

2B. LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

Five Leading Causes by Gender

Figure 2B-2
Age-adjusted Mortality Rates^a for the Five Leading Causes of Death for Both Genders by Race/Ethnicity, Arizona, 2013

It is important to note that **Figures 2B-2, 2B-3, 2B-4, and 2B-5** are based on the age-adjusted mortality rates and not on the number of deaths.

In 2013, cancer was the number one cause of death for Asians or Pacific Islanders, Hispanic or Latinos, and White non-Hispanics. Diseases of the heart were the leading cause of death for American Indians and Blacks or African Americans (**Figure 2B-2, Table 2B-4**). Unintentional injury was the third leading cause of death only for American Indians. For Asians, Hispanics, and Whites, Alzheimer's disease was the 5th leading cause of death in 2013. Diabetes was among the third leading cause of death for Blacks and Hispanics (**Table 2B-4**).

Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis was the fifth leading cause of death specific to American Indians. Chronic lower respiratory diseases were the third leading cause of death specific to White non-Hispanics.

Rank	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	White non-Hispanic
1	Cancer 100.1	Diseases of heart 122.9	Diseases of heart 200.5	Cancer 129.8	Cancer 154.3
2	Diseases of heart 82.5	Cancer 118.2	Cancer 190.4	Diseases of heart 116.1	Diseases of heart 147.6
3	Stroke 30.7	Unintentional injury 104.5	Diabetes 60.2	Diabetes 40.7	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 49.3
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 19.4	Diabetes 65.7	Stroke 54.4	Unintentional injury 38.5	Unintentional injury 47.9
5	Alzheimer's disease 18.2	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis 62.0	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 46.7	Alzheimer's disease 35.6	Alzheimer's disease 33.4

Notes: ^a Number of deaths per 100,000 population age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard.

Figure 2B-3
Age-adjusted Mortality Rates^a for the Five Leading Causes of Death by Race/Ethnicity among Females, Arizona, 2013

Based on age-adjusted mortality rates, cancer was the leading cause of death followed by heart disease for females of all racial/ethnic groups excluding American Indians (**Figure 2B-3, Table 2B-4**). Diabetes was the 3rd leading cause of death for Black women, the 4th leading cause for Hispanic women, and the 5th leading cause for Asian and American Indian females. Alzheimer's disease was among the five leading causes of death for women of all racial/ethnic backgrounds excluding American Indians.

Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis was the 4th leading cause of death specific to American Indian females. Chronic lower respiratory diseases were the 3rd leading cause of death specific to White non-Hispanic females.

Rank	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	White non-Hispanic
1	Cancer 81.4	Diseases of heart 114.5	Cancer 176.5	Cancer 117.0	Cancer 133.3
2	Diseases of heart 70.9	Cancer 97.1	Diseases of heart 144.8	Diseases of heart 93.0	Diseases of heart 111.5
3	Stroke 31.2	Unintentional injury 62.9	Diabetes 55.8	Alzheimer's disease 39.6	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 47.0
4	Alzheimer's disease 18.3	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis 55.0	Stroke 54.6	Diabetes 36.3	Alzheimer's disease 37.7
5	Diabetes 17.9	Diabetes 55.0	Alzheimer's disease 45.8	Stroke 28.5	Unintentional injury 34.7

Notes: ^a Number of deaths per 100,000 population age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard.