

**TABLE 2C-27
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER) BY GENDER, AREA AND RACE/ETHNICITY,
ARIZONA, 2004**

	Total	Gender		Area*			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	Other/Unknown
Diseases of heart	8,495	4,182	4,313	6,852	1,640	3	7,459	678	159	140	47	12
Malignant neoplasms	6,726	3,658	3,068	5,271	1,448	7	5,920	538	133	99	31	5
Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum, and anus	639	328	311	508	130	1	570	44	14	7	4	0
Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung	1,993	1,107	886	1,512	476	5	1,823	105	39	17	6	3
Malignant neoplasm of breast	378	1	377	307	71	0	339	23	8	4	4	0
Malignant neoplasm of lymphoid, hematopoietic and related tissue	694	395	299	551	143	0	613	57	11	10	3	0
Malignant neoplasm of prostate	497	497	0	374	123	0	419	52	15	10	1	0
Cerebrovascular diseases	2,123	816	1,307	1,745	377	1	1,831	210	43	24	15	0
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,104	997	1,107	1,691	413	0	1,987	82	17	10	7	1
Alzheimer's disease	1,664	529	1,135	1,410	254	0	1,522	96	31	8	6	1
Influenza and pneumonia	940	471	469	734	206	0	834	70	6	25	3	2
Diabetes	821	371	450	614	207	0	585	157	27	39	11	2
Accidents (unintentional injury)	854	402	452	661	193	0	721	79	9	39	4	2
Falls	460	193	267	387	73	0	410	31	7	11	1	0
Motor vehicle accidents	187	99	88	126	61	0	138	28	0	17	2	2
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	489	251	238	366	122	1	372	74	13	23	6	1
Parkinson's disease	382	241	141	327	55	0	352	24	0	4	2	0
Septicemia	315	151	164	232	83	0	246	45	8	14	1	1
Total, all causes	30,532	14,614	15,918	24,384	6,132	16	26,642	2,574	541	559	172	44

*Urban = Maricopa, Pima, Pinal and Yuma counties. The remaining counties comprise Arizona's rural areas.