

**TABLE 2C-26  
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER) BY GENDER, AREA, AND RACE/ETHNICITY,  
ARIZONA, 2017**

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	Refused/Unknown
<b>Diseases of heart</b>	10,171	5,446	4,725	7,877	2,258	36	8,585	956	220	214	127	69
<b>Malignant neoplasms</b>	8,850	4,854	3,996	6,919	1,903	28	7,455	847	216	160	128	44
<b>Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung</b>	2,196	1,172	1,024	1,696	494	6	1,964	134	36	11	41	10
<b>Malignant neoplasm of lymphoid, hematopoietic and related tissue</b>	945	549	396	769	176	0	800	87	26	13	19	0
<b>Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum, and anus</b>	770 <sup>†</sup>	412	354	609	155	*	634	90	21	13	6	*
<b>Malignant neoplasm of pancreas</b>	700 <sup>†</sup>	359	339	568	128	*	572	80	23	14	6	*
<b>Malignant neoplasm of prostate</b>	610 <sup>†</sup>	606	0	453	150	*	500	61	23	13	*	*
<b>Malignant neoplasm of breast</b>	520 <sup>†</sup>	6	510	413	102	*	435	44	18	10	7	*
<b>Chronic lower respiratory diseases</b>	3,293	1,566	1,727	2,490	789	14	2,982	178	42	37	31	23
<b>Alzheimer's disease</b>	2,997	1,052	1,945	2,465	524	8	2,565	312	61	22	25	12
<b>Cerebrovascular diseases</b>	2,292	970	1,322	1,819	465	8	1,840	289	73	50	33	7
<b>Accidents (unintentional injury)</b>	1,485	766	719	1,135	340	10	1,176	169	32	64	28	16
<b>Falls</b>	950 <sup>†</sup>	420	527	766	179	*	810	87	10	25	12	*
<b>Motor vehicle accidents</b>	200 <sup>†</sup>	135	63	140	57	*	132	33	9	16	6	*
<b>Diabetes</b>	1,411	795	616	1,120	286	*	898	302	61	113	31	6
<b>Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive disease</b>	850 <sup>†</sup>	377	473	740	110	0	650	122	37	21	17	*
<b>Parkinson's disease</b>	740 <sup>†</sup>	470	267	606	130	*	637	57	7	17	15	*
<b>Influenza and pneumonia</b>	700 <sup>†</sup>	339	358	530	163	*	544	96	13	34	8	*
<b>Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis</b>	445	236	209	314	131	0	338	60	13	24	10	0
<b>Septicemia</b>	330 <sup>†</sup>	151	183	260	73	*	241	54	13	18	6	*
<b>Total, all causes<sup>b</sup></b>	42,199	21,144	21,055	33,146	8,905	148	34,964	4,407	975	1,062	557	234

Notes: \* Cell suppressed due to count less than 6; <sup>†</sup> 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..