

What is FoodNet?

The Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (FoodNet) is the principal foodborne disease component of CDC's Emerging Infections Program. FoodNet is a collaborative project of the CDC, ten sites, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).



FoodNet Federal Partners

US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
www.usda.gov

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
www.fda.gov

FoodNet State Partners

California	www.ceip.us/foodnet.htm
Colorado	www.cdphe.state.co.us
Connecticut	www.dph.state.ct.us
Georgia	www.health.state.ga.us
Maryland	www.dhmh.state.md.us
Minnesota	www.health.state.mn.us
New Mexico	www.health.state.nm.us
New York	www.health.state.ny.us
Oregon	www.oregon.gov/ddhs/ph
Tennessee	www.tennessee.gov/health

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www.cdc.gov/foodnet

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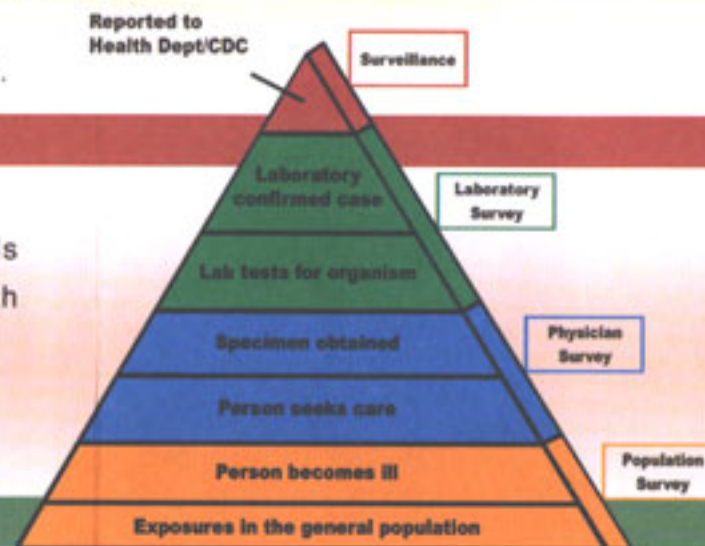


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Determine the burden of foodborne illness in the United States

FoodNet is an active surveillance system providing comprehensive and timely data on 9 foodborne diseases. FoodNet staff routinely contact all clinical laboratories in the 10 FoodNet sites to collect information on every laboratory-confirmed case under surveillance.

For a case to be ascertained in surveillance, the ill person must seek medical care and submit a specimen in which a pathogen is identified. To account for under-ascertainment, FoodNet surveys the general population and clinical laboratories to determine the frequency of reporting at each level.



2

Monitor trends in the burden of specific foodborne illnesses over time.

FoodNet tracks the progress towards Healthy People 2010 National Health Objectives by monitoring trends in foodborne diseases over time.

3

Attribute the burden of foodborne illness to specific foods and settings.

FoodNet conducts numerous studies in the FoodNet sites to attribute the burden of foodborne illness to specific foods or settings.

4

Develop and assess interventions to reduce the burden of foodborne illness.

Determining the burden of foodborne illness, monitoring trends and attributing illness to specific foods and settings allows FoodNet to identify potential interventions. FoodNet and its partners work together to develop, implement and assess interventions at many points in the "farm to table" continuum.