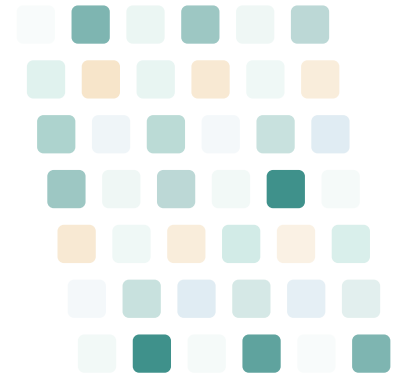




SURVEILLANCE BRIEF

Cyclospora in the United States

Created October 9, 2026

A concise view of reported cases, outbreak investigations, and historical context.

OUTBREAK

12,883

Iceberg outbreak cases

CDC locations data · 21 states

0

Ongoing FDA investigations

Current-year Cyclospora records

SURVEILLANCE

32,286

Reported cases

Through October 3, 2026

4,042

Cases at this point in 2025

Through September 27, 2025

14,660

State reporting the most cases

Michigan

ICEBERG LETTUCE OUTBREAK INFORMATION

OUTBREAK BRIEF

CDC, FDA, and state health officials are investigating a multistate *Cyclospora* outbreak linked to processed iceberg lettuce from Taylor Farms de Mexico. CDC reports 12,883 people sick in 21 states; 10,949 people have illness-onset information available.

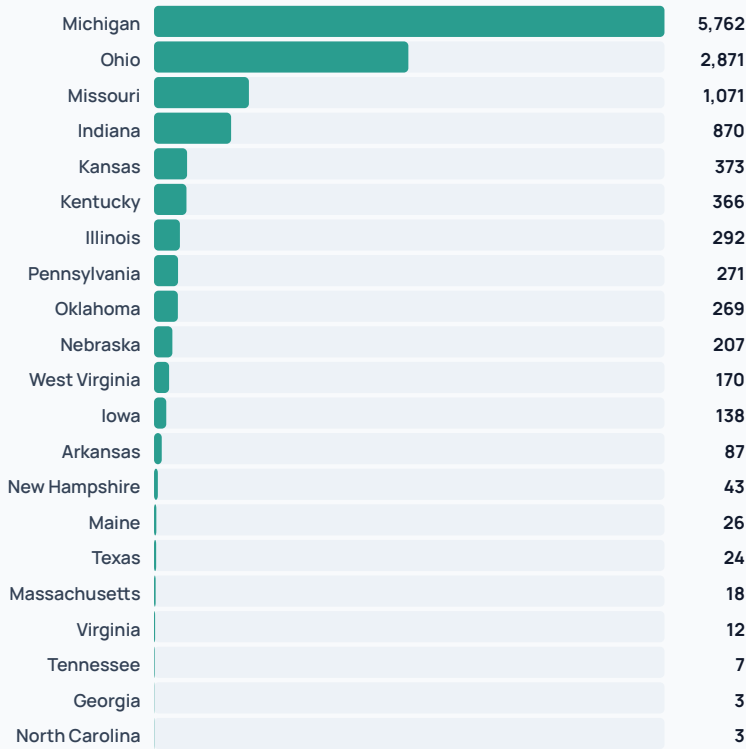
Taylor Farms voluntarily recalled iceberg lettuce grown in central Mexico on July 17, 2026. The company reports that implicated shredded iceberg product was distributed June 29 through July 16. CDC counts can differ from those reported directly by state health departments.

Key sources

[CDC investigation](#) · [CDC locations data](#) · [CDC illness-onset timeline](#) · [FDA outbreak update](#) · [Taylor Farms information hub](#)

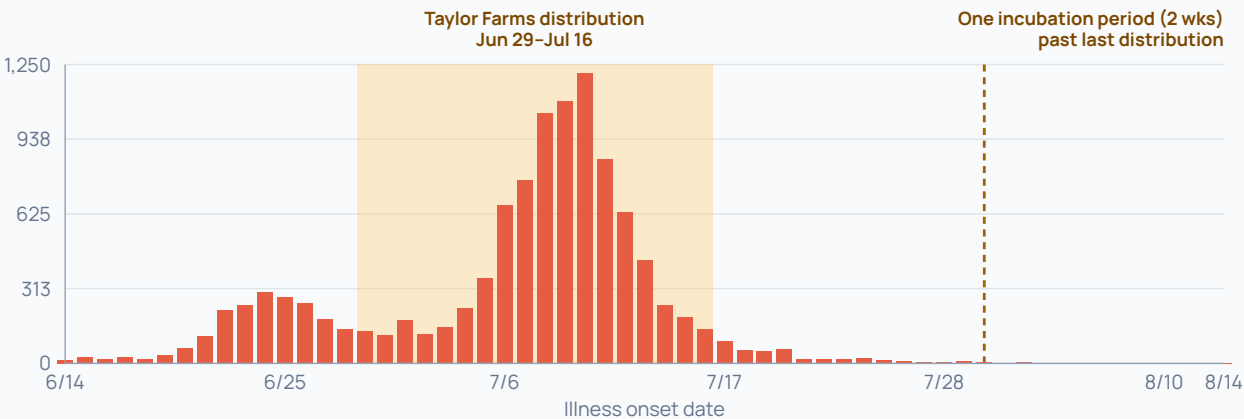
WHERE SICK PEOPLE LIVE

CDC case counts by state of residence, ordered from highest to lowest.



ILLNESS ONSET CURVE

Newly reported case onsets peaked at 1214 on Jul 10



FDA Cyclospora investigations

Current-year Cyclospora records extracted from the FDA CORE foodborne illness outbreak investigations table.

DATE	REF	PRODUCT	CASES	STATUS	FDA RESPONSE
August 5, 2026	#1398	Not Yet Identified	22	Ended	Traceback, Sampling
July 22, 2026	#1392	Not Yet Identified	235	Ended	Traceback, Sampling
July 15, 2026	#1390	Iceberg Lettuce	12,883	Ended	Traceback, Inspection, Sampling
July 8, 2026	#1385	Not Yet Identified	38	Ended	Traceback, Sampling
July 8, 2026	#1384	Not Yet Identified	18	Ended	Traceback

FDA AND RECALL UPDATE

One outbreak source identified: iceberg lettuce

CDC reports 12,883 people sick in 21 states in a cyclosporiasis outbreak linked to iceberg lettuce sourced from central Mexico and recalled by Taylor Farms de Mexico. The FDA investigation is ended.

[View FDA outbreak update](#) [View Taylor Farms recall notice](#)

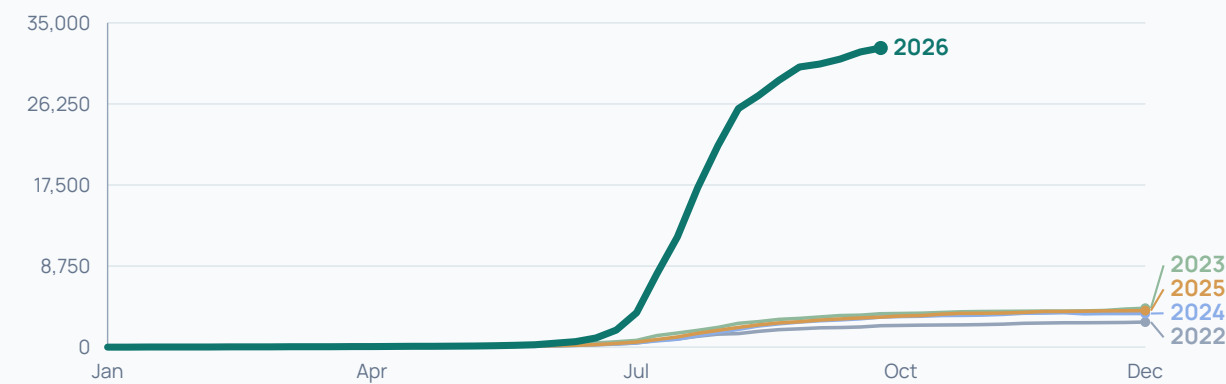
Source: FDA CORE foodborne illness outbreak investigations.

National CDC Surveillance Data

This section is based on provisional reports sent to CDC by health departments. **It includes individuals who may have acquired their illness through travel outside the United States rather than local exposures.** The outbreak map on page 2 shows cases associated with the lettuce recall. Data shown here covers January 4, 2026 through October 3, 2026.

Cases accelerated sharply in summer

Cumulative national cases reported to CDC by week ending date.



TOP 10 STATES BY CASES

Reported cases

1	Michigan		14,660
2	Ohio		6,527
3	Illinois		1,534
4	North Carolina		930
5	Kansas		857
6	Kentucky		837
7	Oklahoma		572
8	Florida		543
9	California		428
10	New York		380

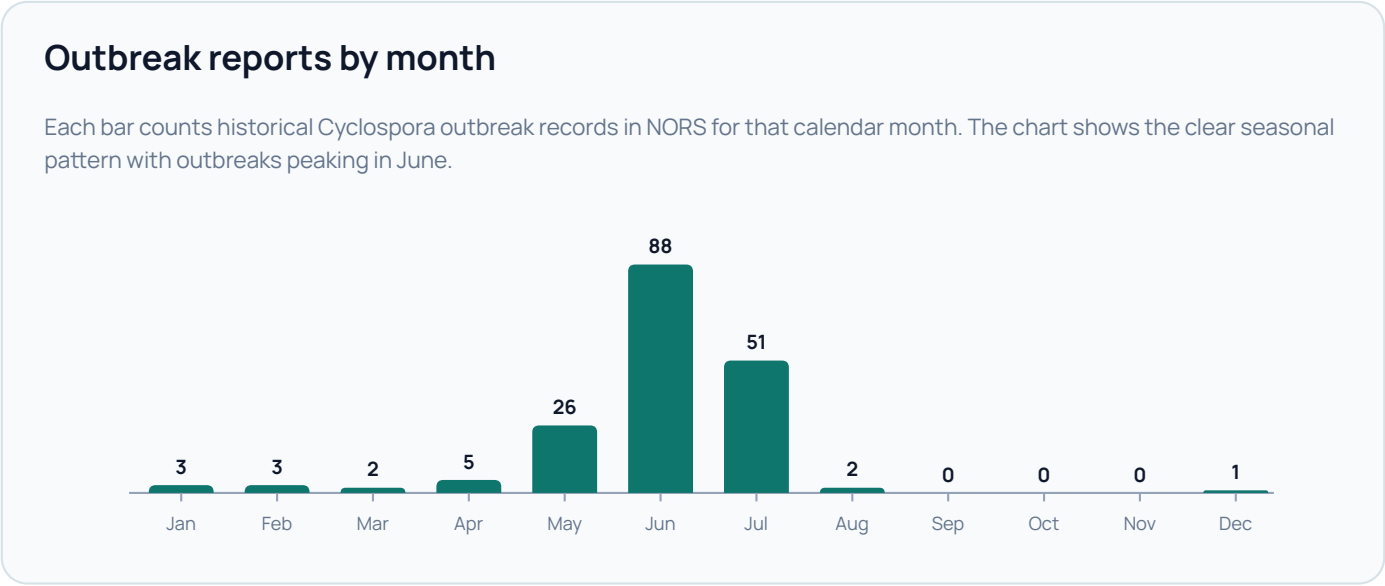
TOP 10 STATES BY RATE

Cases per 100,000 population

1	Michigan		146.8
2	Ohio		55.8
3	Kansas		29.4
4	Kentucky		18.7
5	Oklahoma		14.5
6	Illinois		12.1
7	Iowa		10.9
8	North Carolina		8.9
9	Florida		2.5
10	New York		2.0

Outbreak reports peak in summer

CDC’s National Outbreak Reporting System (NORS) collects outbreaks reported by state, local, and territorial health departments. Unlike the national surveillance data on the preceding page, NORS records recognized outbreak events and their associated illnesses, not individual cases of illness. This historical information is currently available through 2023.



RECENT CYCLOSPORA NORS OUTBREAK RECORDS

Outbreaks where Cyclospora was reported as the cause.

YEAR	OUTBREAKS	ILLNESSES	DEATHS
2016	1	15	0
2017	7	95	0
2018	31	1,367	0
2019	55	1,120	0
2020	14	878	0
2021	11	238	0
2022	12	287	0
2023	15	405	0

Sources

This report uses the following public sources. Links in the PDF open the original source.

1. **CDC NNDSS Weekly Data** — provisional national and jurisdiction-level cyclosporiasis case reports.
2. **CDC National Outbreak Reporting System (NORS)** — historical Cyclospora outbreak records.
3. **FDA CORE foodborne illness outbreak investigations** — current-year FDA investigation records.
4. **FDA investigation of the July 2026 Cyclospora outbreak linked to iceberg lettuce** — outbreak counts, states with cases, and product distribution.
5. **Taylor Farms recall notice** — recalled-product information.



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