Oregon Norovirus Watch, December 2015. This issue of Oregon Norovirus Watch includes norovirus outbreak data from the 2014–2015 norovirus season. In the month of December 2015, 15 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 8 (53%) were in nursing homes, 6 (40%) were in schools and 1 (7%) in a restaurant. Since December 2014, 87 (55%) of 158 lab-confirmed and norovirus-like outbreaks occurred in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities (Fig. 1). Over the last year, GII.4 Sydney was identified in 40 (58%) of 69 lab-confirmed outbreaks. However, non-GII.4 strains have been on the rise since July 2015 (Fig. 2).

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