

Local authority sight loss data for North East Lincolnshire

- In North East Lincolnshire there are **5,975** people living with sight loss that impacts daily life.
- In the next 12 months, **273** people will start to live with sight loss.
- Over the next 10 years, the number of people living with sight loss will increase by **18.56%**.
- In North East Lincolnshire the direct cost of eye health and sight loss to the NHS is **£9.78 million** every year.
- And the wider full economic impact is around **£74.34 million** every year.
- In North East Lincolnshire there are **1,866** people living with late stage age-related macular degeneration.
- **1,993** people are living with a cataract that requires surgery.
- **1,917** people are living with glaucoma.
- **304** people are living with severe diabetic retinopathy.

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Area Profile

Total

Total population (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 157,904

Age

Proportion of general population aged 75+ (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 11.14%

Proportion of people aged 75+ compared to national average (2026)

North East Lincolnshire Higher

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General population in North East Lincolnshire

Aged 0-15: 27,768

Aged 16-24: 14,715

Aged 25-34: 18,467

Aged 35-44: 20,313

Aged 45-54: 17,912

Aged 55-64: 22,956

Aged 65-74: 18,177

Aged 75-84: 12,854

Aged 85+: 4,741

Proportion of general population in North East Lincolnshire

Aged 0-15: 17.59%

Aged 16-24: 9.32%

Aged 25-34: 11.70%

Aged 35-44: 12.86%

Aged 45-54: 11.34%

Aged 55-64: 14.54%

Aged 65-74: 11.51%

Aged 75-84: 8.14%

Aged 85+: 3.00%

Ethnicity

Proportion of people from ethnic minority groups (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 3.78%

Proportion of people from ethnic minority groups compared to national average (2026)

North East Lincolnshire Lower

Number of people from differing ethnic groups in North East Lincolnshire

Asian ethnic groups: 2,451

Black ethnic groups: 850

RNIB Sight Loss Data Tool**Mixed or multiple ethnic groups:** 1,627**Other ethnic groups:** 1,043**White British ethnic groups:** 146,231**White Other ethnic groups:** 5,703**Proportion of people from differing ethnic groups in North East Lincolnshire****Asian ethnic groups:** 1.55%**Black ethnic groups:** 0.54%**Mixed or multiple ethnic groups:** 1.03%**Other ethnic groups:** 0.66%**White British ethnic groups:** 92.61%**White Other ethnic groups:** 3.61%**Certificate of Vision Impairment****Total****Number of CVIs (2023/24 England; 2024/25 Wales)**

North East Lincolnshire 109

Rate of CVIs compared to national average (2023/24)

North East Lincolnshire Worse

Rate of CVIs (2023/24)

North East Lincolnshire 69

CVI trend (2023/24)

North East Lincolnshire Increasing and getting worse

Condition**Rate of CVIs due to glaucoma (2023/24)**

North East Lincolnshire 17

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North East Lincolnshire 5

Rate of CVIs due to age related macular degeneration (2023/24)

North East Lincolnshire 168

Children and Young People**Total****Children who are blind or partially sighted in North East Lincolnshire**

Aged 0-16: 60

Aged 17-25: 29

Total (25 and under): 88

Blind**Children who are blind in North East Lincolnshire**

Aged 0-16: 15

Aged 17-25: 7

Total (25 and under): 22

Partially sighted**Children who are partially sighted in North East Lincolnshire**

Aged 0-16: 45

Aged 17-25: 21

Total (25 and under): 66

Economic impact

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Cost

Direct cost of eye health services (2026)

North East Lincolnshire £9.78 million

Total economic impact of sight loss (2026)

North East Lincolnshire £74.34 million

Eye Conditions

AMD

People living with drusen (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 8,079

People living with late stage age-related macular degeneration (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 1,866

People living with late stage dry age-related macular degeneration (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 1,019

People living with late stage wet age-related macular degeneration (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 976

Cataract

People living with surgical cataract (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 1,993

People living with vision impairing cataract (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 13,188

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North East Lincolnshire 3,300

People living with severe diabetic retinopathy (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 304

Glaucoma**People living with glaucoma (2026)**

North East Lincolnshire 1,917

People living with ocular hypertension (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 3,412

Eye Conditions (projected)**AMD****People living with drusen (projected) (2036)**

North East Lincolnshire 9,100

Change in people living with late stage age-related macular degeneration (2026-2036)

North East Lincolnshire 25.39%

People living with late stage macular degeneration in North East Lincolnshire

Age-related macular degeneration (projected): 2,340

Dry age-related macular degeneration (projected): 1,282

Wet age-related macular degeneration (projected): 1,225

Cataract**Change in people living with surgical cataract (2026-2036)**

North East Lincolnshire 21.63%

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North East Lincolnshire 2,424

People living with vision impairing cataract (projected) (2036)

North East Lincolnshire 16,046

DR**People living with diabetic retinopathy (projected) (2036)**

North East Lincolnshire 3,343

Change in people living with diabetic retinopathy (2026-2036)

North East Lincolnshire 1.30%

People living with severe diabetic retinopathy (projected) (2036)

North East Lincolnshire 308

Glaucoma**People living with glaucoma (projected) (2036)**

North East Lincolnshire 2,186

Change in people living with glaucoma (2026-2036)

North East Lincolnshire 14.05%

People living with ocular hypertension (projected) (2036)

North East Lincolnshire 3,508

Health and social care**Care Homes****Care home residents living with sight loss (2025)**

North East Lincolnshire 668

Number of care home residents (2025)

North East Lincolnshire 1,335

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Other health conditions

Dementia

People living with dementia (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 3,002

People living with dementia and sight loss (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 1,068

Diabetes

People living with diabetes (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 12,837

Dual sensory loss

People living with dual sensory loss (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 1,135

People living with severe dual sensory loss (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 445

Falls

Falls amongst people with sight loss (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 762

Falls directly attributable to sight loss (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 360

Falls in the general population (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 9,482

Serious falls amongst people with sight loss (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 62

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North East Lincolnshire 29

Serious falls that require hospital admission (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 775

Hearing impaired**People living with mild hearing loss (2026)**

North East Lincolnshire 31,518

People living with severe hearing loss (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 3,404

Learning disability**Adults living with a learning disability (2026)**

North East Lincolnshire 2,558

Adults living with a learning disability and sight loss (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 255

Stroke**People living with long standing health condition due to a stroke (2026)**

North East Lincolnshire 2,858

Registration**Total****New blind and partially sighted registrations (2023/24 England; 2022/23 Wales)**

North East Lincolnshire 155

Total registered blind or partially sighted (2023/24 England; 2022/23

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North East Lincolnshire 740

Rate of registration compared to national average (2023/24 England; 2022/23 Wales)

North East Lincolnshire Similar

Rate of registration as blind or partially sighted per 100,000 people (2023/24 England; 2022/23 Wales)

North East Lincolnshire 469

Age**Registered blind or partially sighted in North East Lincolnshire**

Aged 5-17: 40

Aged 18-49: 120

Aged 50-64: 155

Aged 65-74: 95

Aged 75+: 325

Blind**Registered blind and partially sighted people with additional disability (2023/24 England; 2022/23 Wales)**

North East Lincolnshire 20

Total registered blind (2023/24 England; 2022/23 Wales)

North East Lincolnshire 325

Registered blind by age in North East Lincolnshire

Aged 5-17: 20

Aged 18-49: 50

Aged 50-64: 80

Aged 65-74: 50

Aged 75+: 125

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Partially sighted

Total registered partially sighted (2023/24 England; 2022/23 Wales)

North East Lincolnshire 415

Registered partially sighted by age in North East Lincolnshire

Aged 5-17: 20

Aged 18-49: 70

Aged 50-64: 75

Aged 65-74: 45

Aged 75+: 200

Sight Loss

Sight loss prevalence

Total: 5,975

People living with mild sight loss: 3,839 (64.25%)

People living with moderate sight loss: 1,326 (22.19%)

People living with severe sight loss: 810 (13.56%)

Age Ranges

A breakdown of people living with sight loss across various age ranges.

Total: 5,917

People living with sight loss aged 18-64: 1,030 (17.41%)

People living with sight loss aged 65-74: 1,149 (19.42%)

People living with sight loss aged 75-84: 1,818 (30.73%)

People living with sight loss 85 and over: 1,920 (32.45%)

Age

People living with sight loss by age in North East Lincolnshire

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Incidence

People starting to lose their sight in the next 12 months (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 273

Prevalence

Prevalence of sight loss (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 3.78%

People living with sight loss (2026)

North East Lincolnshire 5,975

Prevalence of sight loss compared to national average (2026)

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Severity

Sight loss severity in North East Lincolnshire

Mild sight loss: 3,839

Moderate sight loss: 1,326

Severe sight loss: 810

Sight Loss (projected)

Age

Projected people living with sight loss by age in North East Lincolnshire

85 and over (projected): 2,664

Aged 18-64 (projected): 939

Aged 65-74 (projected): 1,388

Aged 75-84 (projected): 2,045

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Incidence

People starting to lose their sight in the next 12 months (projected) (2036)

North East Lincolnshire 329

Prevalence

Change in people living with sight loss (2026-2036)

North East Lincolnshire 18.56%

Prevalence of sight loss (projected) (2036)

North East Lincolnshire 4.53%

People living with sight loss (projected) (2036)

North East Lincolnshire 7,084

Severity

Projected severity in North East Lincolnshire

Mild sight loss (projected): 4,546

Moderate sight loss (projected): 1,558

Severe sight loss (projected): 979

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