

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON RAW MILK OUTBREAKS 1998 – 2005
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A compilation of CDC reports on outbreaks attributed to raw milk, 1998 – 2005, is posted at <http://www.foodsafety.ksu.edu/articles/384/RawMilkOutbreakTable.pdf>

The report claims 831 illnesses, 66 hospitalizations and one death.

The table below summarizes the analysis of the incidents listed.

Note: The Pennsylvania News, 1998, claiming illness in forty people, report cannot be found. The CDC Outbreak Surveillance Unit Reports are not published or posted on the internet. The death does not appear to be cited in the table.

Evidence that pasteurization would have prevented out break is interpreted to be a positive sample of milk at a point of production that would have preceded pasteurization.

Either No Valid Positive Milk Sample or No Valid Statistical Association	31/33 (94%)
No Valid Positive Milk Sample	27/33 (82%)
Did Not Report Testing Milk Product	20/33 (61%)
Milk or Product Tested Negative	5/33 (15%)
Positive Milk Products, but No Test of Milk at Point-Prior-to-Sale	1/33 (3%)
Positive Milk Products, but Milk at Point-Prior-to-Sale Negative	1/33 (3%)
Report Did Not Concern Raw Milk	
No Valid Statistical Association with Raw Milk:	26/33 (78%)
Case Report, Association Could Not be Investigated	11/33 (33%)
Outbreak, Association Nevertheless Not Investigated	10/33 (30%)
Statistical Association with Milk Product Not Shown to be Raw:	2/33 (6%)
Association Investigated but Not Found	1/33 (3%)
No One Became Ill	2/33 (6%)
Neither Association nor Milk Sample	21/33 (64%)
Did Not Provide Evidence that Pasteurization Would Have Prevented Outbreak:	32/33 (97%)
Evidence that Pasteurization Would Not Have Prevented Outbreak	3/33 (9%)
Outbreak traced to pasteurized milk	1 (2 reports)
Outbreak traced to pasteurization failure	1 (cited twice)
Source of Information Unpublished or not Verifiable	3