

Behind CSPI's Outbreak Data: A look at the Produce Outbreak Numbers

- Outbreaks in produce have doubled between 1998, which had 44 outbreaks, and 2004, which had 85 outbreaks. This change may be due to enhanced outbreak surveillance efforts by the CDC starting in 1998.
- Between 1990 and 2004, there have been a total of 639 outbreaks in produce.
- CSPI's Outbreak Alert Database tracks foodborne illness outbreaks by food source using data from CDC and other highly reliable sources. Our database contains 5000 outbreaks with both food and hazard identified spanning 1990 to 2004.
- If you have questions about CSPI's database or about foodborne illness outbreak data, please contact **Farida Bhuiya** at 202-777-8377 or fbhuiya@cspinet.org.

All Produce Outbreaks			
Year	Outbreaks	Cases	Cases Per Outbreak
1990	20	1,563	78.2
1991	14	666	47.6
1992	7	293	41.9
1993	17	988	58.1
1994	16	900	56.3
1995	22	830	37.7
1996	23	2,557	111.2
1997	29	2,450	84.5
1998	44	2,749	62.5
1999	80	2,906	36.3
2000	75	3,185	42.5
2001	76	3,045	40.1
2002	73	3,007	41.2
2003	58	3,176	54.8
2004	85	3,181	37.4
Total	639	31496	49.3

