

**T38. LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG ELDERLY (65 YEARS AND OLDER) BY GENDER, AREA, AND RACE/ETHNICITY,  
ARIZONA, 2024**

| 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>                                                | 12,514 | 6,823  | 5,691  | 9,955             | 2,542  | 17      | 10,310             | 1,341              | 363                       | 251                              | 195                       | 54              |
| <b>Malignant neoplasms</b>                                              | 10,385 | 5,641  | 4,744  | 8,151             | 2,224  | 10      | 8,366              | 1,233              | 335                       | 206                              | 210                       | 35              |
| <b>Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung</b>                 | 2,070  | 1,057  | 1,013  | 1,622             | 446    | *       | 1,762              | 173                | 67                        | 15                               | 46                        | 7               |
| <b>Malignant neoplasm of lymphoid, hematopoietic and related tissue</b> | 1,070  | 630    | 440    | 877               | 192    | *       | 851                | 141                | 39                        | 17                               | 19                        | *               |
| <b>Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum, and anus</b>                    | 875    | 492    | 383    | 671               | 202    | *       | 671                | 132                | 28                        | 22                               | 19                        | *               |
| <b>Malignant neoplasm of pancreas</b>                                   | 860    | 422    | 438    | 722               | 136    | *       | 680                | 107                | 34                        | 16                               | 22                        | *               |
| <b>Malignant neoplasm of prostate</b>                                   | 754    | 754    | 0      | 541               | 213    | 0       | 599                | 80                 | 42                        | 17                               | 11                        | *               |
| <b>Malignant neoplasm of breast</b>                                     | 636    | 6      | 630    | 504               | 130    | *       | 520                | 78                 | 16                        | 11                               | 9                         | *               |
| <b>Chronic lower respiratory diseases</b>                               | 3,270  | 1,528  | 1,742  | 2,405             | 862    | *       | 2,956              | 172                | 77                        | 34                               | 17                        | 14              |
| <b>Cerebrovascular diseases</b>                                         | 2,831  | 1,223  | 1,608  | 2,313             | 514    | *       | 2,227              | 367                | 95                        | 65                               | 70                        | 7               |
| <b>Alzheimer's disease</b>                                              | 2,628  | 878    | 1,750  | 2,139             | 488    | *       | 2,133              | 338                | 64                        | 31                               | 58                        | *               |
| <b>Total accidents (unintentional injury)</b>                           | 2,113  | 1,227  | 886    | 1,687             | 415    | 11      | 1,637              | 271                | 64                        | 84                               | 39                        | 18              |
| <b>Falls</b>                                                            | 1,169  | 586    | 583    | 982               | 185    | *       | 949                | 142                | 14                        | 32                               | 28                        | *               |
| <b>Motor vehicle accidents</b>                                          | 264    | 170    | 94     | 191               | 71     | *       | 182                | 45                 | 6                         | 21                               | 8                         | *               |
| <b>Diabetes</b>                                                         | 1,716  | 970    | 746    | 1,380             | 332    | *       | 1,064              | 382                | 98                        | 114                              | 49                        | 9               |
| <b>Parkinson's disease</b>                                              | 949    | 607    | 342    | 800               | 148    | *       | 814                | 88                 | 13                        | 16                               | 16                        | *               |
| <b>Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease</b>  | 898    | 437    | 461    | 743               | 155    | 0       | 653                | 133                | 63                        | 31                               | 16                        | *               |
| <b>Influenza and pneumonia</b>                                          | 745    | 399    | 346    | 563               | 181    | *       | 547                | 88                 | 30                        | 55                               | 22                        | *               |
| <b>Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis</b>                      | 639    | 359    | 280    | 493               | 145    | *       | 443                | 112                | 37                        | 32                               | 14                        | *               |
| <b>COVID-19</b>                                                         | 553    | 319    | 234    | 433               | 119    | *       | 462                | 56                 | 10                        | 15                               | 8                         | *               |
| <b>Septicemia</b>                                                       | 337    | 159    | 178    | 279               | 58     | 0       | 242                | 55                 | 15                        | 17                               | 7                         | *               |
| <b>Total, all causes</b>                                                | 53,043 | 26,978 | 26,065 | 41,863            | 11,065 | 115     | 42,478             | 6,325              | 1,656                     | 1,394                            | 972                       | 218             |

Notes: \* Cell suppressed due to count less than 6; <sup>a</sup> Urban = Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Yuma counties; The remaining counties comprise Arizona's rural areas.