

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

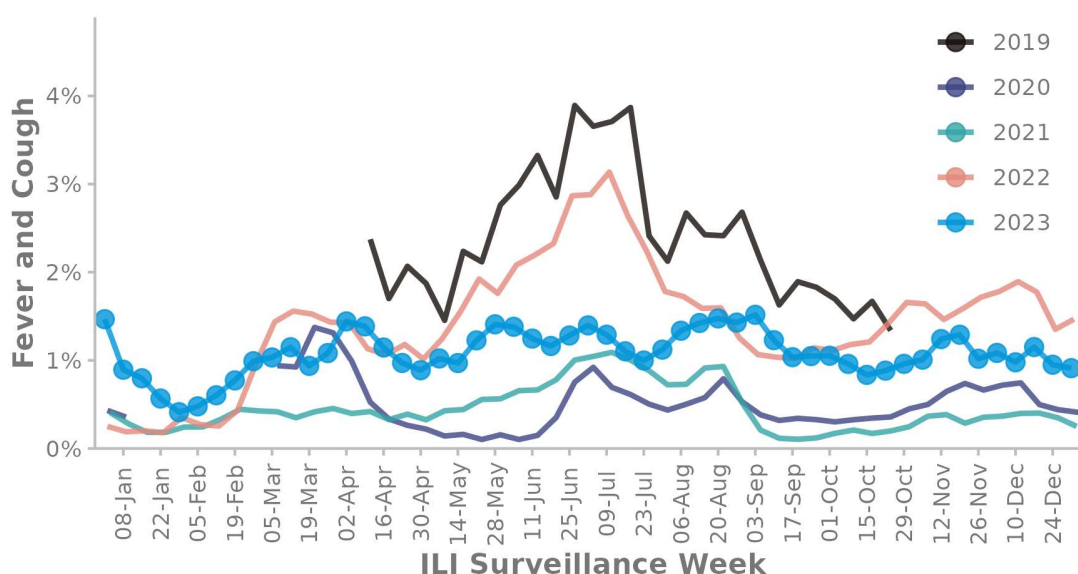
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Week Ending 31 December 2023

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.5% participants

(FluTracking is an online self-reporting respiratory illness surveillance system. Care should be taken when interpreting this report)

FIGURE 1. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS



This survey was sent on 01 January 2024 01:01 AM and by 04 January 2024 08:30 am we had received 14,816 responses (13,714 last week) from 9,888 people responding for themselves and 4,928 household members across New Zealand. Please note over the summer period there will be a reduced sample size for FluTracking, as participants have been given the option to opt-out until April 2024.

Across New Zealand, fever AND cough was reported by 0.9% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.5% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 0.9% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.1% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.1% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.6% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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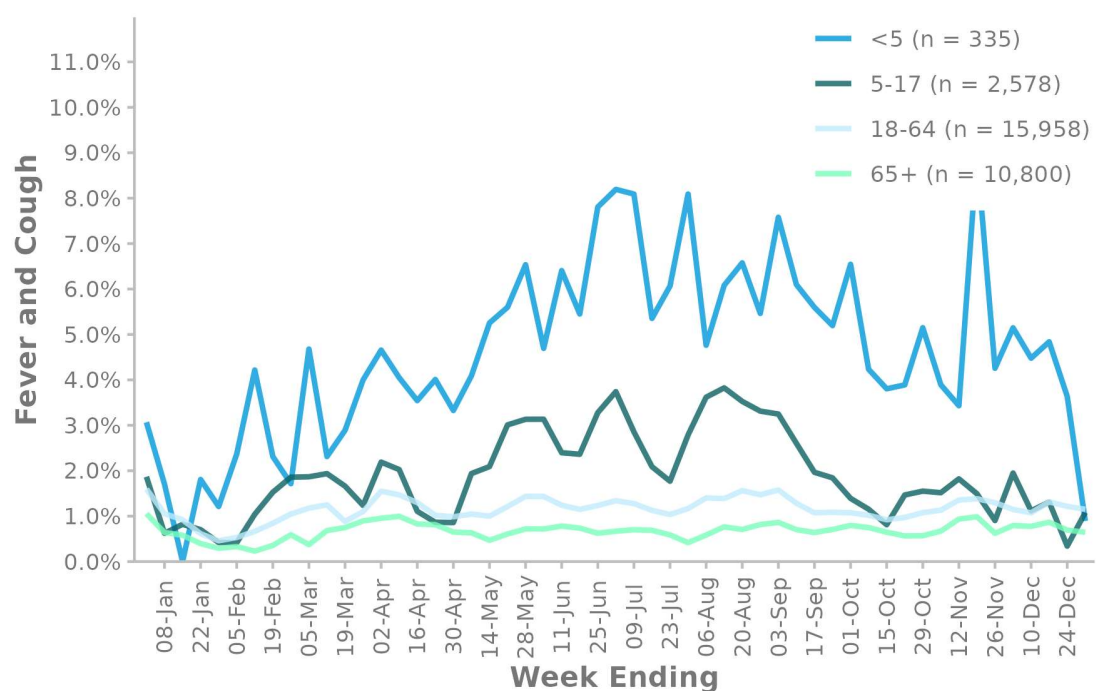
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	10,795	72.9%
South Island	4,021	27.1%
New Zealand	14,816	100%

TABLE 2. SELF-REPORTED COVID-19 AND INFLUENZA TESTING

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	24 December 2023	31 December 2023
Tested for influenza	4 (3.1%)	1 (0.7%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	107 (82.3%)	111 (82.2%)
Result positive for COVID-19	65 (50%)	71 (52.6%)

FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP



n = number of participants for current week

FIGURE 3. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY INFLUENZA VACCINATION STATUS



TABLE 3. COVID-19 VACCINATION RATES

Vaccinated participants	At least 1 dose (%)	... 2 doses (%)	... 3 doses (%)	... 4 doses (%)
5-17 years	90.9	83.9	7.4	1.7
18-64 years	99.5	99.5	95.7	68.7
65 + years	99.7	99.6	98.5	91.6
Working with patients	99.7	99.6	98.8	81.7
Vaccinated overall	98.4	97.9	91.3	75.0

Contact the FluTracking Team: flutracking.nz@esr.cri.nz To join the survey or find out more information: info.flutracking.net