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# ***Campylobacter* data 2006 to 2015**

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National laboratory data for residents of England and Wales

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## Key points for 2015

- The region that reported the highest number of *Campylobacter* laboratory reports was the South East with 9,489.
- 54% of *Campylobacter* laboratory reports were male.
- The section of the population with the highest number of laboratory reports was the 50 – 59 year age group.
- The peak month for *Campylobacter* reporting in 2015 was June.
- In the Second Study of Infectious Intestinal Disease in the Community (IID2 Study), it was estimated that for every one case of *Campylobacter* identified in national surveillance, there were 9.3 cases in the community (95% confidence interval of 6.0-14.4 cases).<sup>1,2</sup>

# Campylobacter data, 2006 to 2015

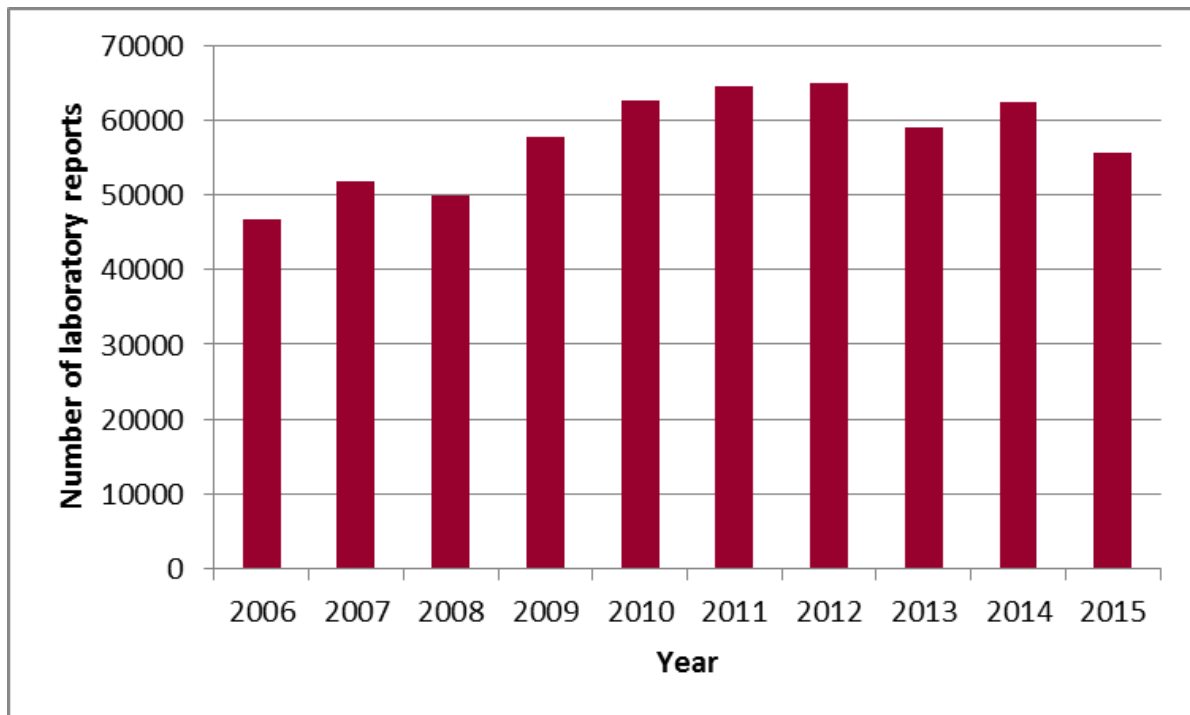
All data presented in this report are correct as of 03 November 2016.

## 1. Annual data (2006-2015)

**Table 1: Annual laboratory reports of *Campylobacter* in England and Wales.**

Year	Number of laboratory reports	Laboratory reports per 100,000 population
2006	46748	86.65
2007	51831	95.30
2008	49891	90.97
2009	57685	104.44
2010	62588	112.38
2011	64527	114.88
2012	65044	114.98
2013	59040	103.67
2014	62494	108.86
2015	55697	96.22

**Figure 1: Annual laboratory reports of *Campylobacter* in England and Wales.**



## 2. Regional Data (2015)

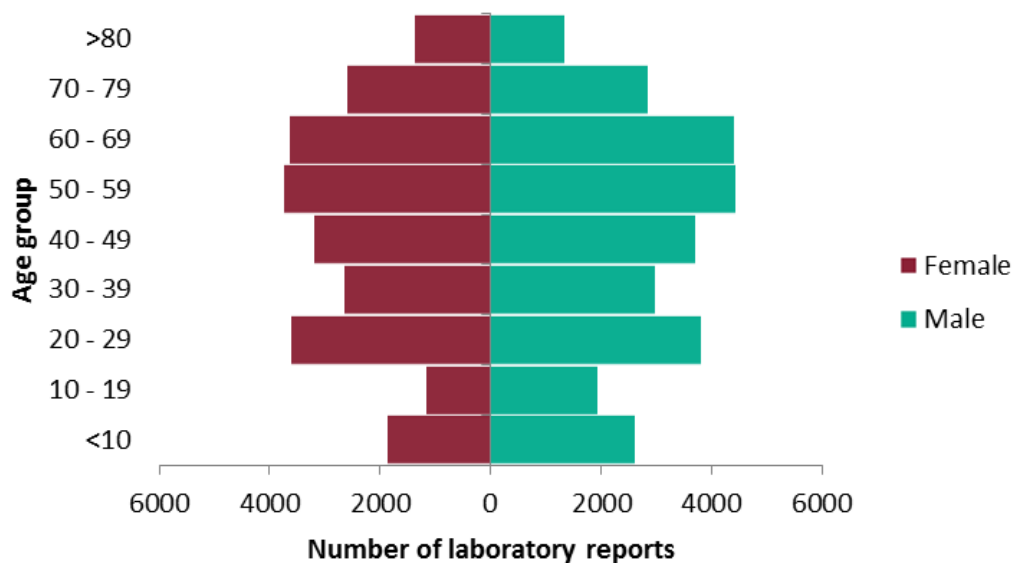
**Table 2: Regional distribution of laboratory reports of *Campylobacter* in England and Wales.**

Country	Region	Laboratory reports
England	East Midlands	4251
	East of England	5504
	London	5468
	North East	3204
	North West	5763
	South East	9489
	South West	7033
	Yorkshire and The Humber	5466
	West Midlands	5698
Wales	Wales	3795

Regional classification based on place of residence of laboratory reports and classified using NUTS1 codes. 26 laboratory reports with unknown residence.

## 3. Age/sex distribution (2015)

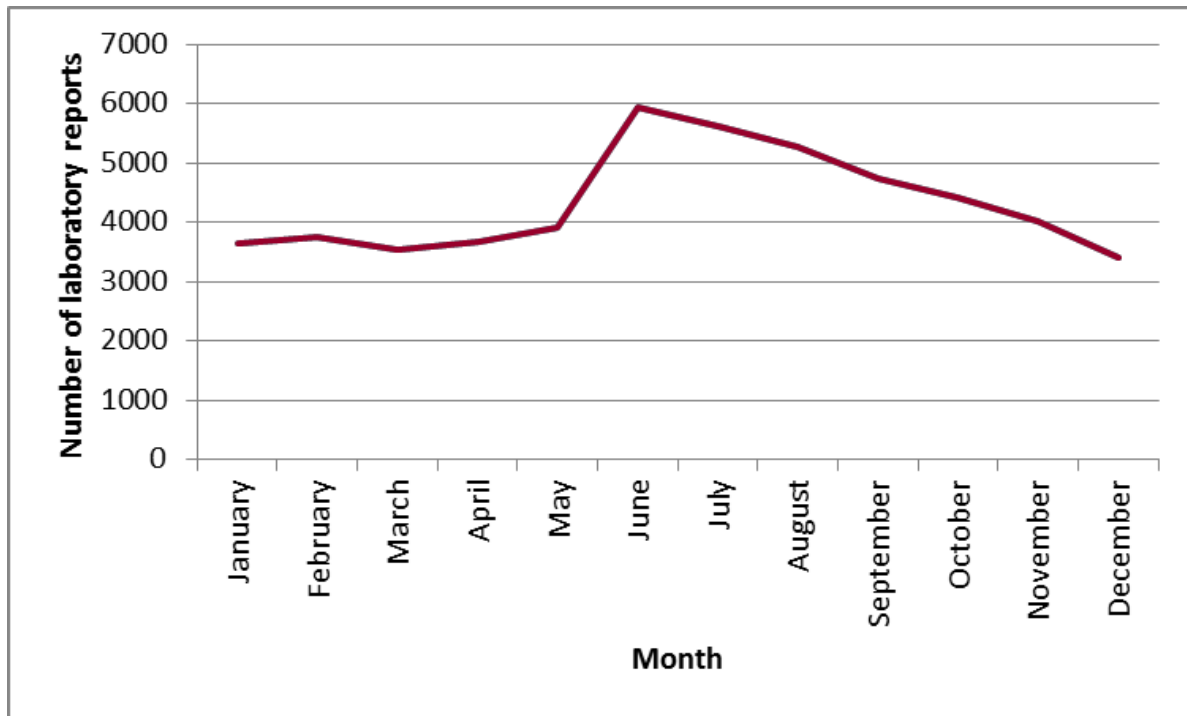
**Figure 2: Age/sex distribution of laboratory reports of *Campylobacter* reported in England.\***



\*Age/sex data not available for all Welsh laboratory reports so not included. 94 laboratory reports with unknown data recorded.

#### 4. Seasonal variation (2015)

**Figure 3: Seasonality of laboratory reports of *Campylobacter* reported in England.\***



\*Excludes Welsh data

## 5. Foodborne Outbreak Data (2015)

**Table 3: Foodborne outbreaks of *Campylobacter* reported in England and Wales.**

Agent	Total Affected	Laboratory confirmed	Hospitalised	Deaths	Setting	Food Description
<i>Campylobacter Jejuni</i>	4	2	1	1	Restaurant	Calves liver and vegetables
<i>Campylobacter spp.</i>	44	6	0	0	Club	Chicken liver parfait
<i>Campylobacter spp.</i>	33	11	0	0	Restaurant	Mixed foods - pasta salad and noodles
<i>Campylobacter spp.</i>	17	5	1	0	Club	Chicken liver pate
<i>Campylobacter spp.</i>	21	7	0	0	Pub	Chicken liver pate
<i>Campylobacter spp.</i>	27	3	0	0	Community centre	Chicken liver parfait and Eton mess desert
<i>Campylobacter spp.</i>	7	6	0	0	Other	Chicken stew and beef mince
<i>Campylobacter spp.</i>	8	3	0	0	Hotel	Chicken liver pate
<i>Campylobacter spp.</i>	12	4	0	0	School	No food identified
<i>Campylobacter spp.</i>	12	2	2	0	Pub	Chicken drumsticks, chicken goujons
<i>Campylobacter spp.</i>	5	2	0	0	Restaurant	Chicken dish

## Data Sources

- Public Health England Second Generation Surveillance System (SGSS)  
This is a live laboratory reporting system therefore numbers may fluctuate. Data provided in this report are new extractions from this system and provide updated figures to previously published reports. In 2014, PHE upgraded the laboratory reporting system so direct comparisons between data reported from the previous system (LabBase2) and the new system (SGSS) may require cautious interpretation.
- Electronic Foodborne and Non-Foodborne Gastrointestinal Outbreak Surveillance System (eFOSS)

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- PHE Local Public Health Laboratories and Food Water and Environmental Microbiology Services for providing a surveillance function for GI pathogens and testing of food and environmental samples routinely and during outbreak investigation

Public Health England (PHE) has a statutory obligation to collect and report outbreaks of foodborne disease. This is aligned to the requirements of the Zoonoses directive 2003/99/EC. This directive requires that EU member states investigate and report all foodborne outbreaks to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). Additionally, information on other zoonoses outbreaks is included in eFOSS, i.e. non-foodborne outbreaks (mode of transmission covering animal contact, person to person contact, recreational water and such).

We are grateful to all colleagues who have investigated and reported outbreaks to the Electronic Foodborne and Non-Foodborne Gastrointestinal Outbreak Surveillance System (eFOSS).

eFOSS-data extracted from PHE, Electronic Foodborne and Non-Foodborne Gastrointestinal Outbreak Surveillance System (eFOSS)

SGSS-data extracted from PHE, Second Generation Surveillance System (SGSS) which manages the flow of reports of infectious diseases from laboratories to PHE.