

Table 14.2: Percent Reporting Vision Problems^{1,2}

Use of Glasses and Visual Symptom	Total (N=1002)	Age Group			Disability Level		
		65-74 (N=388)	75-84 (N=311)	85+ (N=303)	Moderate ³ (N=343)	ADL Difficulty	
						Receives No Help (N=478)	Receives Help (N=181)
Do you have glasses or contact lenses? Yes	94.7	95.2	94.7	93.2	94.9	95.5	92.2
If yes: Do you wear them . . . ? ⁴							
Most of the time	66.9	66.2	66.3	70.7	66.4	68.2	64.2
Sometimes	9.8	9.2	10.8	8.7	7.6	10.3	12.8
For special reasons, such as reading or driving	21.6	23.6	20.9	17.6	23.3	21.0	19.8
Never	1.7	1.0	2.0	3.1	2.7	0.5	3.2
Can you see well enough to recognize someone across the room? ⁵ No	5.4	3.6	5.8	9.7	5.8	4.7	6.6
Can you see well enough to watch TV? ⁵ No	5.0	4.2	4.1	9.6	5.3	4.2	6.5
Can you see well enough to read the newspaper? ⁵ No	12.6	8.4	14.1	21.0	9.9	11.4	21.6
Do you ever have trouble with blurred vision? Yes	37.0	38.5	36.4	34.2	36.5	35.3	42.7

(Women's Health and Aging Study, baseline interview, 1992-1995)

¹ All variables have less than 1% missing data. Results are based on non-missing data.
² Descriptive statistics are based on weighted data.
³ No ADL difficulty; disabled in two or more domains (see Chapter 1).
⁴ Categories may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
⁵ When applicable, the phrase, "with glasses, if needed," is embedded in the questionnaire item.