

Table 10: Specific Leading Causes of Deaths^a Among All Arizona Residents, 2012

	65 - 74 Years	75 - 84 Years	85 Years and Over	All Adults 65+
Counts by Cause of Death				
Atherosclerotic heart disease	551	949	1,462	2,962
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	613	867	679	2,159
Malignant neoplasm of bronchus and lung	905	867	333	2,105
Alzheimer's Disease	120	624	1,329	2,073
Dementia	98	469	1,160	1,727
Acute Myocardial Infarction	307	442	520	1,269
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	410	379	431	1,220
Stroke	126	360	556	1,042
Other Ill-Defined and Unspecified causes of mortality	89	159	423	671
Malignant neoplasm of pancreas	240	221	121	582
Total	3,459	5,337	7,014	15,810
Mortality Rates^b				
Atherosclerotic heart disease	102.3	323.5	1,348.0	314.9
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	113.8	295.6	626.1	229.6
Malignant neoplasm of bronchus and lung	168.0	295.6	307.0	223.8
Alzheimer's Disease	22.3	212.7	1,225.4	220.4
Dementia	18.2	159.9	1,069.5	183.6
Acute Myocardial Infarction	57.0	150.7	479.5	134.9
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	76.1	129.2	397.4	129.7
Stroke	23.4	122.7	512.6	110.8
Other Ill-Defined and Unspecified causes of mortality	16.5	54.2	390.0	71.3
Malignant neoplasm of pancreas	44.6	75.3	111.6	61.9

Notes: ^a Leading Causes of Death are conditions defined by the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision (ICD-10), 2008; ^b Age-specific and crude mortality rates represent the number of deaths per 100,000 persons 65 years of age and older.

Individual Leading Causes of Death by Gender and Age Group

Table 11 presents the number of deaths and mortality rates for the ten leading causes of death among Arizona resident females 65 years and older during 2012. In 2012, deaths from Alzheimer's disease ranked first among all causes occurring among elderly females. Among females 85 years and older, 68 percent of deaths were from Alzheimer's disease. Dementia ranked third, accounting for 225.4 deaths per 100,000 resident females 65 years and older. Proportionately, this represents 6.45 percent of deaths among resident females 65 years and over. Deaths from breast cancer ranked ninth and were evenly distributed across age groups.