

TABLE 2C-17
MORTALITY RATES¹ FOR THE FIVE LEADING CAUSES² OF DEATH AMONG YOUNG ADULTS (20-44 YEARS)
IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS³, ARIZONA, 1997-2007

Area/Cause	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	% change from 1997
URBAN												
Accidents (unintentional injuries)	41.7	44.4	43.6	34.0	43.7	39.1	38.3	35.5	40.2	44.8	38.7	-7.2
Motor vehicle accidents	20.7	20.9	21.1	17.6	19.5	18.9	19.2	17.5	21.1	21.2	17.7	-14.5
Other injury	21.1	23.5	22.5	16.4	24.2	20.2	19.1	18.0	19.1	23.6	21.0	-0.5
Intentional self-harm (suicide)	20.3	21.5	17.8	16.5	12.3	18.0	17.9	16.2	16.8	16.2	18.0	-11.3
Assault (homicide)	17.6	17.6	16.7	13.0	16.9	15.6	14.8	15.2	14.9	15.1	14.3	-18.8
Malignant neoplasms	18.5	20.1	19.0	17.8	18.6	16.2	14.7	16.0	11.8	13.5	12.9	-30.3
Diseases of heart	12.7	13.6	12.5	10.5	12.3	11.8	11.0	10.6	11.9	10.0	9.9	-22.0
ALL CAUSES	158.1	161.4	150.6	147.8	148.1	145.4	140.2	132.2	133.0	139.3	129.8	-17.9
(Number of all deaths)	(2303)	(2391)	(2311)	(2372)	(2464)	(2494)	(2477)	(2426)	(2532)	(2640)	(2511)	9.0
RURAL												
Accidents (unintentional injuries)	78.2	74.5	65.5	59.3	74.0	63.2	75.5	58.9	72.0	66.9	73.2	-6.4
Motor vehicle accidents	51.4	50.7	39.9	37.5	42.8	37.9	48.1	38.4	44.2	42.4	40.5	-21.2
Other injury	26.8	23.8	25.6	21.8	31.2	25.3	27.4	20.5	27.8	24.5	32.7	22.0
Intentional self-harm (suicide)	30.3	28.8	24.5	27.4	19.2	26.0	26.8	29.5	26.8	25.5	25.6	-15.5
Malignant neoplasms	24.5	25.7	20.5	21.5	17.8	22.8	17.2	15.9	17.8	14.0	16.1	-34.3
Assault (homicide)	14.0	16.1	11.3	9.6	12.7	11.9	11.3	9.9	12.6	11.2	12.7	-9.3
Diseases of heart	15.6	18.1	16.5	15.2	11.6	16.2	16.8	14.2	10.0	15.0	15.1	-3.2
ALL CAUSES	220.6	219.4	193.6	208.1	212.6	212.2	217.3	194.3	189.9	196.9	188.1	-14.7
(Number of all deaths)	(567)	(571)	(529)	(561)	(586)	(604)	(633)	(587)	(588)	(618)	(609)	7.4
STATEWIDE												
Accidents (unintentional injuries)	51.0	52.1	47.5	37.7	48.1	42.5	43.5	38.8	44.6	47.9	43.6	-14.5
Motor vehicle accidents	27.5	27.4	24.3	20.5	22.9	21.6	23.3	20.5	24.3	24.2	21.0	-23.6
Other injury	23.5	24.7	23.2	17.2	25.2	20.9	20.2	18.3	20.3	23.7	22.6	-3.8
Intentional self-harm (suicide)	24.1	24.4	19.4	18.1	13.3	19.1	19.2	18.1	18.2	17.6	19.1	-20.7
Diseases of heart	14.4	15.0	13.4	11.4	12.2	12.4	11.8	11.1	11.7	10.7	10.7	-25.7
Malignant neoplasms	20.7	22.9	19.8	18.3	18.5	17.1	15.0	16.0	12.6	13.6	13.3	-35.7
Assault (homicide)	17.8	18.0	16.2	12.5	16.3	15.1	14.3	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.1	-20.8
ALL CAUSES	184.4	184.8	162.0	156.5	158.2	154.9	151.1	141.0	140.9	147.5	138.2	-25.1
(Number of all deaths)	(3159)	(3218)	(2929)	(2933)	(3069)	(3099)	(3110)	(3013)	(3121)	(3258)	(3120)	(-1.2)

¹Rates are presented per 100,000 young adults 20-44 years old.

²The five causes with the greatest number of deaths statewide over the 1997-2007 period.

³Urban = 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 2000-2007 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**.