

**TABLE 2C-25
MORTALITY RATES¹ FOR THE FIVE-LEADING CAUSES² OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY
(65 YEARS AND OLDER) IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS³, ARIZONA, 1992-2002**

Area/Cause	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	% Change from 1992
URBAN												
Diseases of heart	1537.8	1640.9	1599.4	1463.7	1378.4	1319.1	1291.4	1295.9	1333.1	1273.8	1245.9	-19.0
Malignant neoplasms	1063.4	1093.6	1118.7	997.5	992.2	883.1	918.9	931.6	977.7	915.3	906.5	-14.8
Cerebrovascular diseases	326.2	362.0	367.5	343.0	350.5	351.9	329.1	308.5	352.4	315.5	313.7	-3.8
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	286.5	326.4	314.8	310.1	304.0	327.8	322.3	328.4	340.6	320.7	316.5	10.5
Influenza and pneumonia	133.7	146.8	133.7	118.7	130.6	116.5	132.8	148.2	153.7	138.8	156.5	17.1
ALL CAUSES	4412.0	4696.5	4713.4	4338.2	4342.3	4251.5	4202.3	4277.2	4447.4	4292.7	4314.8	-2.2
(Number of all deaths)	(17,260)	(18,604)	(19,866)	(20,311)	(21,409)	(21,687)	(22,179)	(23,447)	(23,753)	(23,758)	(24,619)	(42.6)
RURAL												
Diseases of heart	1438.1	1443.8	1378.3	1300.2	1186.6	1211.3	1258.3	1052.9	1180.6	1094.2	1106.2	-23.1
Malignant neoplasms	1006.6	944.9	962.4	955.4	936.4	853.6	923.9	902.6	954.0	933.5	900.1	-10.6
Cerebrovascular diseases	284.4	296.8	317.3	299.8	284.0	302.4	300.4	253.6	323.7	292.3	281.0	-1.2
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	278.2	324.9	282.6	271.8	298.5	281.4	305.7	289.9	293.1	266.1	297.9	7.1
Influenza and pneumonia	118.1	160.0	131.8	129.9	103.9	121.1	145.1	152.7	154.0	125.8	146.1	23.7
ALL CAUSES	4240.0	4217.5	4132.0	4006.0	3797.1	4003.8	4140.7	3911.7	4160.1	4123.0	4185.5	-1.3
(Number of all deaths)	(4,785)	(5,115)	(4,401)	(4,717)	(4,720)	(5,150)	(5,499)	(5,491)	(5,564)	(5,671)	(5,929)	(23.9)
STATEWIDE												
Diseases of heart	1515.5	1594.7	1554.8	1427.5	1339.8	1297.4	1285.1	1246.5	1303.0	1238.2	1218.1	-19.6
Malignant neoplasms	1050.7	1058.7	1087.1	989.0	981.0	877.2	920.2	925.7	973.1	919.1	905.3	-13.8
Cerebrovascular diseases	316.8	346.7	357.4	334.3	337.1	341.9	323.3	297.3	346.6	310.9	307.2	-3.0
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	284.7	326.0	308.3	302.4	302.9	318.4	319.0	320.5	331.1	309.8	313.0	9.9
Influenza and pneumonia	130.2	149.9	133.3	120.9	152.2	117.4	135.5	149.1	153.8	136.2	154.4	18.6
ALL CAUSES	4373.5	4584.2	4596.1	4271.5	4232.5	4201.6	4191.1	4203.4	4390.7	4269.8	4289.8	-1.9
(Number of all deaths)	(22,045)	(23,719)	(24,267)	(25,028)	(26,129)	(26,837)	(27,686)	(28,940)	(29,323)	(29,504)	(30,553)	(38.6)

¹ Rates are presented per 100,000 elderly persons 65 years and older.

² The five causes with the greatest number of deaths over the 1992-2002 period.

³ Urban = 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 2000-2002 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*.