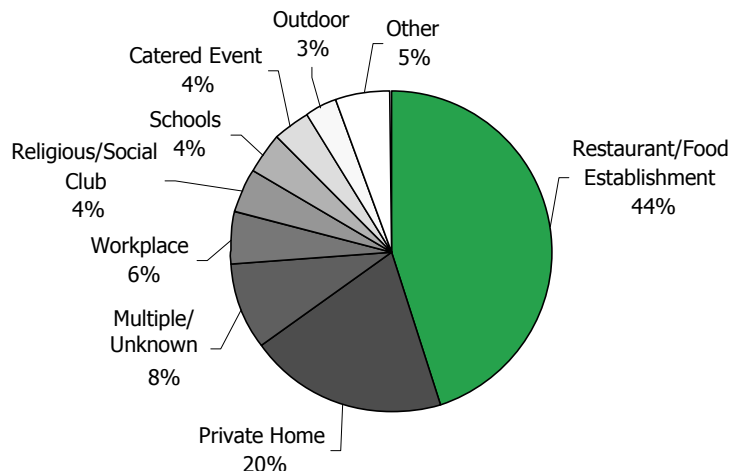


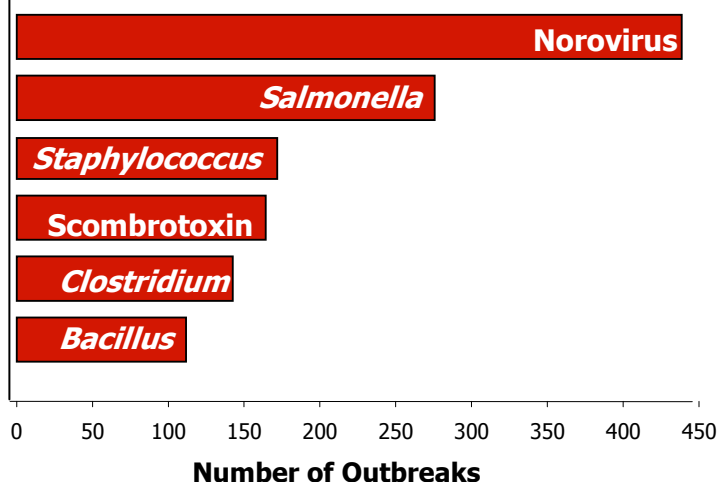
OUTBREAKS ASSOCIATED WITH RESTAURANTS 1998-2006

- CSPI maintains the *Outbreak Alert!* database, which contains 5,778 outbreaks and 150,427 illnesses spanning 17 years.
- Between 1998 and 2006, 1,887 outbreaks occurred in restaurants and food establishments – 44% of all outbreaks in that time period.
- These outbreaks caused over 37,000 illnesses – over 34% of all illnesses in the same time period.

Locations of Foodborne Illness Outbreaks



Bugs Linked to Restaurant Outbreaks



- Restaurant outbreaks cause **twice the number of illnesses** as outbreaks in private homes.
- With proper adherence to food safety guidelines, many restaurant outbreaks can be easily avoided.
- Norovirus, a common bug in restaurant outbreaks, is easily spread to patrons by **ill food handlers**.

- The most common foods in restaurant outbreaks are multi-ingredient dishes. These dishes can easily become **cross-contaminated during handling and preparation**.
- Seafood is also a common food in restaurant outbreaks. A major cause of seafood outbreaks is scombrototoxin, a result of **improper cooling and storage**.

Types of Food in Restaurant Outbreaks

