The Impact of Vision Impairment

**Rhode Island**

**Prevalence**

More than 22,000 people report blindness or severe difficulty seeing even with glasses.

Severe vision impairment is **HIGHER** in those reporting:
- Poor Health **13%** vs Good Health **3%**
- Less than High School **6%** vs High School and Above **2%**

**People with severe vision impairment are more likely to have**

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45% of individuals 65 years and older with severe vision impairment reported having a fall in the previous year.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/visionhealth

Data Sources: