

**TABLE 2C-27  
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER) BY GENDER, AREA AND RACE/ETHNICITY,  
ARIZONA, 2009**

Cause of death	Total	Gender		Area*			Race/ethnicity					
		Male	Female	Urban	Rural	Other/ 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	8,172	4,122	4,050	6,473	1,687	12	7,076	695	168	147	66	20
Malignant neoplasms	7,227	3,907	3,320	5,676	1,536	15	6,224	635	164	128	66	10
Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung	2,077	1,122	955	1,607	466	4	1,862	139	43	11	19	3
Malignant neoplasm of lymphoid, hematopoietic and related tissue	741	406	335	609	131	1	649	53	20	10	8	1
Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum, and anus	628	332	296	485	143	0	522	74	16	8	8	0
Malignant neoplasm of breast	431	6	425	356	74	1	377	36	10	6	2	0
Malignant neoplasm of prostate	498	497	1	383	113	2	418	50	19	10	1	0
Malignant neoplasm of pancreas	465	222	243	384	81	0	397	44	10	10	2	2
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,460	1,166	1,294	1,918	537	5	2,286	98	30	29	14	3
Alzheimer's disease	2,064	686	1,378	1,789	270	5	1,836	158	38	16	13	3
Cerebrovascular diseases	1,736	702	1,034	1,401	332	3	1,445	179	49	35	27	1
Accidents (unintentional injury)	980	488	492	812	163	5	830	94	7	37	12	0
Falls	639	280	359	548	89	2	553	56	4	18	8	0
Motor vehicle accidents	129	88	41	97	31	1	103	17	2	6	1	0
Influenza and pneumonia	786	351	435	609	177	0	635	76	13	47	12	3
Diabetes	744	366	378	579	163	2	495	142	29	66	11	1
Parkinson's disease	433	275	158	360	72	1	383	32	6	10	2	0
Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive disease	403	194	209	336	66	1	314	50	22	9	7	1
Septicemia	368	170	198	287	79	2	269	39	14	40	6	0
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	414	215	199	298	116	0	294	77	16	26	1	0
<b>Total, all causes</b>	<b>32,098</b>	<b>15,462</b>	<b>16,636</b>	<b>25,596</b>	<b>6,441</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>27,354</b>	<b>2,936</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>58</b>

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