

# Prevalence of visual impairment in US increases

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The prevalence of nonrefractive visual impairment (not due to need for glasses) in the U.S. has increased significantly in recent years, which may be partly related to a higher prevalence of diabetes, an associated risk factor, according to a study in the December 12 issue of *JAMA*.

"It is estimated that more than 14 million individuals in the United States aged 12 years and older are visually impaired (

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