

# Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

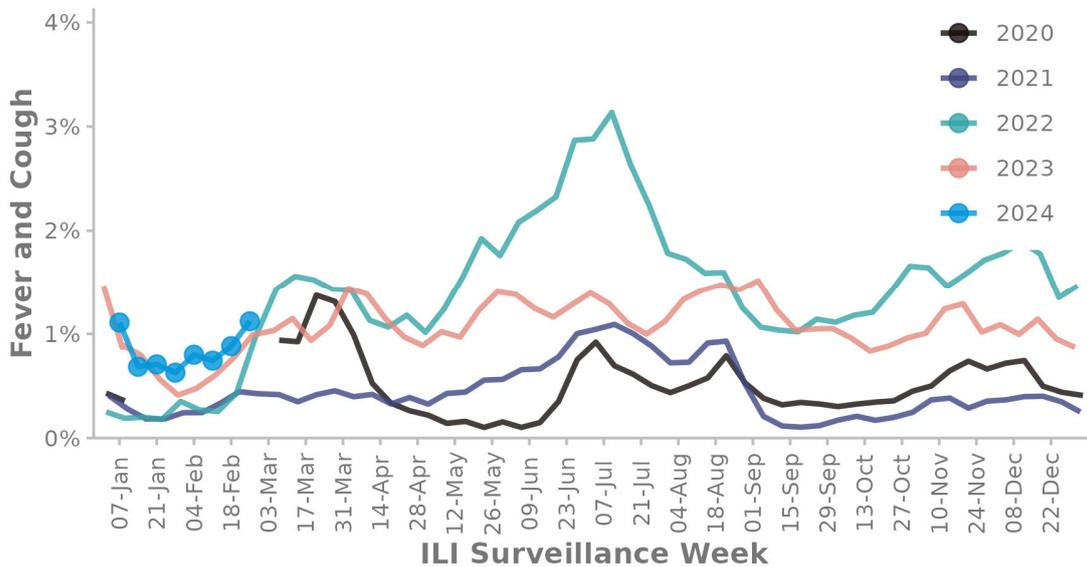
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Week Ending 25 February 2024

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.8% 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 26 February 2024 01:01 AM and by 29 February 2024 08:30 am we had received 24,180 responses (24,223 last week) from 15,625 people responding for themselves and 8,555 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 1.1% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.8% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 2.9% of participants aged less than 5 years, 2.6% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.3% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.6% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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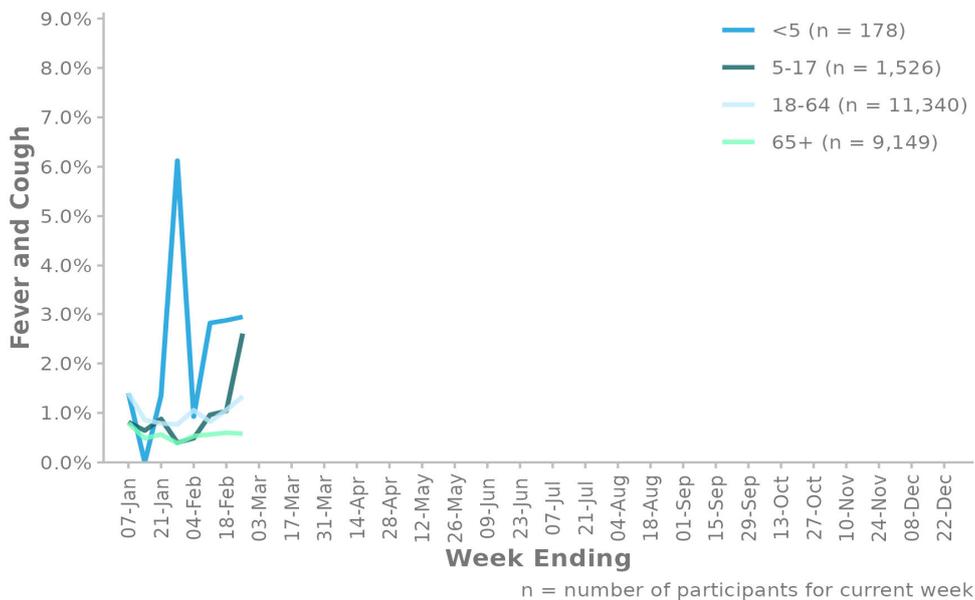
**TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION**

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	17,726	73.3%
South Island	6,454	26.7%
New Zealand	24,180	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	18 February 2024	25 February 2024
Tested for influenza	5 (2.3%)	4 (1.5%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	194 (88.2%)	245 (90.4%)
Result positive for COVID-19	112 (50.9%)	135 (49.8%)

**FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP**



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