

**TABLE 2C-26
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER) BY GENDER, AREA, AND RACE/ETHNICITY,
ARIZONA, 2011**

Cause of death	Total	Gender			Area*			Race/ethnicity					
		Male	Female	Unknown	Urban	Rural	Unknown	White non-Hispanic	Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian or other Pacific Islander	Unspecified other or unknown race
Diseases of heart	8,407	4,310	4,096	1	6,548	1,836	23	7,273	740	152	130	53	59
Malignant neoplasms	7,513	4,075	3,437	1	5,945	1,558	10	6,410	684	152	124	88	55
Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus, and lung	2,050	1,139	911	0	1,609	439	2	1,839	132	38	9	18	14
Malignant neoplasm of lymphoid, hematopoietic, and related tissue	785	454	331	0	627	158	0	675	74	15	7	7	7
Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum, and anus	653	323	330	0	515	138	0	538	67	22	12	12	2
Malignant neoplasm of pancreas	522	246	276	0	421	101	0	441	51	10	11	9	0
Malignant neoplasm of prostate	520	519	1	0	409	111	0	440	52	9	10	1	8
Malignant neoplasm of breast	444	2	442	0	354	90	0	393	27	8	5	6	5
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,745	1,288	1,457	0	2,187	554	4	2,539	113	36	18	15	24
Alzheimer's disease	2,307	763	1,544	0	2,030	269	8	2,013	179	58	26	16	15
Cerebrovascular diseases	1,782	665	1,117	0	1,419	358	5	1,470	185	56	40	24	7
Diabetes	1,193	626	567	0	988	204	1	807	226	56	71	19	14
Accidents (unintentional injury)	1,070	505	565	0	870	197	3	868	109	20	47	10	16
Falls	683	269	414	0	577	106	0	588	54	10	20	4	7
Motor vehicle accidents	144	100	44	0	99	45	0	101	21	3	14	4	1
Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive disease	636	247	389	0	556	79	1	513	75	27	10	8	3
Influenza and pneumonia	533	262	271	0	376	156	1	418	65	6	35	6	3
Parkinson's disease	526	310	216	0	429	97	0	469	29	8	14	4	2
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis	340	173	167	0	225	114	1	256	47	8	19	8	2
Septicemia	234	124	110	0	159	74	1	171	33	8	17	3	2
Total, all causes	34,318	16,517	17,798	3	27,302	6,935	81	29,085	3,199	717	740	314	263

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