

IV - B. Institutional Food Service - Nursing Homes

Introduction

In 2020, nursing home kitchens were assessed for food safety risk factors. For the 46 possible individual data items on the survey instrument, 891 observations were made at thirty-eight nursing homes. See Appendix B for complete data related to nursing homes.

Certified Food Protection Managers (CFPM) (63%): For this survey, a CFPM had to be present. A CFPM is defined as an employee who has supervisory responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation. The CFPM must have passed an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited program and present a certificate during the assessment. A CFPM was present at 25 of the 38 surveyed facilities (63% IN compliance).

Employee Health Policy (34%): Only 34% of the respondent could demonstrate an employee health policy that was compliant with the 2017 FDA Food Code.

Results and Discussion

The following chart represents IN compliance risk factors by category as a percentage of total observations. It also shows other individual items and intervention compliance.

Foodborne Illness Risk Factor Risk Factor IN Compliance:	Nursing Homes								
	2010			2015			2020		
	% IN	# IN observations	Total observations	% IN	# IN observations	Total observations	% IN	# IN observations	Total observations
Approved Source	100%	66	66	100%	66	66	99%	74	75
Inadequate Cooking	83%	34	41	97%	32	33	100%	11	11
Improper Holding	71%	135	189	65%	111	170	74%	127	171
Contamination	86%	139	162	88%	144	164	85%	150	177
Personal Hygiene	83%	134	161	92%	150	163	90%	167	186
Risk Factor Totals	82%	508	619	84%	503	596	85%	529	620
Other interventions	% IN	# IN observations	Total Observations	% IN	# IN observations	Total Observations	% IN	# IN observations	Total Observations
CFPM Present	55%	18	33	70%	23	33	63%	24	38
Employee Health Policy	0%	0	33	3%	1	33	34%	13	38
Highly Susceptible Populations	96%	95	99	98%	97	99	100%	111	111
Food Allergy Awareness (19a)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	26%	10	38

The overall compliance with CDC risk factors at nursing home kitchens has improved slightly over the ten-year period. See Appendix B for detailed observational data.