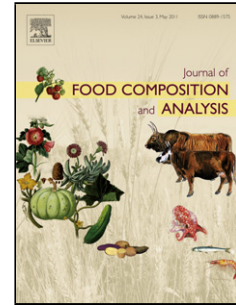


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## Short communication

### Restaurant nutrition reporting and impact on surveillance<sup>1</sup>

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#### Highlights

- Gaps in restaurant nutrition reporting limit the generalizability of data.
- Federal menu labeling guidance will improve aspects of data availability.
- However, data gaps will persist, including incomplete serving weight information.

#### Abstract

Comprehensive, standardized surveillance of the nutritional composition of restaurant foods is critical for researchers and policy makers seeking to understand the healthfulness of the restaurant food supply and measure the impact of nutrition interventions. To date, MenuStat ([www.menustat.org](http://www.menustat.org)) is the most comprehensive public nutrition database of United States (US) restaurant foods and beverages to our knowledge. However, gaps in reporting serving weights and specific nutrients in restaurant foods limit the generalizability of data. The US Food and

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