

Summary Statistics for Foodborne Outbreaks, 2007

Number of Foodborne Disease Outbreaks by Etiology

Confirmed Etiology	No. Outbreaks	No. Cases
Bacterial	257	6410
Chemical	34	141
Parasitic	5	65
Viral	199	6120
Suspect Etiology	No. Outbreaks	No. Cases
Bacterial	61	674
Chemical	15	69
Parasitic	1	4
Viral	127	1976
Multiple Etiology	No. Outbreaks	No. Cases
Confirmed	12	402
Suspect	22	221
Confirmed and Suspect	2	22
All Etiology Status	No. Outbreaks	No. Cases
Total Confirmed Etiology	507	13138
Total Suspect Etiology	226	2944
Total Confirmed and Suspect	2	22
Unknown Etiology	362	5079
Grand Total	1097	21183

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.