

Fiscal Year 2021: Investing in Vision and Eye Health

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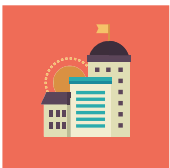
WHAT WILL THIS INVESTMENT DO?



**Generate data through
use of NHANES**



**Data informs allocation of limited
resources to targeted interventions**



**Data identifies and targets need on
federal, state, and local levels.**



**Provides a foundation
for public awareness**



Coordinates action across partners

**Reduces inequities in
vision and eye health**

With at least **\$5 million** appropriated to vision and eye health at the CDC in FY2021, the CDC can conduct long overdue and needed national surveillance on rates of diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and vision loss.

Data can also be collected to determine rates of vision and eye examinations and measurements of visual acuity, screening tests, and visual functioning assessment to better determine where gaps in access and patient education exist.

With this data, state and local public health departments and community leaders can respond to the needs of their populations with collaborative interventions and targeted strategies to improve vision and eye health at the state, local, or systems level.

— FY 2021: THE TIME IS NOW —

While updated national prevalence estimates of our vision and eye health burden are needed, what we do know is that: *at least 12 MILLION* Americans aged 40 and older (working age adults) have **impaired vision**.

1 MILLION
Americans are
BLIND.

3 MILLION
Americans have
**uncorrectable vision
impairment.**

8 MILLION live
with **uncorrected
refractive error.**

These are the most common, **yet most preventable**, reasons why people lose their sight:



Normal Vision



Diabetic Eye
Disease



Glaucoma



Uncorrected
Refractive Error



Age-Related Macular
Degeneration

With \$5 million in renewed investments to the CDC's Vision and Eye Health program, we can begin to reverse these trends.