

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

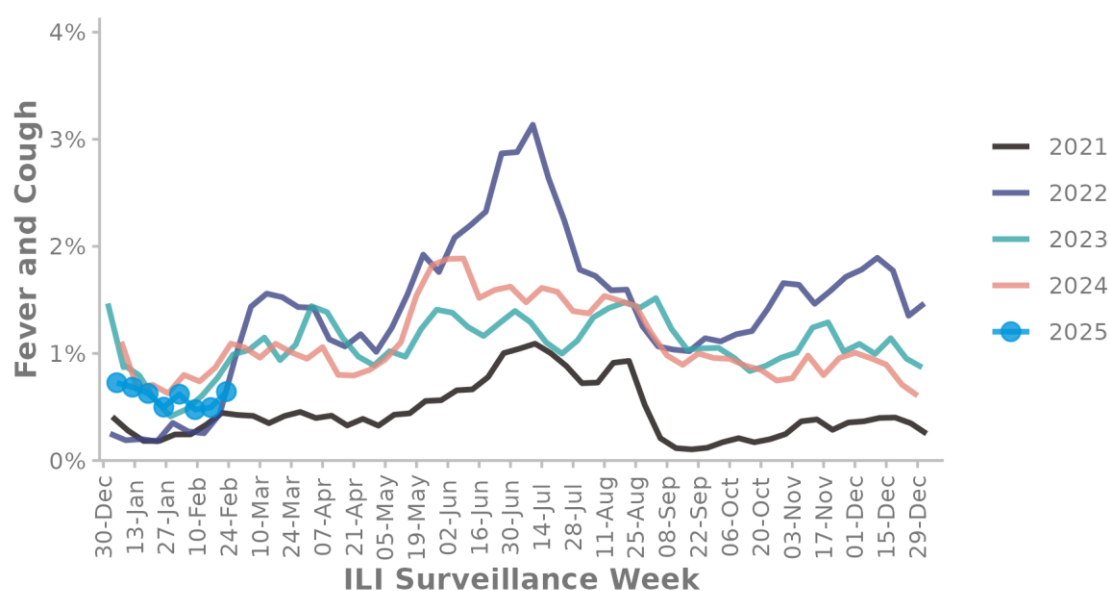
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Week Ending 23 February 2025

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.5% 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 24 February 2025 01:01 AM and by 27 February 2025 08:30 am we had received 23,324 responses (23,381 last week) from 15,462 people responding for themselves and 7,862 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 0.6% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.5% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 3.5% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.4% of participants aged 5-17 years, 0.8% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.4% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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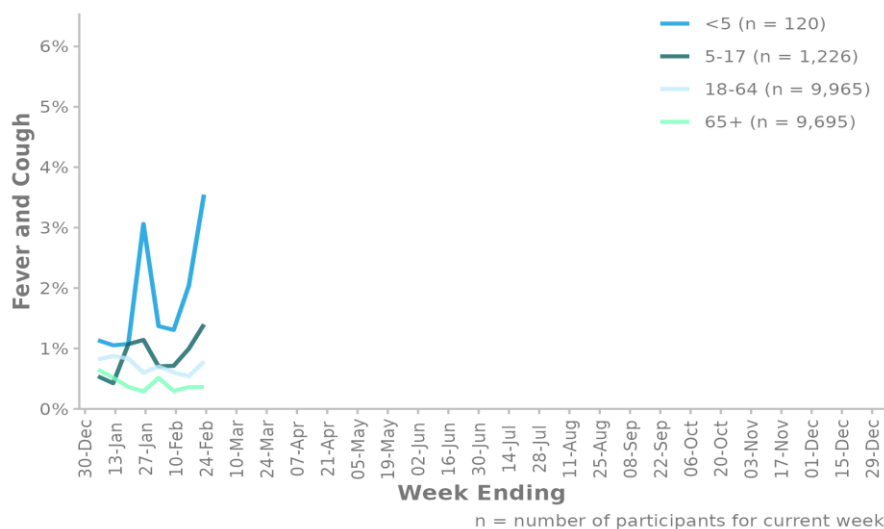
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	16,972	72.8%
South Island	6,352	27.2%
New Zealand	23,324	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	16 February 2025	23 February 2025
Tested for influenza	13 (11.1%)	9 (6%)
Result positive for influenza	6 (5.1%)	4 (2.7%)
Tested for COVID-19	9 (7.7%)	6 (4%)
Result positive for COVID-19	2 (1.7%)	1 (0.7%)

FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP



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