

Summary Statistics for Foodborne Outbreaks, 2006

Number of Foodborne Disease Outbreaks by Etiology

Confirmed Etiology	No. Outbreaks	No. Cases
Bacterial	223	5,336
Chemical	53	221
Parasitic	9	129
Viral	337	11,122
Suspect Etiology	No. Outbreaks	No. Cases
Bacterial	75	1,440
Chemical	11	39
Parasitic	3	18
Viral	165	2,841
Multiple Etiology	No. Outbreaks	No. Cases
Confirmed	1	96
Suspect	20	254
Confirmed and Suspected	1	32
All Etiology Status	No. Outbreaks	No. Cases
Total Confirmed Etiology	623	16,904
Total Suspect Etiology	275	4,592
Unknown Etiology	349	4,163
Grand Total	1247	25,659

Foodborne disease outbreaks are reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Enteric Diseases Epidemiology Branch each year by state, local and territorial health departments. A foodborne disease outbreak (FBDO) is defined as the occurrence of two or more cases of a similar illness resulting from the ingestion of a common food. Reported FBDOs are listed by year and etiology type. Within each etiology category, outbreaks are sorted by etiology status (confirmed etiologies met the criteria specified in the guidelines for confirmation of foodborne-disease outbreak http://www.cdc.gov/foodborneoutbreaks/guide_fd.htm), the state in which the exposure took place and by month of first onset. Variables in the line listing include confirmed etiology, suspected etiology, state where the exposure took place, month of first onset, vehicle, and location of food consumption, hospitalizations and deaths. Vehicle(s) identified are not necessarily confirmed with statistical or epidemiological evidence; all vehicles identified by the reporting agency are listed in the line listing. Outbreaks in which an etiology was suspected (not confirmed) are also listed in each etiology category. Outbreaks with multiple etiologies or unknown etiologies are listed under the relevant categories of multiple etiology or unknown etiology.