

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

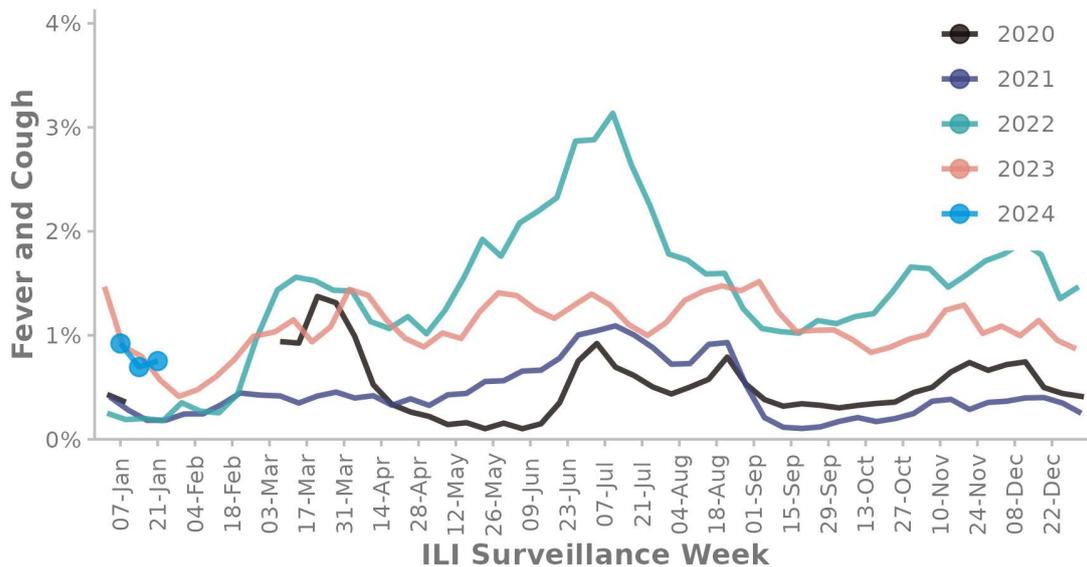
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Week Ending 21 January 2024

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 22 January 2024 01:01 AM and by 25 January 2024 08:30 am we had received 17,147 responses (17,197 last week) from 11,297 people responding for themselves and 5,850 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 0.8% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.5% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 1.5% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1% of participants aged 5-17 years, 0.9% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.6% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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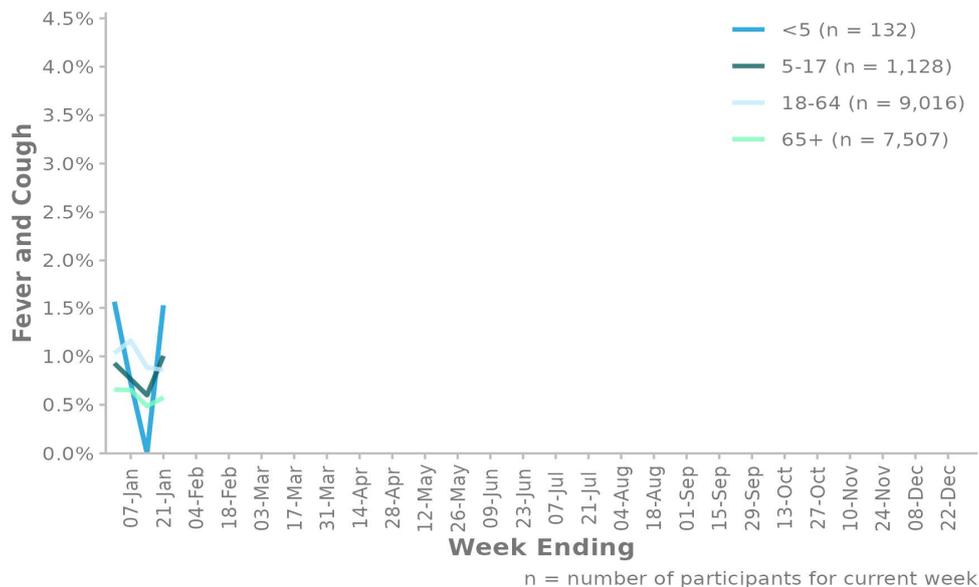
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	12,452	72.6%
South Island	4,695	27.4%
New Zealand	17,147	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	14 January 2024	21 January 2024
Tested for influenza	6 (5%)	1 (0.8%)
Result positive for influenza	2 (1.7%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	102 (85%)	116 (89.9%)
Result positive for COVID-19	71 (59.2%)	79 (61.2%)

FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP



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