

**TABLE 2C-26  
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER) BY GENDER, AREA, AND RACE/ETHNICITY,  
ARIZONA, 2016**

Cause of death	Total	Gender		Area <sup>a</sup>			Race/ethnicity				
		Male	Female	Urban	Rural	Unknown	White non-Hispanic	Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
<b>Diseases of heart</b>	9,673	5,187	4,486	7,461	2,173	39	8,216	929	236	195	97
<b>Malignant neoplasms</b>	8,686	4,798	3,888	6,757	1,900	29	7,374	832	241	126	113
<b>Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung</b>	2,132	1,153	979	1,644	479	9	1,895	147	57	11	22
<b>Malignant neoplasm of lymphoid, hematopoietic and related tissue</b>	890†	509	380	722	165	*	767	81	28	*	9
<b>Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum, and anus</b>	756	405	351	587	168	*	637	74	23	7	15
<b>Malignant neoplasm of pancreas</b>	666	348	318	526	137	*	540	81	19	15	11
<b>Malignant neoplasm of prostate</b>	630†	631	0	495	133	*	522	68	28	10	*
<b>Malignant neoplasm of breast</b>	540†	7	530	408	128	*	467	41	15	9	*
<b>Chronic lower respiratory diseases</b>	3,286	1,542	1,744	2,552	714	20	3,002	171	66	31	16
<b>Alzheimer's disease</b>	3,048	1,073	1,975	2,554	486	8	2,598	303	72	41	34
<b>Cerebrovascular diseases</b>	2,236	914	1,322	1,764	468	*	1,833	253	69	40	41
<b>Accidents (unintentional injury)</b>	1,463	779	684	1,152	295	16	1,211	155	20	57	20
<b>Falls</b>	973	469	504	799	169	*	847	89	8	19	10
<b>Motor vehicle accidents</b>	190†	123	62	135	43	7	133	34	*	10	*
<b>Diabetes</b>	1,362	783	579	1,109	246	7	891	298	57	88	28
<b>Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive disease</b>	831	386	445	711	116	*	643	118	36	19	15
<b>Parkinson's disease</b>	697	455	242	587	107	*	605	63	6	10	13
<b>Influenza and pneumonia</b>	670	331	339	514	154	*	520	85	14	39	12
<b>Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis</b>	400†	204	199	260	140	*	283	70	10	38	*
<b>Septicemia</b>	368	191	177	267	100	*	277	51	14	19	7
<b>Total, all causes<sup>b</sup></b>	41,189	20,781	20,408	32,370	8,653	166	34,367	4,287	1,027	1,005	503

Notes: \* Cell suppressed due to count less than 6; † Sum rounded to nearest tens unit due to addend less than 6; <sup>a</sup> Urban = Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Yuma counties; the remaining counties comprise Arizona's rural areas; <sup>b</sup> May include other causes of death not shown above..