

Outbreaks reported to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene- number and rate by county, 2003-2007

County	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	5 year total	5 year average	2000 population	Rate per 100,000 population
Allegany	5	7	15	12	11	50	10	74,930	13.3
Anne Arundel	27	28	42	26	25	148	29.6	489,656	6.0
Baltimore Co.	62	50	39	36	36	223	44.6	754,292	5.9
Calvert	4	10	9	17	12	52	10.4	74,563	13.9
Caroline	3	0	3	2	6	14	2.8	29,772	9.4
Carroll	15	13	14	16	16	74	14.8	150,897	9.8
Cecil	4	7	4	10	13	38	7.6	85,951	8.8
Charles	2	5	7	8	4	26	5.2	120,546	4.3
Dorchester	3	2	4	2	2	13	2.6	30,674	8.5
Frederick	10	12	19	28	22	91	18.2	195,277	9.3
Garrett	4	0	5	2	5	16	3.2	29,846	10.7
Harford	7	10	8	13	12	50	10	218,590	4.6
Howard	13	14	10	7	9	53	10.6	247,842	4.3
Kent	1	0	2	3	2	8	1.6	19,197	8.3
Montgomery	34	33	29	36	25	157	31.4	873,341	3.6
Prince George's	16	22	18	23	11	90	18	801,515	2.2
Queen Anne's	2	1	1	5	3	12	2.4	40,563	5.9
Saint Mary's	8	9	9	5	6	37	7.4	86,211	8.6
Somerset	3	1	0	0	1	5	1.0	24,747	4.0
Talbot	6	6	5	4	8	29	5.8	33,812	17.2
Washington	10	11	18	20	27	86	17.2	131,923	13.0
Wicomico	8	8	10	17	10	53	10.6	84,644	12.5
Worcester	8	3	8	6	4	29	5.8	46,543	12.5
Baltimore City	24	34	20	29	28	135	27	651,154	4.1
DHMH	2	4	2	2	6	16	3.2	N/A	N/A
Total	281	290	301	329	304	1505	301	5,296,486	5.7

Disclaimer: The outbreak rates are only adjusted for population. Other factors contribute to the outbreak rate including, but not limited to, under-reporting of outbreaks by the local health department and the community. Outbreak rates cannot be directly correlated with the precise level of illnesses or sanitation in the county since the number of outbreaks reflects what was reported to the health department by community members, healthcare providers, restaurants, and other entities.