

**TABLE 2C-26
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER) BY GENDER, AREA, AND RACE/ETHNICITY,
ARIZONA, 2012**

Cause of death	Total	Gender		Area ^a			Race/ethnicity				
		Male	Female	Urban	Rural	Unknown	White non-Hispanic	Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
Diseases of heart	8,449	4,384	4,065	6,634	1,794	21	7,297	739	186	148	79
Malignant neoplasms	7,729	4,257	3,472	6,141	1,578	10	6,656	710	170	114	79
Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung	2,109	1,144	965	1,689	418	*	1,895	139	44	12	19
Malignant neoplasm of lymphoid, hematopoietic and related tissue	850†	486	363	687	158	*	719	89	23	14	*
Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum, and anus	673	354	319	513	160	0	568	66	22	7	10
Malignant neoplasm of pancreas	587	309	278	480	106	*	496	61	17	6	7
Malignant neoplasm of prostate	510†	513	0	407	106	0	431	57	14	8	*
Malignant neoplasm of breast	430†	*	430	353	79	0	380	31	11	*	*
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,746	1,372	1,374	2,149	589	8	2,539	131	38	26	12
Alzheimer's disease	2,129	735	1,394	1,871	256	*	1,848	195	41	17	28
Cerebrovascular diseases	1,774	710	1,064	1,434	338	*	1,447	212	56	29	30
Diabetes	1,148	624	524	935	210	*	746	238	52	88	24
Accidents (unintentional injury)	999	474	525	799	197	*	849	96	18	26	10
Falls	680†	293	386	555	124	0	597	58	7	12	*
Motor vehicle accidents	110†	80	27	82	22	*	88	12	*	*	0
Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive disease	613	249	364	520	91	*	493	69	26	16	9
Parkinson's disease	570†	359	206	470	92	*	512	38	*	6	*
Influenza and pneumonia	540†	263	279	395	146	*	435	56	11	36	*
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	370†	178	195	244	126	*	281	53	14	21	*
Septicemia	240†	117	121	162	75	*	192	19	6	17	*
Total, all causes^b	34,958	17,100†	17,855	27,824	7,058	80†	29,726	3,334	780†	760†	360†

Notes: * Cell suppressed due to count less than 6; † Sum rounded to nearest tens unit due to addend less than 6; ^a Urban = Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Yuma counties; the remaining counties comprise Arizona's rural areas; ^b Total all causes includes 2 unknown gender.