

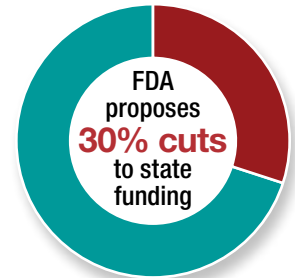
Investing in State Laboratories Protects Our Food Supply

FDA CUTS TO STATE FUNDING WILL HAVE CATASTROPHIC EFFECTS

State food safety laboratories and response networks are key to creating a safe food supply in the United States.

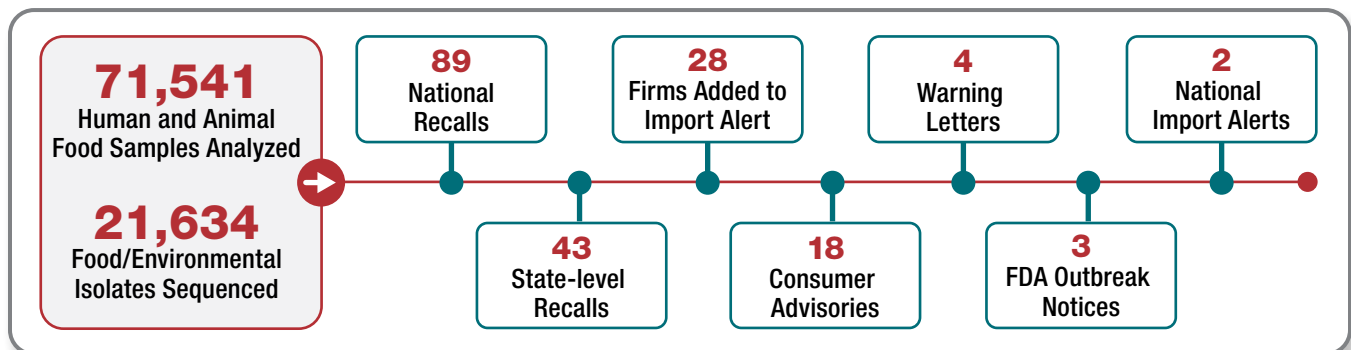
The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provides critical laboratory testing capacity by funding state food safety laboratories through programs like the Laboratory Flexible Funding Model—enabling a [quicker response to foodborne disease outbreaks than FDA could provide alone](#).

FDA intends to cut 30% of the funding for state food safety operations, including laboratory operations, in fiscal year 2025. Cutting state laboratory testing by 30% will mean **more people will get sick from eating contaminated food, and more of those people may die**. In addition to human impacts, these cuts would be **catastrophic to the nation’s food safety infrastructure and our ability to respond to emergencies**. Here’s what we stand to lose:



Public Health Actions Prompted by State Testing

From 2019-2024, state food safety laboratories tested 71,541 human and animal food samples for health risks and reduced illness from contaminated food across the country.



Laboratory and Workforce Support

55 laboratories in 40 states receive funding that effectively expands FDA’s ability to monitor the US food supply by:

- Collecting and testing food products for harmful contaminants
- Responding quickly to outbreaks
- Testing food products beyond what FDA has the capability or capacity to perform

These laboratories test food products for:



Foodborne Pathogens

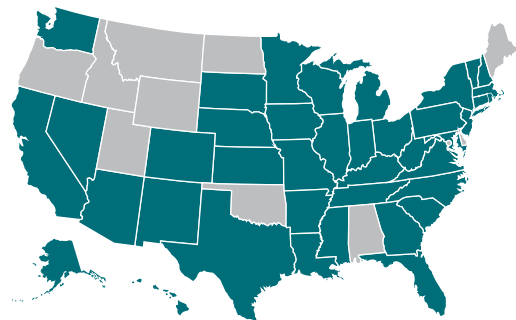


Chemical Contaminants



Radiological Hazards

40 States Receive LFFM Funding



Supporting 100+ Full-time Laboratory Employees