

# Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

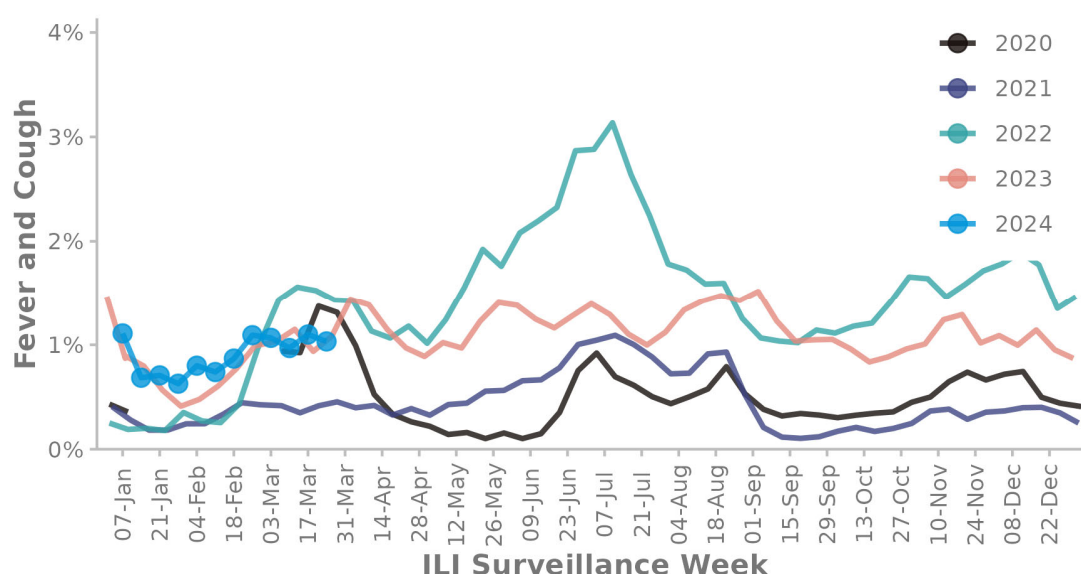
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Week Ending 24 March 2024

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.7% 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 25 March 2024 01:01 AM and by 28 March 2024 08:30 am we had received 24,125 responses (24,127 last week) from 15,614 people responding for themselves and 8,511 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% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.7% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 3.4% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.6% 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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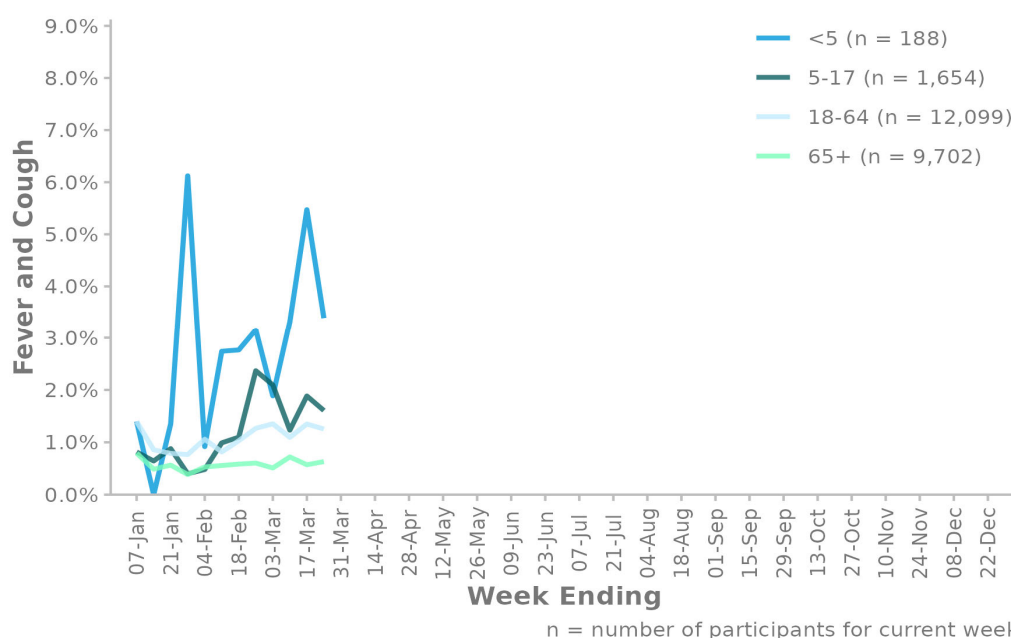
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	17,724	73.5%
South Island	6,401	26.5%
New Zealand	24,125	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	17 March 2024	24 March 2024
Tested for influenza	4 (1.5%)	5 (2%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	221 (83.7%)	207 (83.1%)
Result positive for COVID-19	109 (41.3%)	96 (38.6%)

FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP



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