

RNIB Sight Loss Data Tool

Local authority sight loss data for Torbay

- In Torbay there are **6,808** people living with sight loss that impacts daily life.
- In the next 12 months, **319** people will start to live with sight loss.
- Over the next 10 years, the number of people living with sight loss will increase by **23.85%**.
- In Torbay the direct cost of eye health and sight loss to the NHS is **£11.15 million** every year.
- And the wider full economic impact is around **£84.70 million** every year.
- In Torbay there are **2,252** people living with late stage age-related macular degeneration.
- **2,345** people are living with a cataract that requires surgery.
- **3,175** people are living with glaucoma.
- **279** people are living with severe diabetic retinopathy.

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Area Profile

Total

Total population (2026)

Torbay 141,536

Age

Proportion of general population aged 75+ (2026)

Torbay 14.99%

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

Torbay Higher

General population in Torbay

Aged 0-15: 20,906

RNIB Sight Loss Data Tool**Aged 16-24:** 11,356**Aged 25-34:** 14,307**Aged 35-44:** 15,899**Aged 45-54:** 16,475**Aged 55-64:** 22,327**Aged 65-74:** 19,053**Aged 75-84:** 15,405**Aged 85+:** 5,810**Proportion of general population in Torbay****Aged 0-15:** 14.77%**Aged 16-24:** 8.02%**Aged 25-34:** 10.11%**Aged 35-44:** 11.23%**Aged 45-54:** 11.64%**Aged 55-64:** 15.77%**Aged 65-74:** 13.46%**Aged 75-84:** 10.88%**Aged 85+:** 4.11%**Ethnicity****Proportion of people from ethnic minority groups (2026)**

Torbay 3.88%

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

Torbay Lower

Proportion of people from differing ethnic groups in Torbay**Asian ethnic groups:** 1.62%**Black ethnic groups:** 0.32%**Mixed or multiple ethnic groups:** 1.50%**Other ethnic groups:** 0.44%

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White British ethnic groups: 92.14%

White Other ethnic groups: 3.98%

Number of people from differing ethnic groups in Torbay

Asian ethnic groups: 2,289

Black ethnic groups: 454

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups: 2,117

Other ethnic groups: 628

White British ethnic groups: 130,414

White Other ethnic groups: 5,635

Certificate of Vision Impairment

Total

Number of CVIs (2023/24 England; 2024/25 Wales)

Torbay 129

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

Torbay Worse

Rate of CVIs (2023/24)

Torbay 92

CVI trend (2023/24)

Torbay No significant change

Condition

Rate of CVIs due to diabetic eye disease (2023/24)

Torbay 7

Rate of CVIs due to glaucoma (2023/24)

Torbay 11

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Torbay 169

Children and Young People**Total****Children who are blind or partially sighted in Torbay**

Aged 0-16: 45

Aged 17-25: 22

Total (25 and under): 67

Blind**Children who are blind in Torbay**

Aged 0-16: 11

Aged 17-25: 6

Total (25 and under): 17

Partially sighted**Children who are partially sighted in Torbay**

Aged 0-16: 34

Aged 17-25: 17

Total (25 and under): 50

Economic impact**Cost****Direct cost of eye health services (2026)**

Torbay £11.15 million

RNIB Sight Loss Data Tool**Total economic impact of sight loss (2026)**

Torbay £84.70 million

Eye Conditions**AMD****People living with drusen (2026)**

Torbay 8,995

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

Torbay 2,252

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

Torbay 1,233

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

Torbay 1,180

Cataract**People living with surgical cataract (2026)**

Torbay 2,345

People living with vision impairing cataract (2026)

Torbay 15,440

DR**People living with diabetic retinopathy (2026)**

Torbay 3,033

People living with severe diabetic retinopathy (2026)

Torbay 279

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Torbay 3,175

People living with ocular hypertension (2026)

Torbay 3,278

Eye Conditions (projected)**AMD****Change in people living with late stage age-related macular degeneration (2026-2036)**

Torbay 30.82%

People living with drusen (projected) (2036)

Torbay 10,418

People living with late stage macular degeneration in Torbay

Age-related macular degeneration (projected): 2,946

Dry age-related macular degeneration (projected): 1,625

Wet age-related macular degeneration (projected): 1,546

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

Torbay 23.32%

People living with surgical cataract (projected) (2036)

Torbay 2,892

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

Torbay 19,002

RNIB Sight Loss Data Tool**DR****Change in people living with diabetic retinopathy (2026-2036)**

Torbay 5.05%

People living with diabetic retinopathy (projected) (2036)

Torbay 3,186

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

Torbay 293

Glaucoma**Change in people living with glaucoma (2026-2036)**

Torbay 17.37%

People living with glaucoma (projected) (2036)

Torbay 3,727

People living with ocular hypertension (projected) (2036)

Torbay 3,518

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

Torbay 815

Number of care home residents (2025)

Torbay 1,630

Other health conditions

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Dementia

People living with dementia (2026)

Torbay 3,622

People living with dementia and sight loss (2026)

Torbay 1,302

Diabetes

People living with diabetes (2026)

Torbay 13,406

Dual sensory loss

People living with dual sensory loss (2026)

Torbay 1,289

People living with severe dual sensory loss (2026)

Torbay 521

Falls

Falls amongst people with sight loss (2026)

Torbay 874

Falls directly attributable to sight loss (2026)

Torbay 413

Falls in the general population (2026)

Torbay 10,864

Serious falls amongst people with sight loss (2026)

Torbay 74

Serious falls directly attributable to sight loss (2026)

Torbay 35

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Serious falls that require hospital admission (2026)

Torbay 915

Hearing impaired

People living with mild hearing loss (2026)

Torbay 34,206

People living with severe hearing loss (2026)

Torbay 3,915

Learning disability

Adults living with a learning disability (2026)

Torbay 2,331

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

Torbay 243

Stroke

Patients with a stroke or TIA on a GP practice register (2026)

Torbay 2,562

Registration

Total

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

Torbay 125

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

Torbay Higher

Rate of registration as blind or partially sighted per 100,000 people

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(2023/24 England; 2022/23 Wales)

Torbay 724

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

Torbay 1,025

Age

Registered blind or partially sighted in Torbay

Aged 5-17: 15

Aged 18-49: 150

Aged 50-64: 165

Aged 65-74: 145

Aged 75+: 560

Blind

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

Torbay 450

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

Torbay 515

Registered blind by age in Torbay

Aged 5-17: 5

Aged 18-49: 75

Aged 50-64: 100

Aged 65-74: 75

Aged 75+: 265

Partially sighted

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

Torbay 510

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Registered partially sighted by age in Torbay

Aged 5-17: 10

Aged 18-49: 75

Aged 50-64: 65

Aged 65-74: 70

Aged 75+: 295

Sight Loss

Sight loss prevalence

Total: 6,807

People living with mild sight loss: 4,368 (64.17%)

People living with moderate sight loss: 1,491 (21.90%)

People living with severe sight loss: 948 (13.93%)

Age Ranges

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

Total: 6,763

People living with sight loss aged 18-64: 952 (14.08%)

People living with sight loss aged 65-74: 1,211 (17.91%)

People living with sight loss aged 75-84: 2,207 (32.63%)

People living with sight loss 85 and over: 2,393 (35.38%)

Age

People living with sight loss by age in Torbay

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RNIB Sight Loss Data Tool**Incidence****People starting to lose their sight in the next 12 months (2026)**

Torbay 319

Prevalence**Prevalence of sight loss (2026)**

Torbay 4.81%

People living with sight loss (2026)

Torbay 6,808

Prevalence of sight loss compared to national average (2026)

Torbay Higher

Severity**Sight loss severity in Torbay**

Mild sight loss: 4,368

Moderate sight loss: 1,491

Severe sight loss: 948

Sight Loss (projected)**Age****Projected people living with sight loss by age in Torbay**

85 and over (projected): 3,631

Aged 18-64 (projected): 908

Aged 65-74 (projected): 1,505

Aged 75-84 (projected): 2,351

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

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(2036)

Torbay 398

Prevalence

Prevalence of sight loss (projected) (2036)

Torbay 5.77%

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

Torbay 23.85%

People living with sight loss (projected) (2036)

Torbay 8,432

Severity

Projected severity in Torbay

Mild sight loss (projected): 5,415

Moderate sight loss (projected): 1,823

Severe sight loss (projected): 1,193

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