

# Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

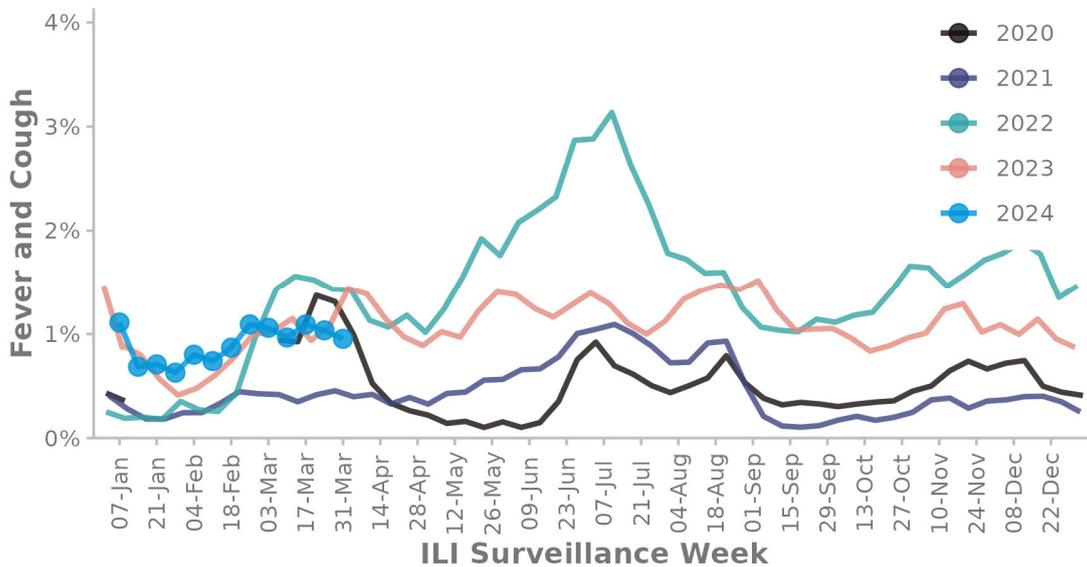
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Week Ending 31 March 2024

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.6% 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 April 2024 01:01 AM and by 04 April 2024 08:30 am we had received 30,764 responses (24,127 last week) from 19,462 people responding for themselves and 11,302 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 0.6% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 1.9% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.2% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.1% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.8% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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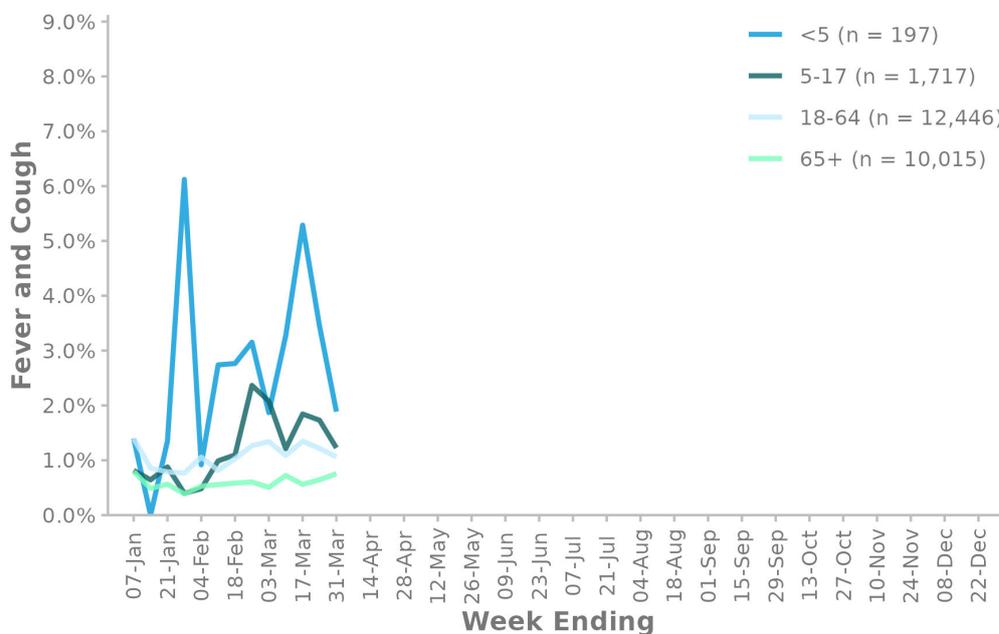
**TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION**

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	22,449	73%
South Island	8,315	27%
New Zealand	30,764	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	24 March 2024	31 March 2024
Tested for influenza	5 (2%)	10 (3.4%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	213 (85.9%)	234 (79.9%)
Result positive for COVID-19	99 (39.9%)	114 (38.9%)

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



n = number of participants for current week

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