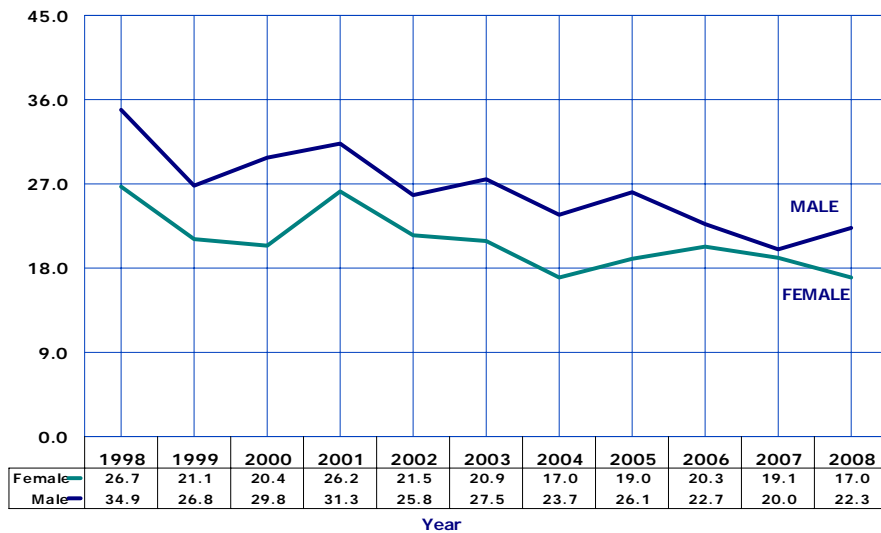


2C. AGE-SPECIFIC MORTALITY
Childhood mortality (ages 1-14 years)

Figure 2C-5
Mortality Rates by Gender and Year among Children 1-14 Years, Arizona, 1998-2008

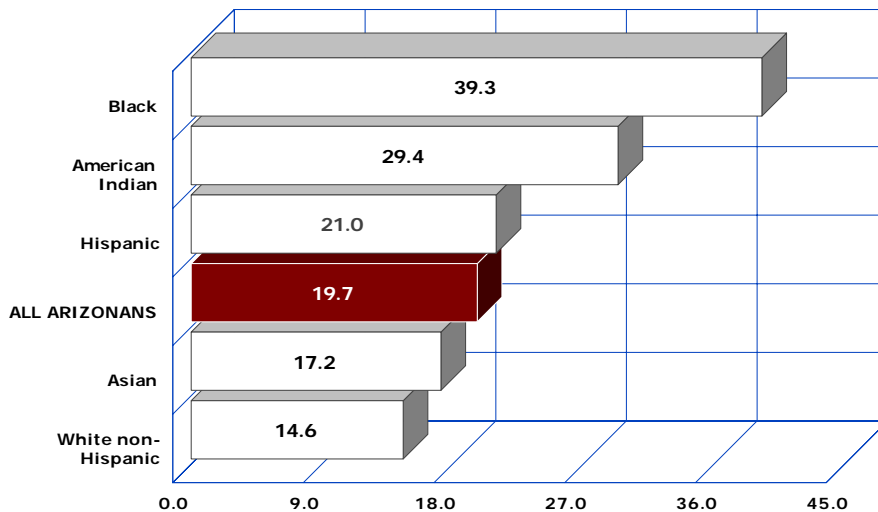


Number of deaths per 100,000 persons, 1-14 years old in specified group.

Death claimed the lives of 262 of the 1,330,464 children (1 to 14 years old) residing in Arizona in 2008. Their 2008 mortality rate of 19.7 per 100,000 was not significantly different from the rate of 19.5 in 2007 (**Table 2C-8**). Females but not males experienced a decrease in their total mortality rates from 2007 to 2008 (**Figure 2C-5, Table 2C-8**).

Females aged 1-14 years died in 2008 at the lowest rate since 1980.

Figure 2C-6
Mortality Rates by Race/Ethnicity among Children 1-14 Years, Arizona, 2008



*Number of deaths per 100,000 persons, 1-14 years old in specified group.

Black or African American children had the highest 2008 total mortality rate (39.3 deaths per 100,000), followed by American Indian (29.4/100,000) and Hispanic children (21.0 deaths per 100,000; **Figure 2C-6**). The mortality rates for Asian and White non-Hispanic children were lower than the average rate for all groups.

It is important to note that the rate for Asian or Pacific Islander children is based on only 6 deaths (**Table 2C-11**), and it is not statistically reliable.