

**TABLE 2C-25
MORTALITY RATES¹ FOR THE FIVE-LEADING CAUSES² OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER)
IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS³, ARIZONA, 1994-2004**

Area/Cause	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% change from 1994
URBAN												
Diseases of heart	1599.4	1463.7	1378.4	1319.1	1291.4	1295.9	1333.1	1273.8	1245.9	1217.0	1130.1	-29.3
Malignant neoplasms	1118.7	997.5	992.2	883.1	918.9	931.6	977.7	915.3	906.5	907.5	869.3	-22.3
Cerebrovascular diseases	367.5	343.0	350.5	351.9	329.1	308.5	352.4	315.5	313.7	289.5	287.8	-21.7
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	314.8	310.1	304.0	327.8	322.3	328.4	340.6	320.7	316.5	303.4	278.9	-11.4
Influenza and pneumonia	133.7	118.7	130.6	116.5	132.8	148.2	153.7	138.8	156.5	134.6	121.1	-9.4
ALL CAUSES	4713.4	4338.2	4342.3	4251.5	4202.3	4277.2	4447.4	4292.7	4314.8	4192.3	4021.7	-14.7
(Number of all deaths)	(19866)	(20311)	(21409)	(21687)	(22179)	(23447)	(23753)	(23758)	(24619)	(24633)	(24384)	(22.7)
RURAL												
Diseases of heart	1378.3	1300.2	1186.6	1211.3	1258.3	1052.9	1180.6	1094.2	1106.2	1146.3	1094.8	-20.6
Malignant neoplasms	962.4	955.4	936.4	853.6	923.9	902.6	954.0	933.5	900.1	974.1	966.6	0.4
Cerebrovascular diseases	317.3	299.8	284.0	302.4	300.4	253.6	323.7	292.3	281.0	272.1	251.7	-20.7
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	282.6	271.8	298.5	281.4	305.7	289.9	293.1	266.1	297.9	310.0	275.7	-2.4
Influenza and pneumonia	131.8	129.9	103.9	121.1	145.1	152.7	154.0	125.8	146.1	175.7	137.5	4.3
ALL CAUSES	4132.0	4006.0	3797.1	4003.8	4140.7	3911.7	4160.1	4123.0	4185.5	4249.8	4093.4	-0.9
(Number of all deaths)	(4401)	(4717)	(4720)	(5150)	(5499)	(5491)	(5564)	(5671)	(5929)	(6169)	(6132)	(39.3)
STATEWIDE												
Diseases of heart	1554.8	1427.5	1339.8	1297.4	1285.1	1246.5	1303.0	1238.2	1218.1	1203.6	1123.5	-27.7
Malignant neoplasms	1087.1	989.0	981.0	877.2	920.2	925.7	973.1	919.1	905.3	920.9	889.5	-18.2
Cerebrovascular diseases	357.4	334.3	337.1	341.9	323.3	297.3	346.6	310.9	307.2	286.3	280.8	-21.4
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	308.3	302.4	302.9	318.4	319.0	320.5	331.1	309.8	313.0	304.9	278.3	-9.7
Influenza and pneumonia	133.3	120.9	152.2	117.4	135.5	149.1	153.8	136.2	154.4	142.9	124.3	-6.8
ALL CAUSES	4596.1	4271.5	4232.5	4201.6	4191.1	4203.4	4390.7	4269.8	4289.8	4205.5	4038.0	-12.1
(Number of all deaths)	(24267)	(25028)	(26129)	(26837)	(27686)	(28940)	(29323)	(29504)	(30553)	(30815)	(30532)	(25.8)

¹ Rates are presented per 100,000 elderly persons 65 years and older.

² The five causes with the greatest number of deaths over the 1994-2004 period.

³ Urban = Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Yuma counties. The remaining counties comprise Arizona's rural areas. See *Technical Notes* for more information.

Note: Records with unknown county of residence are included in the statewide totals, but are not distributed by urban/rural area. The cause-of-death titles are according to the Tenth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10). The causes of death for 2000-2004 are classified by ICD-10, replacing the Ninth Revision (ICD-9) used during 1979-1999. Measures of comparison between ICD-9 and ICD-10 – the “comparability ratios” - for the causes of death shown in this report are provided in the *Technical Notes*.