

**TABLE 2C-27
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER) BY GENDER, AREA AND RACE/ETHNICITY,
ARIZONA, 2006**

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	8,343	4,061	4,282	6,660	1,683	7,313	658	179	135	56	2
Malignant neoplasms	6,925	3,774	3,151	5,394	1,531	6,132	531	123	91	46	2
Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum, and anus	687	371	316	521	166	607	61	10	4	4	1
Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung	2,018	1,120	898	1,563	455	1,860	103	37	4	13	1
Malignant neoplasm of breast	427	5	422	359	68	393	23	6	3	2	0
Malignant neoplasm of lymphoid, hematopoietic and related tissue	718	411	307	598	120	626	61	17	12	2	0
Malignant neoplasm of prostate	464	464	0	347	117	387	52	12	8	5	0
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,430	1,165	1,265	1,914	516	2,307	83	24	10	6	0
Cerebrovascular diseases	1,839	696	1,143	1,481	358	1,591	162	47	29	10	0
Alzheimer's disease	2,036	631	1,405	1,709	327	1,853	130	27	20	5	1
Influenza and pneumonia	923	454	469	744	179	776	90	10	34	13	0
Accidents (unintentional injury)	971	477	494	785	186	834	92	13	24	8	0
Falls	602	263	339	513	89	532	51	6	8	5	0
Motor vehicle accidents	157	92	65	122	35	129	16	2	8	2	0
Diabetes	807	411	396	622	185	541	178	38	42	7	1
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	426	207	219	305	121	327	64	8	23	3	1
Parkinson's disease	482	289	193	391	91	431	36	3	9	3	0
Septicemia	391	185	206	310	81	315	45	10	18	3	0
Total, all causes	32,192	15,273	16,919	25,585	6,607	28,097	2,666	606	606	208	9

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