

**TABLE 2C-27
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER) BY GENDER, AREA AND RACE/ETHNICITY,
ARIZONA, 2005**

Cause of Death	Total	Gender		Area*		Race/ethnicity					
		Male	Female	Urban	Rural	White non-Hispanic	Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown
Diseases of heart	8,741	4,330	4,411	7,002	1,739	7,721	656	157	149	53	5
Malignant neoplasms	6,874	3,734	3,140	5,444	1,430	6,031	581	128	92	40	2
Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum, and anus	678	365	313	551	127	590	61	15	6	6	0
Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung	1,933	1,074	859	1,528	405	1,778	105	33	6	10	1
Malignant neoplasm of breast	400	6	394	318	82	354	28	9	7	1	1
Malignant neoplasm of lymphoid, hematopoietic and related tissue	734	408	326	601	133	647	63	13	8	3	0
Malignant neoplasm of prostate	518	518	0	400	118	452	48	8	9	1	0
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,403	1,109	1,294	1,950	453	2,237	123	26	9	7	1
Cerebrovascular diseases	2,034	786	1,248	1,622	412	1,770	175	39	27	23	0
Alzheimer's disease	1,801	581	1,220	1,542	259	1,624	117	32	17	10	1
Influenza and pneumonia	1,050	492	558	830	219	877	90	12	65	6	0
Accident (unintentional injury)	986	477	509	801	185	841	90	12	31	11	1
Falls	583	241	342	506	77	525	42	2	7	6	1
Motor vehicle accident	155	101	54	120	35	118	25	2	9	1	0
Diabetes	853	445	408	652	201	582	168	33	63	7	0
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	483	248	235	332	151	361	80	11	28	3	0
Parkinson's disease	473	286	187	409	64	428	30	4	8	3	0
Septicemia	342	162	180	264	78	274	44	9	11	3	1
Total, all causes	32,163	15,385	16,778	25,742	6,421	27,985	2,687	571	688	210	22

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