

**TABLE 2C-26  
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER) BY GENDER, AREA, AND RACE/ETHNICITY,  
ARIZONA, 2015**

Cause of death	Total	Gender		Area <sup>a</sup>			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
<b>Diseases of heart</b>	9,189	4,798	4,391	7,091	2,068	30	7,869	875	213	144	87
<b>Malignant neoplasms</b>	8,502	4,609	3,893	6,693	1,793	16	7,228	798	193	155	128
<b>Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung</b>	2,239	1,160	1,079	1,757	479	*	1,994	143	50	10	42
<b>Malignant neoplasm of lymphoid, hematopoietic and related tissue</b>	871	506	365	712	157	*	746	88	15	14	8
<b>Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum, and anus</b>	713	382	331	549	164	0	599	69	22	13	10
<b>Malignant neoplasm of pancreas</b>	636	325	311	508	128	0	539	61	14	10	12
<b>Malignant neoplasm of prostate</b>	576	576	0	441	130	*	474	58	22	16	6
<b>Malignant neoplasm of breast</b>	500†	*	495	405	94	*	439	31	13	8	9
<b>Chronic lower respiratory diseases</b>	3,192	1,527	1,665	2,494	688	10	2,934	168	47	21	22
<b>Alzheimer's disease</b>	2,903	1,005	1,898	2,493	407	*	2,485	296	63	34	25
<b>Cerebrovascular diseases</b>	2,127	905	1,222	1,692	433	*	1,738	237	68	42	40
<b>Diabetes</b>	1,345	737	608	1,104	240	*	858	316	60	84	27
<b>Accidents (unintentional injury)</b>	1,298	675	623	1,001	290	7	1,070	129	29	49	21
<b>Falls</b>	894	433	461	727	166	*	757	90	17	17	13
<b>Motor vehicle accidents</b>	160†	102	56	112	44	*	128	16	6	*	*
<b>Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive disease</b>	735	322	413	642	93	0	593	87	29	15	11
<b>Parkinson's disease</b>	700†	442	258	575	124	*	603	66	12	14	*
<b>Influenza and pneumonia</b>	626	312	314	471	153	*	483	81	21	33	8
<b>Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis</b>	430	228	202	280	149	*	320	66	12	25	7
<b>Septicemia</b>	329	167	162	253	73	*	254	42	12	14	7
<b>Total, all causes<sup>b</sup></b>	39,480	19,665	19,815	31,179	8,196	105	33,194	3,963	920	924	475

Notes: \* Cell suppressed due to count less than 6; † Sum rounded to nearest tens unit due to addend less than 6; <sup>a</sup> Urban = Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Yuma counties; the remaining counties comprise Arizona's rural areas; <sup>b</sup> May include other causes of death not shown above.