoma.

Come see us for all of your eye care needs:

- Comprehensive Eye Examinations
 - Eye Glasses
 - Diabetic Screenings
 - Glaucoma Testing
 - Cataract Evaluations
 - Emergency Red Eyes
- Hypertension Screenings

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Aside from cataracts, glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness among African Americans, making **African Americans 15 times more likely** to be visually impaired by glaucoma than Caucasians.

The most common form is open-angle glaucoma, which has virtually no symptoms. There is **no pain associated** with the increased eye pressure.

Both children and adults should have eye exams **every single year**.



For more information about vision care or to find out how we can help you maintain your vision, talk to your provider during your next appointment or log onto www.RHMPI.com today!