

**TABLE 2C-24
MORTALITY RATES^a FOR THE SELECTED FIVE LEADING CAUSES^b OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER)
IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS^c, ARIZONA, 2011-2021**

Area/Cause	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% change from 2011
URBAN												
Diseases of heart	932.0	891.8	862.3	781.0	830.2	835.5	839.1	829.2	822.4	893.4	885.1	-5.0
Malignant neoplasms	846.2	825.5	807.6	748.7	783.6	756.6	737.1	724.0	726.2	732.2	705.1	-16.7
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	311.3	288.9	286.3	267.8	292.0	285.8	265.3	257.5	238.0	235.6	215.1	-30.9
Cerebrovascular diseases	202.0	192.8	180.1	172.6	198.1	197.5	193.8	203.2	197.2	218.6	211.4	4.7
Alzheimer's disease	288.9	251.5	272.0	252.6	291.9	286.0	262.6	253.4	249.6	254.7	207.8	-28.1
ALL CAUSES	3886.0	3740.3	3663.4	3615.6	3650.2	3624.7	3531.0	3568.4	3488.5	4238.3	4220.5	8.6
(Number of all deaths)	(27,302)	(27,824)	(28,442)	(29,416)	(31,179)	(32,370)	(33,146)	(34,397)	(35,062)	(43,652)	(45,392)	66.3
RURAL												
Diseases of heart	990.4	912.5	919.1	834.0	935.2	947.2	940.3	900.8	819.6	950.5	929.5	-6.1
Malignant neoplasms	840.5	802.6	847.8	764.5	810.8	828.2	792.5	794.6	788.7	803.9	777.9	-7.4
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	298.9	299.6	314.0	264.3	311.1	311.2	328.6	327.6	323.4	304.0	301.2	0.8
Cerebrovascular diseases	193.1	171.9	164.1	157.9	195.8	204.0	193.6	196.1	187.2	202.0	206.8	7.1
Alzheimer's disease	145.1	130.2	117.2	118.7	184.1	211.9	218.2	211.3	190.6	218.6	174.1	20.0
ALL CAUSES	3741.1	3590.0	3665.4	3558.1	3706.3	3771.9	3708.2	3634.9	3566.0	4435.0	4588.6	22.7
(Number of all deaths)	(6,935)	(7,058)	(7,505)	(7,526)	(8,196)	(8,653)	(8,905)	(9,099)	(9,241)	(11,525)	(12,494)	80.2
TOTAL												
Diseases of heart	946.8	898.3	874.8	793.1	854.5	861.8	862.8	845.4	823.1	907.0	896.5	-5.3
Malignant neoplasms	846.1	821.8	816.9	752.6	790.7	773.8	750.7	739.9	740.1	747.7	721.2	-14.8
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	309.1	292.0	292.3	267.6	296.8	292.8	279.3	272.6	256.0	249.6	232.6	-24.7
Cerebrovascular diseases	200.7	188.6	176.9	169.6	197.8	199.2	194.4	202.3	195.6	215.5	211.2	5.2
Alzheimer's disease	259.8	226.4	239.8	225.4	270.0	271.5	254.2	245.3	238.0	247.7	201.3	-22.5
ALL CAUSES	3864.8	3716.9	3667.5	3610.4	3671.5	3669.5	3579.6	3588.4	3511.9	4286.1	4304.7	11.4
(Number of all deaths)	(34,318)	(34,958)	(35,983)	(37,010)	(39,480)	(41,189)	(42,199)	(43,572)	(44,398)	(55,283)	(58,019)	69.1

Notes: ^a Rates are presented per 100,000 elderly persons 65 years and older; ^b The five causes with the greatest number of deaths over the 2011-2021 period; ^c Urban = Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Yuma counties; the remaining counties comprise Arizona's rural areas; see **Technical Notes** for more information; records with unknown county of residence are included in the statewide totals, but are not distributed by urban/rural area; the cause-of-death titles are according to the Tenth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10); the causes of death for 2011-2021 are classified by ICD-10, replacing the Ninth Revision (ICD-9); measures of comparison between ICD-9 and ICD-10 – the “comparability ratios” – for the causes of death shown in this report are provided in the **Technical Notes**; although COVID-19 was among the 5 leading causes of death, it has been excluded in this table because the ICD-10 definition had not been identified until 2020, thus there is no data for years 2011-2019 and making it impossible to show a trend and a percent change.