

**TABLE 2C-18**  
**MORTALITY RATES<sup>1</sup> FOR THE FIVE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG YOUNG ADULTS (20-44 YEARS)**  
**BY GENDER IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS<sup>2</sup>, ARIZONA, 1996-2006**

Area/Gender	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% change from 1996
<b>URBAN</b>												
Male	244.0	222.8	223.1	206.5	201.4	201.8	197.0	190.5	176.7	181.5	188.7	-22.7
Female	96.0	91.6	97.6	92.3	90.3	90.5	89.9	86.1	84.4	81.0	85.3	-11.1
TOTAL	170.9	158.1	161.4	150.6	147.8	148.1	145.4	140.2	132.2	133.0	139.3	-18.5
<b>RURAL</b>												
Male	348.1	307.5	293.6	263.1	306.1	301.8	303.4	288.9	266.5	256.4	266.4	-23.5
Female	146.3	130.2	142.1	120.7	138.8	121.6	119.2	142.8	118.0	123.0	125.1	-14.5
TOTAL	249.0	220.6	219.4	193.6	208.1	212.6	212.2	217.3	194.3	189.9	196.9	-20.9
<b>STATEWIDE</b>												
Male	284.4	258.8	253.5	221.9	213.0	217.1	211.8	204.3	189.4	191.8	199.6	-29.8
Female	113.2	107.6	113.6	99.5	96.3	95.5	94.3	94.5	89.2	87.1	91.2	-19.4
TOTAL	199.9	184.4	184.8	162.0	156.5	158.2	154.9	151.1	141.0	140.9	147.5	-26.2

<sup>1</sup>Rates are presented per 100,000 persons 20-44

<sup>2</sup>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.