

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

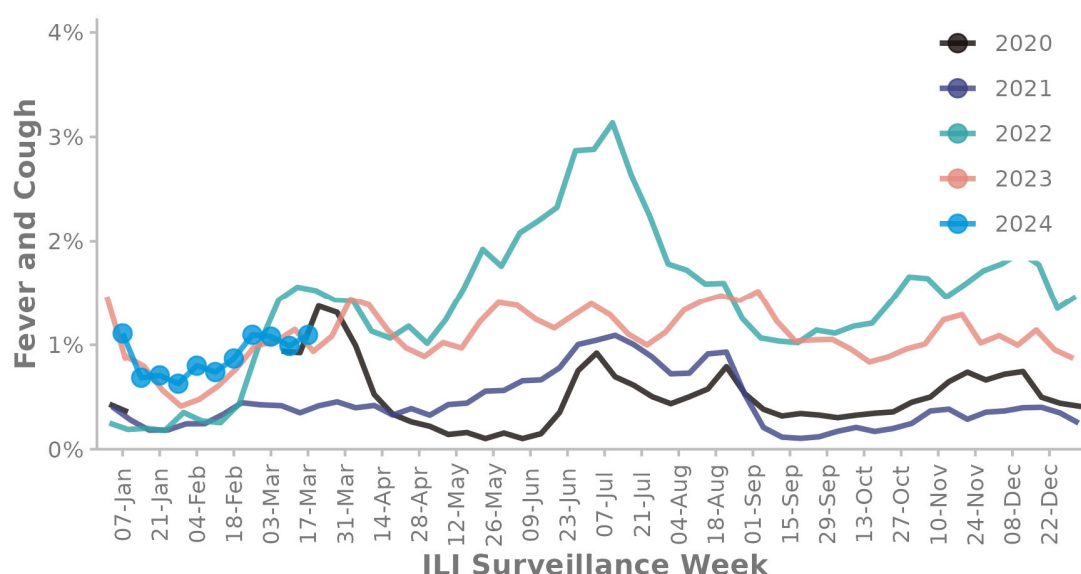
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Week Ending 17 March 2024

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 18 March 2024 01:01 AM and by 21 March 2024 08:30 am we had received 24,121 responses (24,343 last week) from 15,601 people responding for themselves and 8,520 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 5.7% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.8% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.4% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.6% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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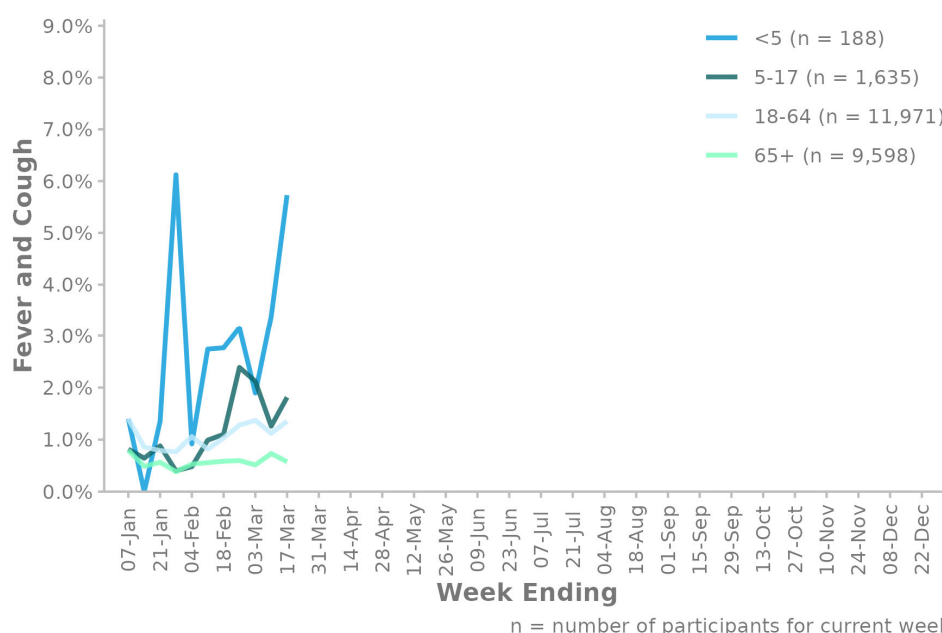
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	17,685	73.3%
South Island	6,436	26.7%
New Zealand	24,121	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	10 March 2024	17 March 2024
Tested for influenza	2 (0.8%)	3 (1.1%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	211 (87.9%)	219 (83%)
Result positive for COVID-19	133 (55.4%)	105 (39.8%)

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