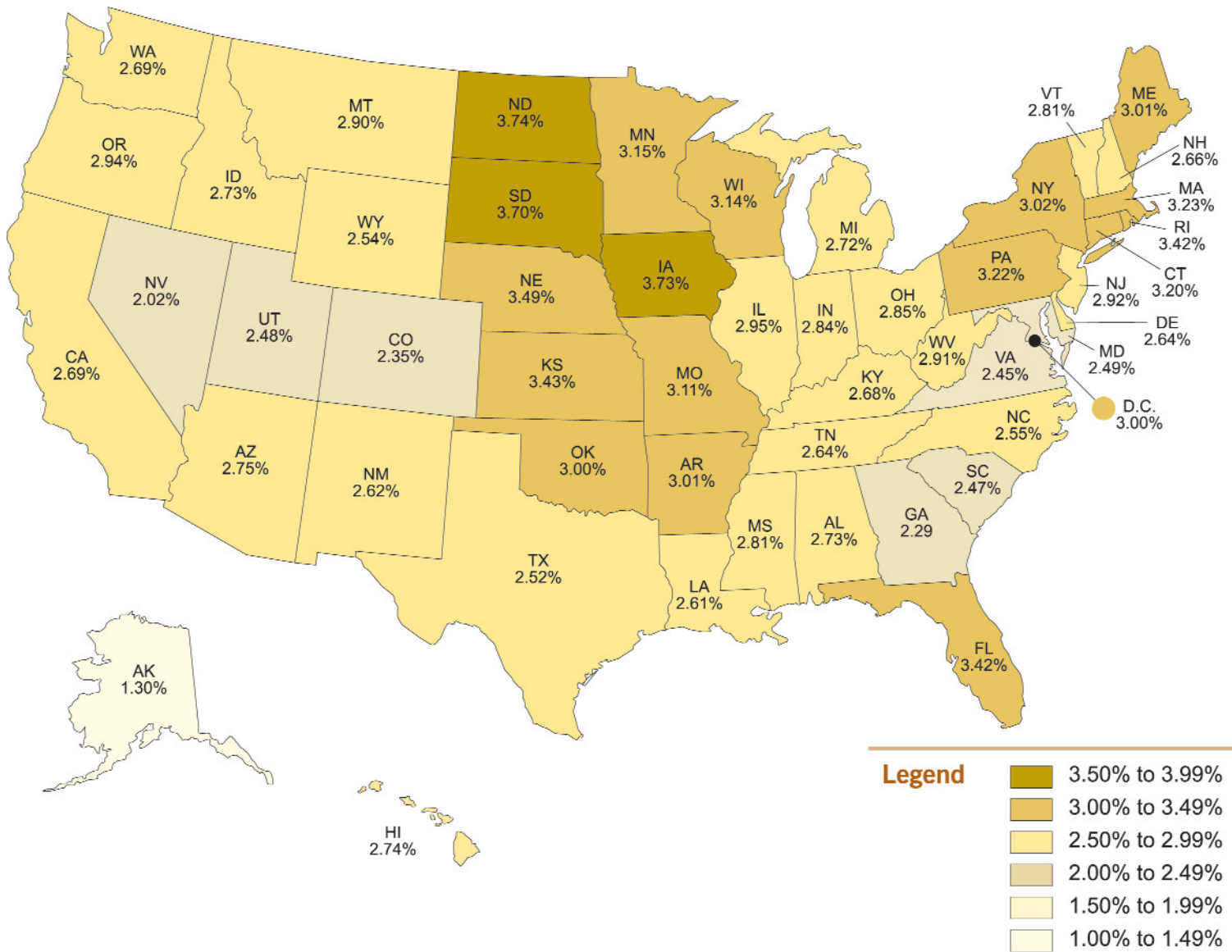


# Estimated Prevalence Rates of Vision Impairment & Blindness for Persons Age 40 and Older by State



The map above reflects estimated state-by-state prevalence rates of vision impairment, including blindness. The overall national rate is 2.85%. When this rate is applied to the total U.S. population age 40 and older of approximately 119 million, the result indicates that more than 3.4 million older Americans are blind or vision impaired. Twenty-two states and the District of Columbia have rates above the national average, while 28 states have rates below the average. Iowa and North Dakota have the highest rates at 3.73% and 3.74% respectively. Alaska has the lowest rate at 1.3%. The largest majority of states (39 states and DC) are within the 2.5% to 3.5% range. Differences between states are likely due to demographic differences in age, race and/or gender distribution.

State	Rate
Total U.S.	0.0285
Alabama	0.0273
Alaska	0.0130
Arizona	0.0275
Arkansas	0.0301
California	0.0269
Colorado	0.0235
Connecticut	0.0320
Delaware	0.0264
District of Columbia	0.0300
Florida	0.0342
Georgia	0.0229
Hawaii	0.0274
Idaho	0.0273
Illinois	0.0295
Indiana	0.0284
Iowa	0.0373
Kansas	0.0343
Kentucky	0.0268
Louisiana	0.0261
Maine	0.0301
Maryland	0.0249
Massachusetts	0.0323
Michigan	0.0272
Minnesota	0.0315
Mississippi	0.0281
Missouri	0.0311
Montana	0.0290
Nebraska	0.0349
Nevada	0.0202
New Hampshire	0.0266
New Jersey	0.0292
New Mexico	0.0262
New York	0.0302
North Carolina	0.0255
North Dakota	0.0374
Ohio	0.0285
Oklahoma	0.0300
Oregon	0.0294
Pennsylvania	0.0322
Rhode Island	0.0342
South Carolina	0.0247
South Dakota	0.0370
Tennessee	0.0264
Texas	0.0252
Utah	0.0248
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Virginia	0.0245
Washington	0.0269
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