

1997 Death Summary

An update from the Vital Statistics Unit

The Health Statistics Section presents the leading causes of death in Colorado in 1997.

Trends

In 1997, 25,606 Colorado residents died: 12,906 males and 12,700 females. The number of deaths in 1997 decreased less than 1 percent (110 deaths) from 1996; however, Colorado's 1997 crude death rate declined to 651 deaths per 100,000 population from 673 deaths per 100,000 in 1996, the lowest crude death rate since 1992 (646/100,000). The U.S. crude death rate declined slightly from 875 deaths per 100,000 in 1996 to 865/100,000 in 1997. Colorado has experienced lower crude death rates than the U.S. since 1946.

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BRIEF

Age-Adjusted Rates

Age-adjusted rates correct for age differences in populations and serve as a better comparison than crude rates (Table 2). In 1997, the age-adjusted death rate for Colorado was 424 deaths per 100,000, a 4.3 percent decline from 1996. The Colorado age-adjusted death rate was 11.3 percent lower than the U.S. age-adjusted rate of 478 deaths per 100,000, indicating that the younger age of the Colorado population does not fully account for the state's lower crude death rate when compared to the U.S.

In 1997, Colorado experienced lower age-adjusted death rates for 11 of the 17 leading causes of death when compared to U.S. rates. The state reported higher age-adjusted rates of death than the U.S. for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), unintentional injuries, chronic liver disease, suicide, atherosclerosis, and Alzheimer's disease. In addition, Colorado had higher age-adjusted death rates for drug-induced and alcohol-induced deaths than for the U.S.; however, the age-adjusted death rate from firearm injuries in Colorado decreased 15 percent in 1997 to 11.4 deaths per 100,000, slightly less than the U.S. rate of 11.9/100,000.

Leading Causes of Death

The table on page two presents the standard listing of the leading causes of death for Colorado and the U.S. The leading causes of death rankings are based on the numbers of deaths for selected categories defined by the National Center for Health Statistics. Component causes of death are not included in the rankings.

Among Colorado residents, heart disease continued to be the leading cause of death. In 1997, 6,519 residents died of heart disease, yielding an age-adjusted death rate of 97.2 per 100,000 population. Cancer was the second leading cause of death, representing 5,638 deaths, with an age-adjusted rate of 103.5/100,000. Both heart disease and cancer were significantly lower than the national age-adjusted rates of 129.9 and 125.0/100,000, respectively.

Within leading causes of death, the age-adjusted death rate for pneumonia/influenza among Colorado residents exhibited the most change, decreasing 20 percent from 13.2 in 1996 to 10.5/100,000 in 1997. The age-adjusted suicide rate for Colorado

declined to 15.1/100,000 from the 1996 rate of 16.3/100,000 yet still remains higher than the U.S. age-adjusted rate of 10.3 per 100,000.

Age

In 1997, the infant mortality rate increased to 7.0 deaths per 1,000 live births from the 1996 rate of 6.5/1,000, an increase of 8 percent and the highest rate in Colorado since 1993 (7.9/1,000).

The most common causes of death varied by age group. Among Colorado residents age 1-44, unintentional injuries were the leading cause of death. For persons age 15-24, suicide was the second leading cause of death, followed by deaths from homicide and legal intervention. Among persons age 35-44, cancer was the second leading cause of death, followed by suicide and chronic liver disease.

Cancer and heart disease were the first and second leading causes of death in 1997 among Colorado residents age 45-74. Heart disease, followed by cancer, were the leading causes of death for persons over 75 years of age.

Patterns by Race and Ethnicity

In 1997, cancer and heart disease accounted for the highest percentage of deaths among Colorado residents for all race and ethnicity groups with the exception of American Indians, who died most often from unintentional injuries.

Certain causes of death varied by race and ethnicity in Colorado in 1997. Non-Hispanic whites experienced a greater percentage of deaths due to heart disease and COPD than any other race and ethnicity group. Among American Indians, a higher proportion of deaths were due to unintentional injuries, suicide, and chronic liver disease than other groups. After heart disease and cancer, cerebrovascular disease and unintentional injuries were the leading causes of death among Blacks. Hispanic whites had the highest proportion of deaths due to diabetes mellitus, and Asians experienced the highest percentage of cancer deaths in 1997. □

Deaths, Crude Death Rates, and Age-Adjusted Death Rates for Leading Causes with Selected Components, and Selected Categories: Colorado Residents and United States, 1997

CAUSE OF DEATH	ICD-9 CODES	COLORADO			UNITED STATES				
		RANK	N	CRUDE RATE	AGE-ADJUSTED RATE	RANK	N	CRUDE RATE	AGE-ADJUSTED RATE
All Causes			25,606	650.7	424.0		2,314,729	864.9	478.2
Heart Disease (390-398,402,404-429)		1	6,519	165.7	97.2	1	725,790	271.2	129.9
Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease (390-398)			97	2.5	1.7		4,922	1.8	1.0
Hypertensive Heart Disease (402)			165	4.2	2.4		26,088	9.7	5.0
Hypertensive Heart and Renal Disease (404)			12	0.3	0.2		2,403	0.9	0.4
Ischemic Heart Disease (410-414)			3,901	99.1	59.8		465,651	174.0	82.7
Other Disease of Endocardium (424)			192	4.9	2.5		17,683	6.6	2.7
All Other Forms of Heart Disease (415-423, 425-429)			2,152	54.7	30.7		209,043	78.1	38.0
Malignant Neoplasms (140-208)		2	5,638	143.3	103.5	2	537,390	200.8	125.0
Malignant Neoplasms of Lip, Oral Cavity, and Pharynx (140-149)			71	1.8	1.3		7,823	2.9	2.0
Malignant Neoplasms of Digestive Organs and Peritoneum (150-159)			1,334	33.9	23.7		126,109	47.1	27.9
Malignant Neoplasms of Respiratory and Intrathoracic Organs (160-165)			1,367	34.7	26.2		158,234	59.1	38.6
Malignant Neoplasms of Breast (174-175)			462	11.7	8.7		42,181	15.8	10.5
Malignant Neoplasms of Genital Organs (179-187)			652	16.6	10.8		58,539	21.9	11.9
Malignant Neoplasms of Urinary Organs (188-189)			263	6.7	4.6		23,271	8.7	5.0
Malignant Neoplasms of Other and unspecified Sites (170-173, 190-199)			846	21.5	16.5		65,616	24.5	16.1
Leukemia (204-208)			229	5.8	4.3		20,197	7.5	4.7
Other Malignant Neoplasms of Lymphatic and Hematopoietic Tissues (200-203)			414	10.5	7.6		35,421	13.2	8.2
Cerebrovascular Disease (430-438)		3	1,712	43.5	23.1	3	159,877	59.7	25.9
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (490-496)		4	1,659	42.2	26.7	4	110,637	41.3	21.4
Unintentional Injuries (E800-E949)		5	1,468	37.3	32.2	5	92,191	34.4	28.9
Motor Vehicle (E810-E825)			637	16.2	15.9		42,420	15.8	15.5
All Other (E800-E807, E826-E949)			831	21.1	16.3		49,772	18.6	13.4
Pneumonia and Influenza (480-487)		6	853	21.7	10.5	6	88,383	33.0	13.2
Suicide (E950-E959)		7	627	15.9	15.1	8	29,725	11.1	10.3
Diabetes Mellitus (250)		8	527	13.4	9.1	7	62,332	23.3	13.4
Atherosclerosis (440)		9	391	9.9	4.1	15	15,844	5.9	2.0
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis (571)		11	346	8.8	7.5	10	24,765	9.3	7.2
Alzheimer's Disease (331.0)		10	355	9.0	3.8	11	22,527	8.4	2.7
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome (580-589)		12	250	6.4	3.4	9	25,570	9.6	4.5
Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection (042-044)		17	126	3.2	2.9	14	16,685	6.2	5.9
Septicemia (038)		13	198	5.0	3.1	12	22,604	8.4	4.2
Homicide and Legal Intervention (E960-E978)		14	192	4.9	5.0	13	18,774	7.0	7.5
Congenital Anomalies (740-759)		15	161	4.1	4.0	17	11,733	4.4	4.1
Certain Conditions of Perinatal Period (760-779)		16	170	4.3	4.6	16	12,764	4.8	5.1
All Other			4,414	112.2	68.3	-	-	-	-
Injury by Firearms (E922, E955.0-E955.4, E965.0-E965.4, E970, E985.0-E985.4)			463	11.8	11.4		31,636	11.8	11.9
Drug-Induced Deaths (292, 304, 305.2-305.9, E850-E858 E950.0-E950.5, E962.0, E980.0-E980.5)			250	6.4	5.9		13,231	4.9	4.6
Alcohol-Induced Deaths (291, 303, 305.0, 357.5, 425.5, 535.3, 571.0-571.3, 790.3, E860)			377	9.6	8.4		18,824	7.0	6.0
Injury at Work (see footnote)			92	2.3	2.2		5,606	2.1	2.0
Infant Death (see footnote)			397	7.0	-		27,692	7.1	-

The cause-of-death rankings are based on the number of deaths for selected categories as defined by the National Center for Health Statistics. All component parts are not ranked. "Injury by Firearms," "Drug-Induced Deaths," "Alcohol-Induced Deaths," "Injury at Work," and "Infant Deaths" may be included in other categories. "Injury at Work" includes deaths aged 16+ that had an ICD-9 E-code mentioned and "Injury at Work" item checked on the certificate. Deaths rates are per 100,000 population. Age-adjusted rates are adjusted to the 1940 U.S. using the direct method applied to ten-year age groups. See Technical Notes for explanation of age adjustment. Infant deaths are deaths in the 1st year of life and infant mortality rates are per 1,000 live births. U.S. data are from the National Center for Health Statistics and are preliminary for 1997.

Leading Causes of Death and Age-Specific Death Rates by Age Group : Colorado Residents, 1997

CAUSE OF DEATH	TOTAL	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+
NUMBER OF DEATHS														
All Causes	25,606	397	76	40	65	198	251	620	1,143	1,818	2,464	4,916	6,963	6,655
Heart Disease	6,519	10	*	*	4	7	13	25	120	380	570	1,280	1,972	2,136
Malignant Neoplasms	5,638	*	5	9	7	11	10	58	184	558	907	1,548	1,580	760
Cerebrovascular Disease	1,712	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	32	70	117	232	567	684
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	1,659	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	8	41	134	503	637	327
Total Unintentional Injuries	1,468	12	26	18	33	86	118	207	215	179	105	122	174	173
Motor Vehicle	637	*	11	9	18	70	92	104	90	85	42	47	52	15
All Other 831	10	15	9	15	16	26	103	125	94	63	75	122	158	
Pneumonia and Influenza	853	4	*	*	*	*	*	6	21	26	35	91	229	435
Suicide	627	*	*	*	10	41	48	130	144	109	54	46	30	15
Diabetes Mellitus	527	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	16	35	63	150	145	106
Atherosclerosis	391	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	27	107	244	
Alzheimer's Disease	355	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4	35	115	199	
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	346	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	69	90	76	56	45	*
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	250	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	12	45	84	94	
Septicemia	198	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	10	15	43	58	57
Homicide and Legal Intervention	192	9	7	*	5	27	33	33	30	22	9	10	3	4
Perinatal Period Conditions	170	169	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Congenital Anomalies	161	90	13	*	*	4	*	5	9	4	6	7	9	8
Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection	126	*	*	*	*	*	*	30	59	22	10	4	*	*
All Other Causes	4,414	96	18	8	*	19	23	94	225	257	336	717	1,208	1,411

AGE-SPECIFIC DEATH RATES

All Causes	650.7	702.6	33.1	13.5	22.6	68.6	86.7	109.7	162.0	345.6	827.0	2,190.7	5,425.1	16,777.2
Heart Disease	165.7	17.7	*	*	1.4	2.4	4.5	4.4	17.0	72.2	191.3	570.4	1,536.4	5,384.8
Malignant Neoplasms	143.3	*	2.2	3.0	2.4	3.8	3.5	10.3	26.1	106.1	304.4	689.8	1,231.0	1,916.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	43.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.2	4.5	13.3	39.3	103.4	441.8	1,724.4
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	42.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.9	1.1	7.8	45.0	224.2	496.3	824.4
Total Unintentional Injuries	37.3	21.2	11.3	6.1	11.5	29.8	40.8	36.6	30.5	34.0	35.2	54.4	135.6	436.1
Motor Vehicle	16.2	*	4.8	3.0	6.3	24.2	31.8	18.4	12.8	16.2	14.1	20.9	40.5	37.8
All Other	21.1	17.7	6.5	3.0	5.2	5.5	9.0	18.2	17.7	17.9	21.1	33.4	95.1	398.3
Pneumonia and Influenza	21.7	7.1	*	*	*	*	*	1.1	3.0	4.9	11.7	40.6	178.4	1,096.6
Suicide	15.9	*	*	*	3.5	14.2	16.6	23.0	20.4	20.7	18.1	20.5	23.4	37.8
Diabetes Mellitus	13.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.6	2.3	6.7	21.1	66.8	113.0	267.2
Atherosclerosis	9.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.7	12.0	83.4	615.1
Alzheimer's Disease	9.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.3	15.6	89.6	501.7
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	8.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.2	9.8	17.1	25.5	25.0	35.1	*
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	6.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.3	4.0	20.1	65.4	237.0
Septicemia	5.0	5.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.3	1.9	5.0	19.2	45.2	143.7
Homicide and Legal Intervention	4.9	15.9	3.0	*	1.7	9.4	11.4	5.8	4.3	4.2	3.0	4.5	2.3	10.1
Perinatal Period Conditions	4.3	299.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Congenital Anomalies	4.1	159.3	5.7	*	*	1.4	*	0.9	1.3	0.8	2.0	3.1	7.0	20.2
Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection	3.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.3	8.4	4.2	3.4	1.8	*	*
All Other Causes	112.2	169.9	7.8	2.7	*	6.6	7.9	16.6	31.9	48.9	112.8	319.5	941.2	3,557.1

Sums may not add to total due to cases with age unknown. * indicates fewer than three events in the category.

Leading Causes of Death by Race/Ethnicity: Colorado Residents, 1997

CAUSE OF DEATH	TOTAL		WHITE/NON-HISPANIC		WHITE/HISPANIC		BLACK		ASIAN		AMERICAN INDIAN	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
All Causes	25,606	100.0	22,153	100.0	2,211	100.0	930	100.0	185	100.0	120	100.0
Heart Disease	6,519	25.5	5,821	26.3	446	20.2	202	21.7	29	15.7	18	15.0
Malignant Neoplasms	5,638	22.0	4,959	22.4	417	18.9	194	20.9	55	29.7	12	10.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	1,712	6.7	1,498	6.8	121	5.5	75	8.1	14	7.6	4	3.3
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	1,659	6.5	1,539	6.9	75	3.4	33	3.5	6	3.2	6	5.0
Total Unintentional Injuries	1,468	5.7	1,127	5.1	231	10.4	62	6.7	17	9.2	31	25.8
Motor Vehicle	637	2.5	460	2.1	115	5.2	33	3.5	11	5.9	18	15.0
All Others	831	3.2	667	3.0	116	5.2	29	3.1	6	3.2	13	10.8
Pneumonia and Influenza	853	3.3	758	3.4	63	2.8	22	2.4	5	2.7	5	4.2
Suicide	627	2.4	534	2.4	69	3.1	12	1.3	6	3.2	6	5.0
Diabetes Mellitus	527	2.1	398	1.8	90	4.1	31	3.3	6	3.2	*	*
Atherosclerosis	391	1.5	360	1.6	12	0.5	10	1.1	6	3.2	3	2.5
Alzheimer's Disease	355	1.4	335	1.5	13	0.6	7	0.8	*	*	*	*
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	346	1.4	247	1.1	82	3.7	11	1.2	*	*	6	5.0
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	250	1.0	209	0.9	30	1.4	8	0.9	*	*	*	*
Septicemia	198	0.8	163	0.7	24	1.1	6	0.6	5	2.7	*	*
Homicide and Legal Intervention	192	0.7	96	0.4	51	2.3	36	3.9	4	2.2	5	4.2
Perinatal Period Conditions	170	0.7	113	0.5	32	1.4	20	2.2	3	1.6	*	*
Congenital Anomalies	161	0.6	120	0.5	26	1.2	11	1.2	*	*	*	*
Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection	126	0.5	87	0.4	25	1.1	11	1.2	*	*	*	*
All Other Causes	4,414	17.2	3,789	17.1	404	18.3	179	19.2	24	13.0	17	14.2

Differences in age distributions of populations should be considered when comparing proportions of deaths by cause among race/ethnicity of groups. Deaths of "Other Nonwhite" and "Unknown" race categories are not shown in this table. Sums may not add to total due to cases from other causes of deaths that are not included. * indicates fewer than three events in the category.

Vital Statistics Summary for Deaths by County: Colorado Residents, 1997

AGE ADJUSTED DEATH RATES

PLACE	INFANT DEATHS		TOTAL DEATHS		HEART DISEASE		MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS		COPD		UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES	
	N	RATE	N	RATE	N	RATE	N	RATE	N	RATE	N	RATE
Colorado	397	7.0	25,606	424.0	6,519	97.2	5,638	103.5	1,659	26.7	1,468	32.2
Adams	34	6.8	1,834	482.9	455	113.9	437	122.3	128	33.8	105	31.8
Alamosa	3	12.0	118	554.4	35	113.6	25	143.0	6	33.1	4	19.2
Arapahoe	44	7.1	2,393	364.0	602	85.0	545	89.3	114	16.6	136	25.8
Archuleta	*	*	40	347.3	11	97.3	9	61.0	3	18.3	8	86.7
Baca	*	*	69	567.1	21	142.9	15	127.5	7	43.0	7	133.9
Bent	*	*	72	537.7	23	209.3	12	85.7	9	48.3	4	47.0
Boulder	20	6.1	1,306	343.2	321	77.0	277	80.2	102	27.6	86	25.0
Chaffee	*	*	157	472.9	47	113.3	40	134.8	8	22.7	11	62.8
Cheyenne	*	*	26	558.8	6	65.8	3	70.5	*	*	4	190.8
Clear Creek	*	*	33	300.7	9	71.8	9	85.7	3	34.4	5	41.8
Conejos	*	*	61	411.9	16	88.6	13	93.3	8	50.6	5	52.0
Costilla	*	*	48	719.0	14	180.3	9	133.5	*	*	7	184.4
Crowley	*	*	37	524.2	12	142.2	5	77.6	5	75.0	*	*
Custer	*	*	14	241.7	5	43.3	*	*	*	*	5	136.7
Delta	6	19.6	311	460.3	82	90.7	58	93.1	23	27.0	15	33.5
Denver	72	7.8	4,692	537.1	1,184	114.4	968	119.7	269	29.0	258	41.8
Dolores	*	*	13	403.3	5	114.6	3	108.9	*	*	*	*
Douglas	6	2.5	334	376.4	90	108.2	93	106.3	11	13.3	24	19.6
Eagle	5	8.3	53	242.2	12	54.0	14	71.9	5	32.8	10	41.9
Elbert	*	*	65	339.9	15	62.3	13	82.1	9	55.0	7	41.4
El Paso	58	7.5	2,709	428.3	642	94.6	627	108.2	161	24.5	129	25.1
Fremont	*	*	459	529.1	139	142.5	90	118.7	40	51.7	22	37.2
Garfield	5	8.4	240	446.4	45	72.4	51	103.6	16	25.9	24	57.1
Gilpin	*	*	13	281.9	3	58.0	7	161.1	*	*	*	*
Grand	*	*	41	320.5	8	59.1	12	98.6	*	*	*	*
Gunnison	*	*	50	376.9	8	54.5	12	96.2	*	*	11	85.3
Hinsdale	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Huerfano	*	*	100	520.1	32	136.6	20	93.1	3	17.7	6	70.8
Jackson	*	*	15	452.0	*	*	5	201.3	*	*	*	*
Jefferson	36	5.6	2,982	386.2	736	87.5	683	97.4	226	28.6	125	22.7
Kiowa	*	*	18	294.6	4	53.7	4	127.3	*	*	*	*
Kit Carson	*	*	73	364.9	19	85.1	14	85.7	5	17.2	3	34.6
Lake	*	*	29	352.6	7	78.0	8	106.3	3	42.0	3	32.1
La Plata	3	7.3	224	376.6	55	77.0	54	92.2	11	17.3	33	74.2
Larimer	14	5.0	1,302	369.3	344	84.8	311	104.1	74	23.2	67	24.8
Las Animas	*	*	168	440.8	53	102.8	29	83.8	4	9.9	9	36.3
Lincoln	*	*	50	387.2	14	120.5	9	65.2	5	38.9	4	72.2
Logan	3	11.9	184	475.0	68	140.5	47	139.9	8	18.4	6	38.3
Mesa	12	8.6	1,025	464.2	266	103.4	237	124.7	68	32.3	43	32.4
Mineral	*	*	7	630.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Moffat	*	*	85	456.9	23	125.4	16	93.2	7	39.2	9	59.6
Montezuma	*	*	194	501.0	55	123.4	44	124.5	14	31.9	15	56.0
Montrose	3	7.0	271	411.5	78	115.1	52	79.0	20	23.4	15	37.7
Morgan	*	*	218	409.2	52	86.0	42	91.0	16	27.3	20	60.3
Otero	*	*	236	475.9	78	149.3	37	90.0	26	43.4	7	22.6
Ouray	*	*	15	304.1	*	*	7	140.9	*	*	*	*
Park	3	22.4	48	360.6	10	73.7	12	90.3	3	22.5	4	25.9
Phillips	*	*	72	473.8	25	148.2	11	106.0	5	20.1	4	38.4
Pitkin	*	*	33	250.9	5	36.1	7	48.0	*	*	7	74.5
Prowers	*	*	110	462.2	30	97.8	24	114.8	10	32.3	13	97.5
Pueblo	20	11.3	1,366	498.7	334	102.2	277	116.3	102	33.3	74	37.7
Rio Blanco	*	*	40	411.6	14	135.7	9	96.2	3	32.9	*	*
Rio Grande	*	*	108	436.3	30	122.3	24	104.2	10	25.5	7	52.0
Routt	*	*	59	342.1	11	61.0	18	112.2	3	20.1	7	42.8
Saguache	*	*	36	391.8	8	98.3	5	55.5	3	21.0	5	81.2
San Juan	*	*	5	1,556.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
San Miguel	*	*	13	328.1	4	118.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sedgwick	*	*	36	415.8	9	127.5	9	103.1	*	*	5	86.5
Summit	3	13.6	39	331.7	9	84.6	6	59.4	*	*	10	70.1
Teller	*	*	71	339.5	17	83.1	16	82.5	8	39.1	6	27.2
Washington	*	*	47	473.9	12	115.2	5	72.4	7	53.4	3	40.7
Weld	22	8.7	1,023	430.1	265	104.4	230	110.7	63	25.7	54	28.7
Yuma	*	*	108	447.1	36	97.9	14	76.7	7	41.1	6	77.2

Infant deaths are deaths in the first year of life. Infant mortality rates are the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Age-adjusted death rates are per 100,000 population and are adjusted to the 1940 U.S. population using the direct method applied to ten-year age groups. See Technical Notes of *Colorado Vital Statistics 1997* for a detailed explanation of age adjustment. COPD=chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Unintentional Injuries and include motor vehicle and other accidental deaths. Sums may not add to total due to cases with county of residence unknown. * indicates fewer than three events in the category.