

Summary on Causative Agents for Food Poisoning Outbreaks

Column	Type	Description
from_month	Number	Month (From)
to_month	Number	Month (To)
bacteria_ob_count	Number	Bacteria (Number of outbreaks)
bacteria_persons_affected	Number	Bacteria (Number of persons affected)
chemicals_ob_count	Number	Chemicals+ (Number of outbreaks)
chemicals_persons_affected	Number	Chemicals+(Number of persons affected)
biotoxins_ob_count	Number	Biotoxins (Number of outbreaks)
biotoxins_persons_affected	Number	Biotoxins (Number of persons affected)
viruses_ob_count	Text	Viruses (Number of outbreaks)
viruses_persons_affected	Text	Viruses (Number of persons affected)
others_ob_count	Number	Others* (Number of outbreaks)
others_persons_affected	Number	Others* (Number of persons affected)

Notes:

1. The figures of outbreaks and persons affected included both confirmed and suspected cases.
2. * Other agents included agents other than bacteria, chemicals, biotoxins, viruses; mixed agents; unknown agents and outbreaks pending classification.
3. + The figures of food poisoning outbreaks caused by chemicals in year 2000 include 37 confirmed clenbuterol food poisoning outbreaks affecting 85 persons and 3 confirmed outbreak related to consumption of pesticide-tainted vegetables affecting 8 persons.