#### **Workflow Overview:**

- Step 1: Data Loading and Preprocessing
- Step 2: Feature Engineering and Scaling
- Step 3: Model Selection (Random Forest, XGBoost)
- Step 4: Hyperparameter Tuning
- Step 5: Model Evaluation (R<sup>2</sup>, MSE, MAE)
- Step 6: Answering the Questions Based on Model Results

#### Q1: Are foodborne disease outbreaks increasing or decreasing?

To determine whether foodborne disease outbreaks are increasing or decreasing, you should analyze the trend of outbreaks over time (assuming your dataset has a date or year column). You can do this by plotting the number of outbreaks for each year. A rising or falling line in the plot will give us insight into whether outbreaks are increasing or decreasing.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
data['year'] = pd.to_datetime(data['date_column']).dt.year # Convert date to year
yearly_data = data.groupby('year')['outbreak_column'].sum() # Group by year and sum the
outbreaks
plt.plot(yearly_data)
plt.title('Foodborne Disease Outbreaks Over Time')
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('Number of Outbreaks')
```

• **Explanation:** This code groups the data by year and sums the outbreaks for each year. Then, it plots the number of outbreaks over time. By inspecting the plot, you can determine whether outbreaks are increasing or decreasing.

# Q2: Which contaminant has been responsible for the most illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths?

To answer this, you'll need to group the data by the type of contaminant (such as bacteria, virus, etc.) and then sum the corresponding illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths. This will allow you to identify which contaminant is associated with the highest number of cases for each of these metrics.

contaminant\_data = data.groupby('contaminant\_column')[['illnesses', 'hospitalizations',
'deaths']].sum()

print(contaminant\_data)

**Explanation:** This code groups the dataset by the 'contaminant\_column' and sums the illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths for each contaminant. The output will show which contaminant is most strongly linked to these health outcomes, providing insight into the most dangerous contaminants.

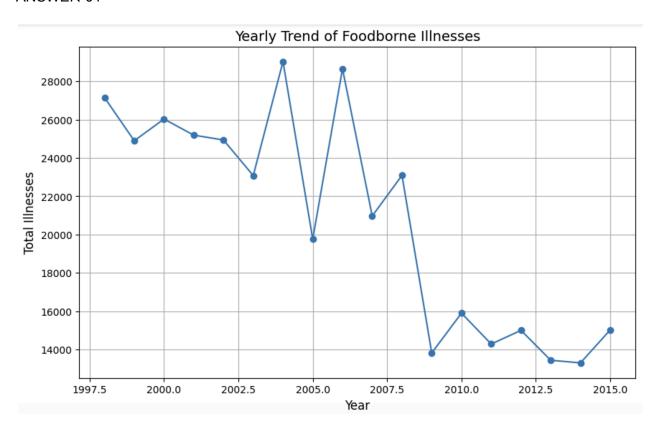
#### Q3: What location for food preparation poses the greatest risk of foodborne illness?

Here, we group the data by the location where food was prepared (e.g., restaurant, home, factory) and sum the number of illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths for each location. This will help identify which locations are most frequently associated with foodborne illnesses.

location\_data = data.groupby('location\_column')[['illnesses', 'hospitalizations', 'deaths']].sum()
print(location\_data)

• **Explanation:** This code groups the dataset by the 'location\_column' and sums the illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths for each food preparation location. The results will help identify which locations pose the greatest risk for foodborne illnesses.

#### **ANSWER-01**



## Yearly Illnesses Trend:

Year

1998 27156

1999 24899

2000 26033

2001 25192

2002 24939

2003 23079

2004 29034

2005	19761		
2006	28656		
2007	20970		
2008	23089		
2009	13813		
2010	15893		
2011	14278		
2012	14995		
2013	13431		
2014	13295		
2015	15018		

Name: Illnesses, dtype: int64

### ANSWER-02

## Top 5 Contaminants:

## Illnesses Hospitalizations Fatalities

# Species

Unknown	77954	967.0	27.0
Norovirus genogroup I	76406	668.0	2.0
Salmonella enterica	60018	6888.0	82.0
Norovirus genogroup II	38175	518.0	6.0
Clostridium perfringens	28734	106.0	12.0

## ANSWER-03

Top 5 High-Risk Locations:

Location

Restaurant 131970

Unknown 66015

Catering Service 36044

Private Home/Residence 22564

Prison/Jail 20608

Name: Illnesses, dtype: int64