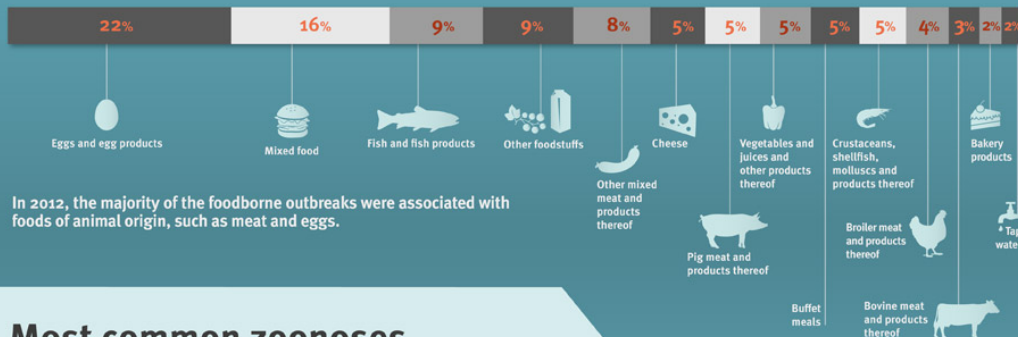


Zoonoses

Zoonoses are diseases that can be transmitted directly or indirectly between animals and humans, for instance by consuming contaminated foodstuffs or through contact with infected animals. Most zoonotic infections have mild symptoms and do not require medical treatment. However, they can also turn into life-threatening conditions.



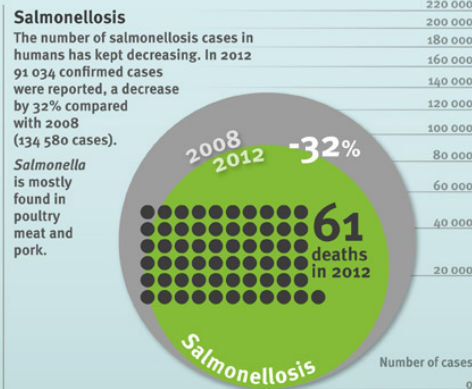
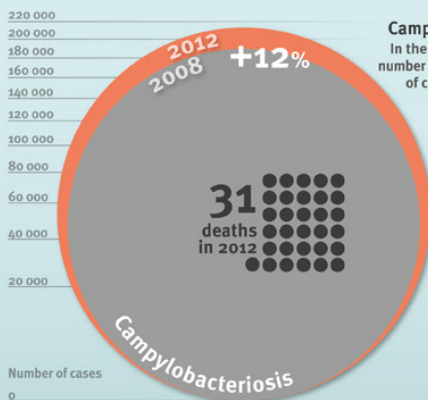
Food types causing outbreaks in the EU in 2012



In 2012, the majority of the foodborne outbreaks were associated with foods of animal origin, such as meat and eggs.

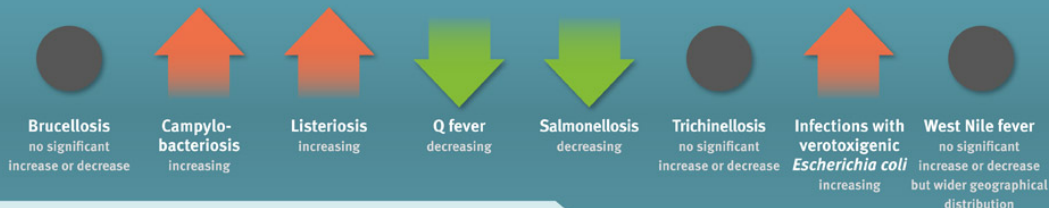
Most common zoonoses

In the European Union in 2012, the most common zoonotic infections in humans were campylobacteriosis and salmonellosis.



Trends of 8 zoonoses in humans over the last 5 years

Data from 2008 to 2012



Prevention and control

In order to prevent zoonoses from occurring, it is important to identify which animals and foodstuffs are the main sources of infections. The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) analyse the information submitted by Member States on human cases and prevalence of zoonotic agents in animals and food, and publish an annual joint report.

Source: European Union Summary Report on Trends and Sources of Zoonoses, Zoonotic agents and Food-borne Outbreaks in 2012, published by EFSA & ECDC in 2014

