

Table 1 Regional distribution of people registered blind

Region	People registered blind		
	2001		1997 ^a
	No.	%	%
South Batinah	840	23.8	15.2
North Batinah	649	18.4	24.8
Dhakhiliya	520	14.8	20.9
South Sharqiya	515	14.6	9.0
Muscat	319	9.0	6.9
Dhahira	280	7.9	11.4
Dhofar	180	5.1	3.8
North Sharqiya	148	4.2	3.9
Musandam	74	2.1	4.2
Total	3525	100	100

^aRegional proportion for 1997 was based on the National blindness survey [5].