

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

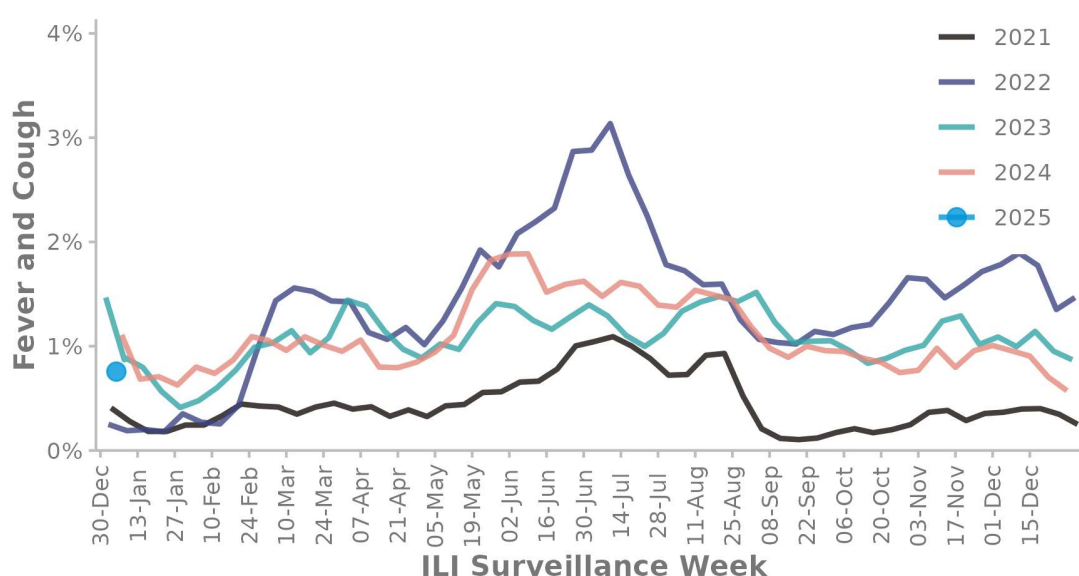
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Week Ending 05 January 2025

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.4% 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 06 January 2025 01:01 AM and by 09 January 2025 08:30 am we had received 14,281 responses (12,605 last week) from 9,747 people responding for themselves and 4,534 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 2025.

Across New Zealand, fever AND cough was reported by 0.8% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.4% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 1.4% of participants aged less than 5 years, 0.5% of participants aged 5-17 years, 0.9% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.7% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	10,440	73.1%
South Island	3,841	26.9%
New Zealand	14,281	100%

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

	Week Ending	
(% of fever and cough)	29 December 2024	05 January 2025
Tested for influenza	3 (4.1%)	3 (2.8%)
Result positive for influenza	1 (1.4%)	1 (0.9%)
Tested for COVID-19	49 (67.1%)	69 (63.9%)
Result positive for COVID-19	28 (38.4%)	31 (28.7%)

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FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP not produced this week.