

Gastrointestinal outbreaks

Person-to-person transmission was responsible for 86 gastroenteritis outbreaks and foodborne transmission for 23. Transmission was undetermined (we couldn't figure it out) or unknown (we didn't have enough data to figure it out) in 101 of the outbreaks. More than 79% of person-to-person outbreaks happened in institutional cohorts, especially among those in long-term care facilities (LTCFs).

In 2013, the case definition of a norovirus outbreak was modified to be more in line with national standards. Some outbreaks previously classified as indeterminate were reclassified as suspect norovirus. The new classification includes outbreaks where symptoms were classical of norovirus but a positive specimen was not documented.

Sixty-four percent of reported gastroenteritis outbreaks reported from 2012 to 2017 occurred in LTCFs for the elderly.

Lab-confirmed norovirus and suspect norovirus outbreaks: Oregon, 2012–2017

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Confirmed norovirus	122	124	118	95	103	87
Suspect norovirus	8	14	18	9	10	52