

**TABLE 2C-26**  
**MORTALITY RATES<sup>1</sup> FOR THE FIVE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER)**  
**BY GENDER IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS<sup>2</sup>, ARIZONA, 1996-2006**

Area/Gender	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% change from 1996
<b>URBAN</b>												
Male	4804.9	4669.5	4632.1	4692.7	4818.1	4650.1	4674.4	4542.1	4323.1	4359.2	4283.2	-10.9
Female	3985.2	3928.5	3870.0	3954.0	4160.0	4015.6	4036.1	3920.8	3786.0	3866.8	3871.5	-2.9
TOTAL	4342.3	4251.5	4202.3	4277.2	4447.4	4292.7	4314.8	4192.1	4021.7	4083.4	4053.0	-6.7
<b>RURAL</b>												
Male	4184.0	4315.8	4490.2	4349.0	4695.7	4473.9	4617.9	4502.4	4379.8	4561.0	4279.7	2.3
Female	3449.3	3713.9	3825.4	3515.2	4417.3	3810.1	3799.9	4024.4	3836.1	3811.3	3658.6	6.1
TOTAL	3797.1	4003.8	4140.7	3911.7	4160.1	4123.0	4185.5	4249.8	4093.4	4164.3	3949.5	4.0
<b>STATEWIDE</b>												
Male	4671.4	4593.8	4603.0	4618.9	4761.6	4626.6	4663.4	4536.2	4338.0	4401.4	4282.4	-8.3
Female	3883.2	3889.0	3862.6	3870.0	4095.0	3985.3	3991.9	3941.6	3796.9	3856.6	3828.7	-1.4
TOTAL	4232.5	4201.6	4191.1	4203.4	4390.7	4269.8	4289.8	4205.3	4038.0	4099.3	4031.3	-4.8

<sup>1</sup>Rates are presented per 100,000 persons 65 years and older.

<sup>2</sup>Urban = Maricopa, Pima, Pinal and Yuma counties. The remaining counties comprise Arizona's rural areas. See *Technical Notes* for more information.