

New York, New York

The City of New York inspects its 23,665 city food establishments two to four times per year. It should be noted that the number of full service establishments in New York City is 50 percent more than in Chicago, and is the largest number of establishments by far among the 20 cities studied.

The city employs 117 field Public Health Sanitarian and 14 Environmental Health Technicians to perform inspections. An average of 181 establishments for each inspector is the lowest ratio of the 20 cities. Establishments that fail an inspection receive a compliance inspection and those that have a history of past non-compliance (two failed inspections in the previous year) are inspected on a six-month cycle. Violations are assigned points and critical violations are weighted more than non-critical violations. Restaurants with fewer than 28 out of 175 points pass inspections, and the city's cleanest restaurants are eligible to receive the

Golden Apple Award. Restaurants are not required to post scores, but inspection histories (three years) are available online.

New York provided 30 routine inspection reports as requested. Violations were recorded in 10 instances for improper holding temperatures, one of CDC's top hazards. The restaurants studied also recorded 13 violations related to rodent and insect activity, more than any other city in the survey. Additional violations were found due to unclean food contact surfaces. On average, each restaurant had 1.1 violations and a weighted score of 2.7.

New York restaurants were cited for, among other violations:

- Cooked or prepared food is cross-contaminated
- Milk or milk product undated, improperly dated or expired

Restaurants studied: Bouley, Tabla, Bella Blu, Le Colonial, Ninja, The Harrison, Veritas, Ada, Bar Centovini, Geisha, Banana Leaf, Darbar, TGI Friday's, La Giara, Opia, McCormick and Schmicks, Village, Sette, Olive Garden, Stone Rose Lounge, McDonald's, Gray's Papaya, Sundaes and Cones, Quiznos, Philly Slim's Cheesesteaks, Starbucks, Sbarro, White Castle, Wendys, Dunkin Donuts

