

Linear

Log

This page shows the frequency of the top 6 "L2" lineages, across recent months.

The detailed Lineage classifications are provided by Nextclade. I roll those up into "L2" groups, which roughly follow the WHO Variant definitions. For example, my "BA.2.86.*" group includes BA.2.86 and all its descendants, e.g. the JN.* lineages.

The detailed Lineage classifications are quite numerous and dynamic, so the "Lineage L2" groups give a simpler and more stable basis for analysis and comparison.

The frequency shown at each point is based on the 7-day rolling average across all lineages.

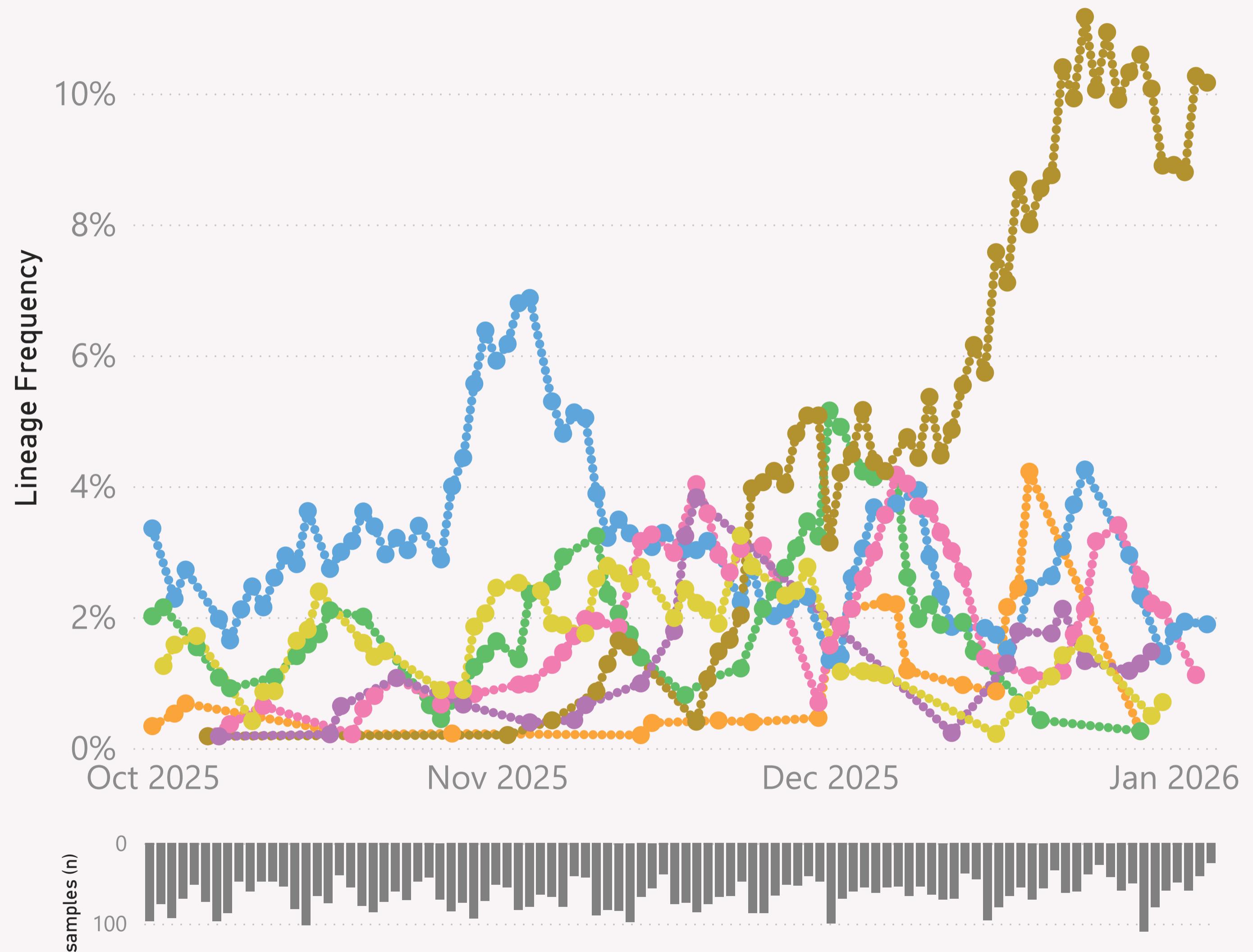
The grey column chart across the bottom shows the volume of sequences available by date. As there can be long sample and data processing times, it is quite routine for recent dates to show lower sample sizes.

The frequency results calculated for the most recent dates might not be representative, due to those lower sample sizes.

Canada

n=6,262 sequenced genomes, from 1 October 2025 up to 4 January 2026

- NB.1.8.1
- PQ.13.1
- PQ.2
- PQ.2.1
- PQ.2.1.3
- PQ.2.4
- PQ.2.5.3



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This page shows the frequency of the top 7 lineages, across recent months. The lineages are filtered for a "Lineage L2" group of interest, currently NB.1.8.1.* "Nimbus".

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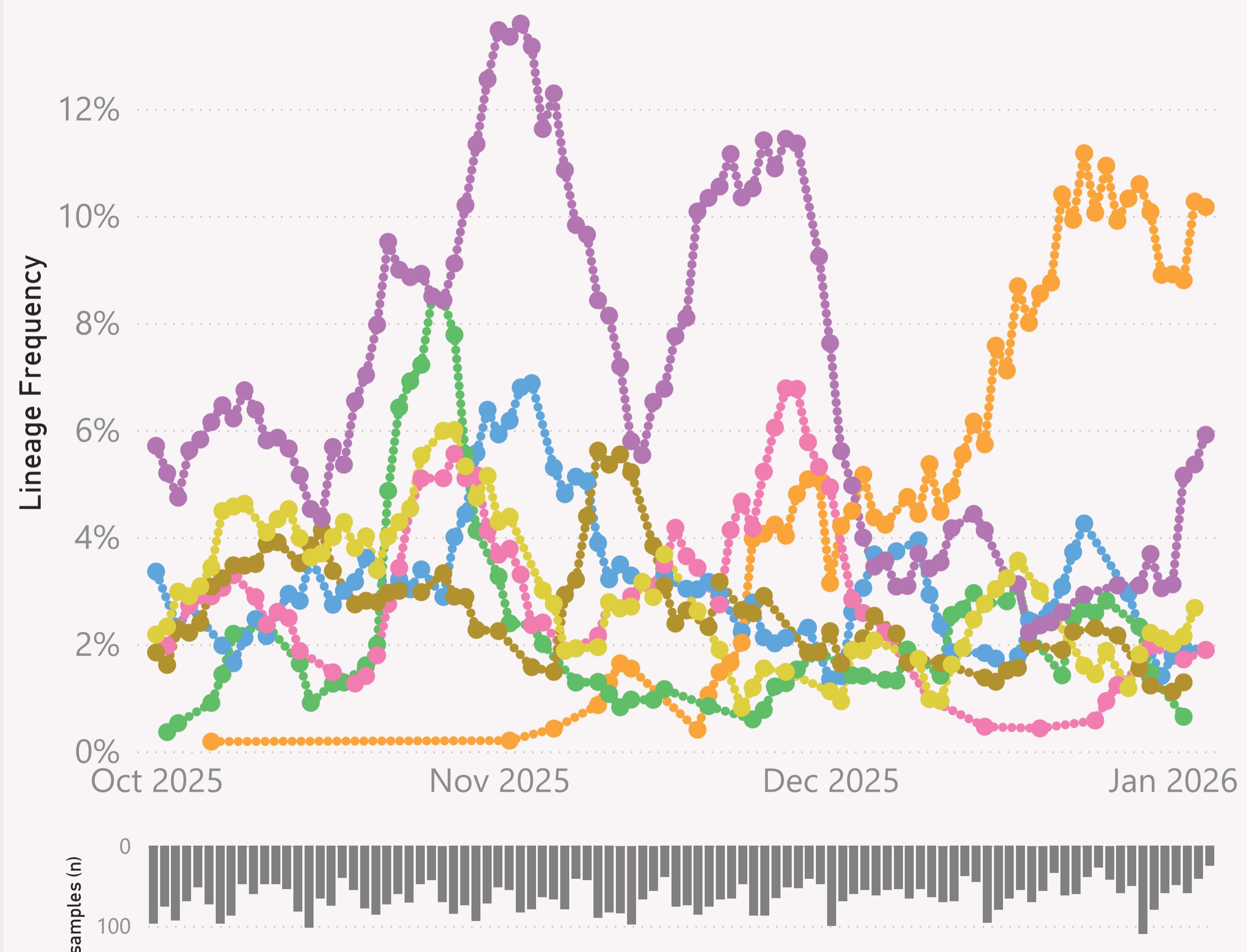
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- NB.1.8.1 ● PQ.2.1.3 ● QF.2 ● XFG ● XFG.2 ● XFG.3 ● XFG.3.15



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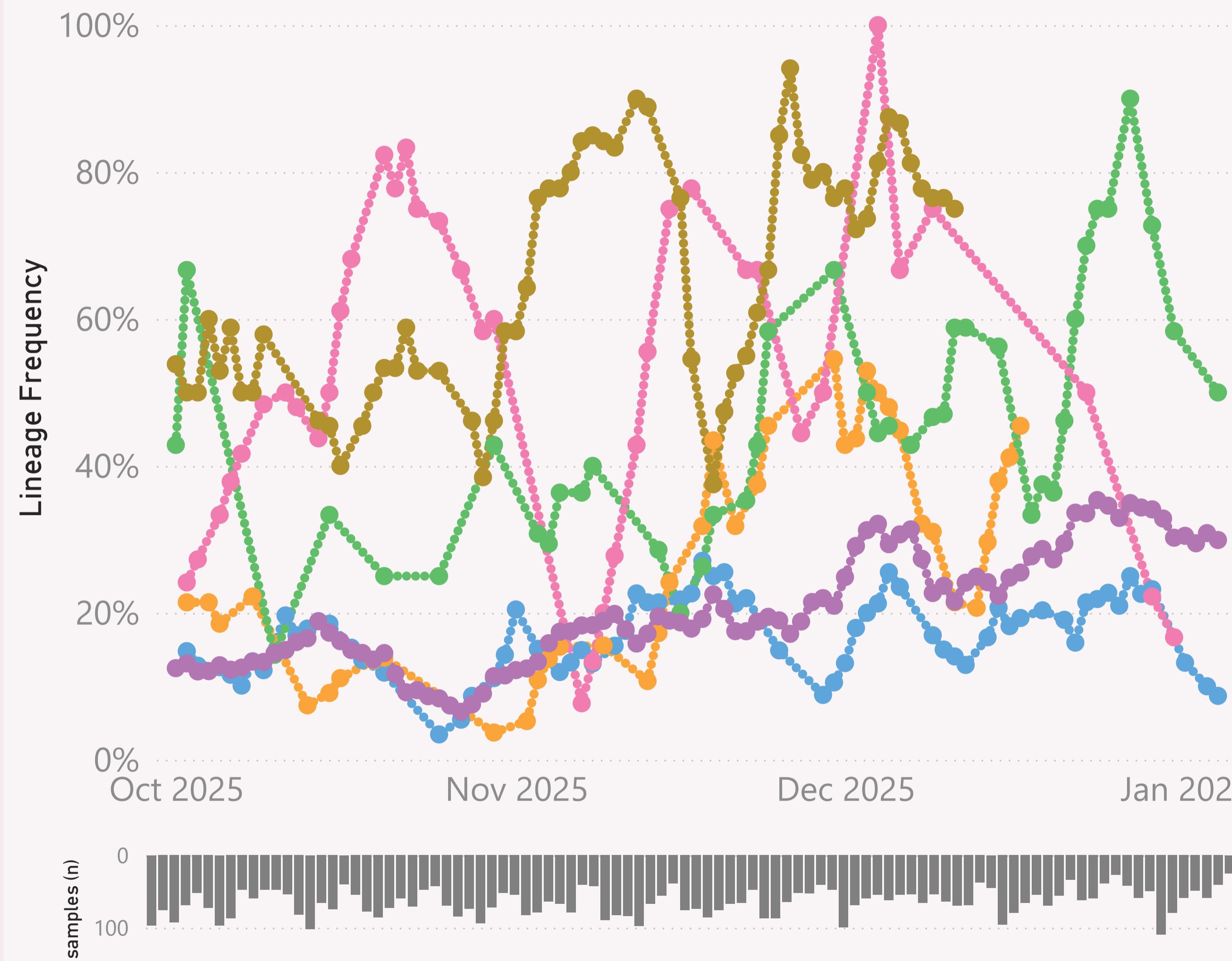
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NB.1.8.1.* Nimbus

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland
- Nova Scotia
- Ontario



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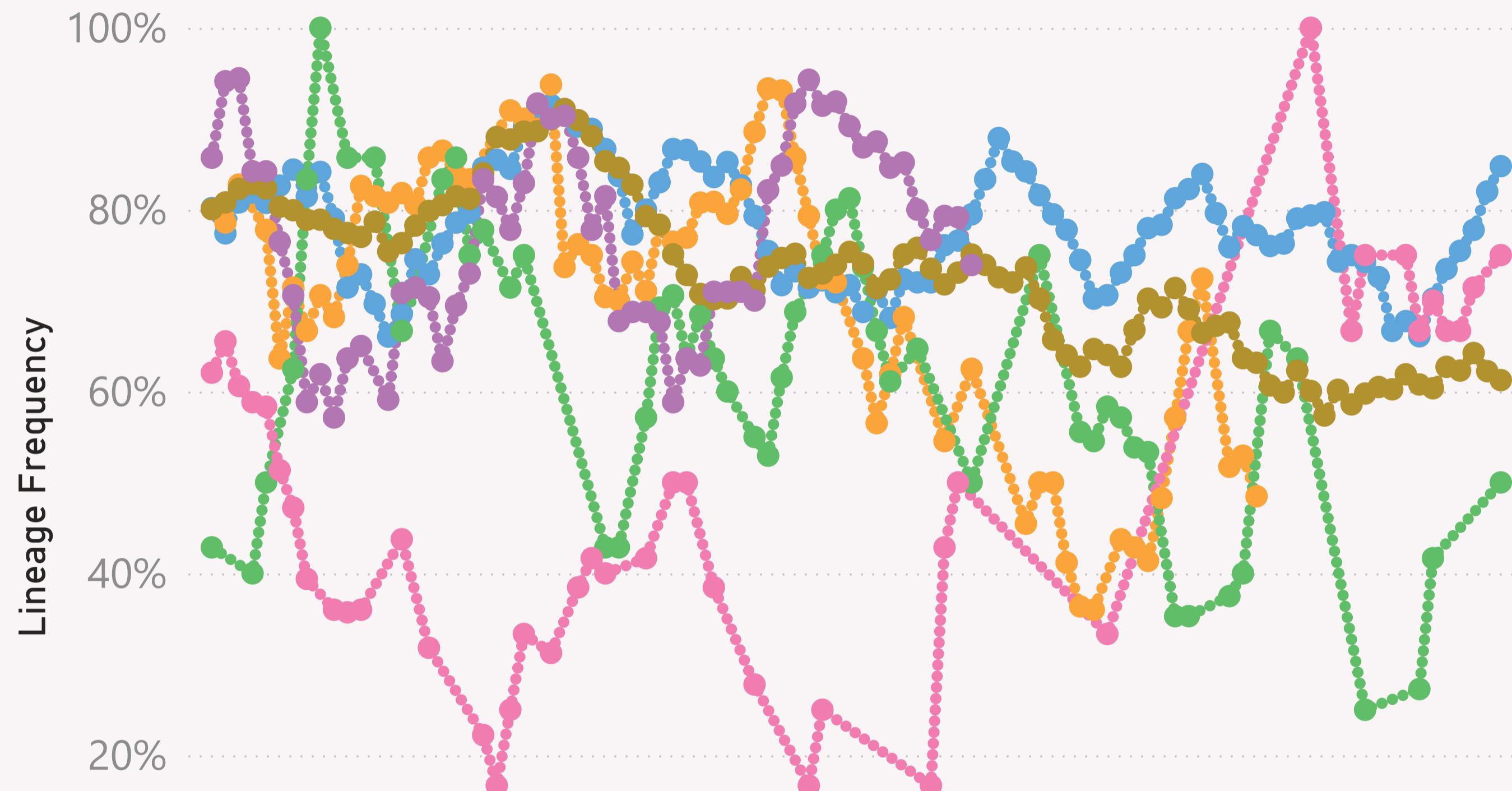
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XFG.*

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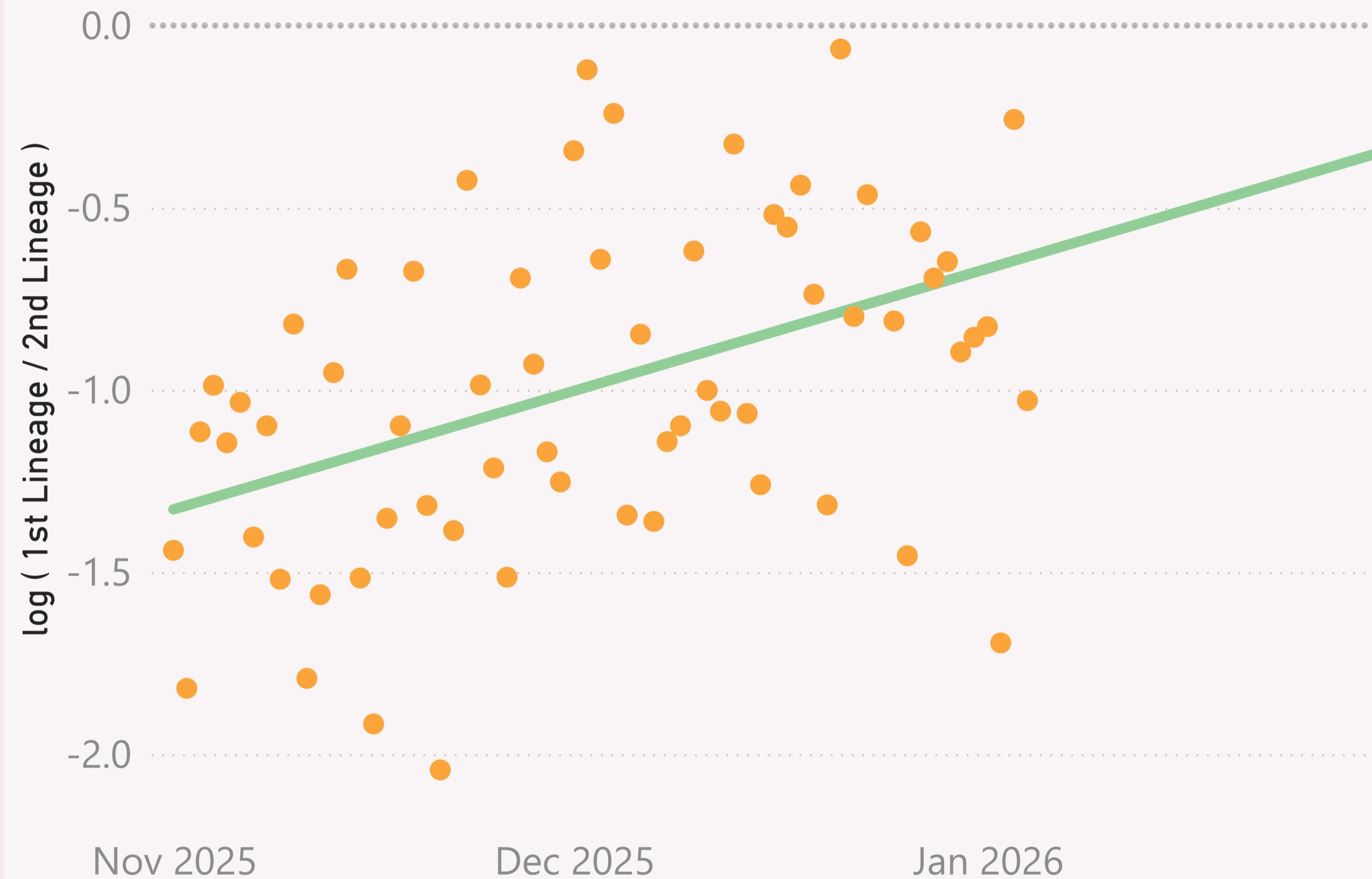
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n=4,086 sequenced genomes, from 1 November 2025 up to 4 January 2026

Canada - NB.1.8.1.* Nimbus vs XFG.*

● log (1st Lineage / 2nd Lineage) ● trend

growth of 1.1% per day



samples (n)

Nov 2025 Dec 2025 Jan 2026

0

100

This page compares the relative frequency of 2 selected Lineage L2s, over recent months. A challenging Lineage L2 is selected first, and compared to the incumbent.

The trend is shown as a green line and expressed as a daily growth % advantage. If the green line crosses over the 0.0 line, the date when that occurred or is predicted to occur will be shown. At that point the challenging Lineage is considered to have "crossed over" or taken over dominance from the incumbent Lineage

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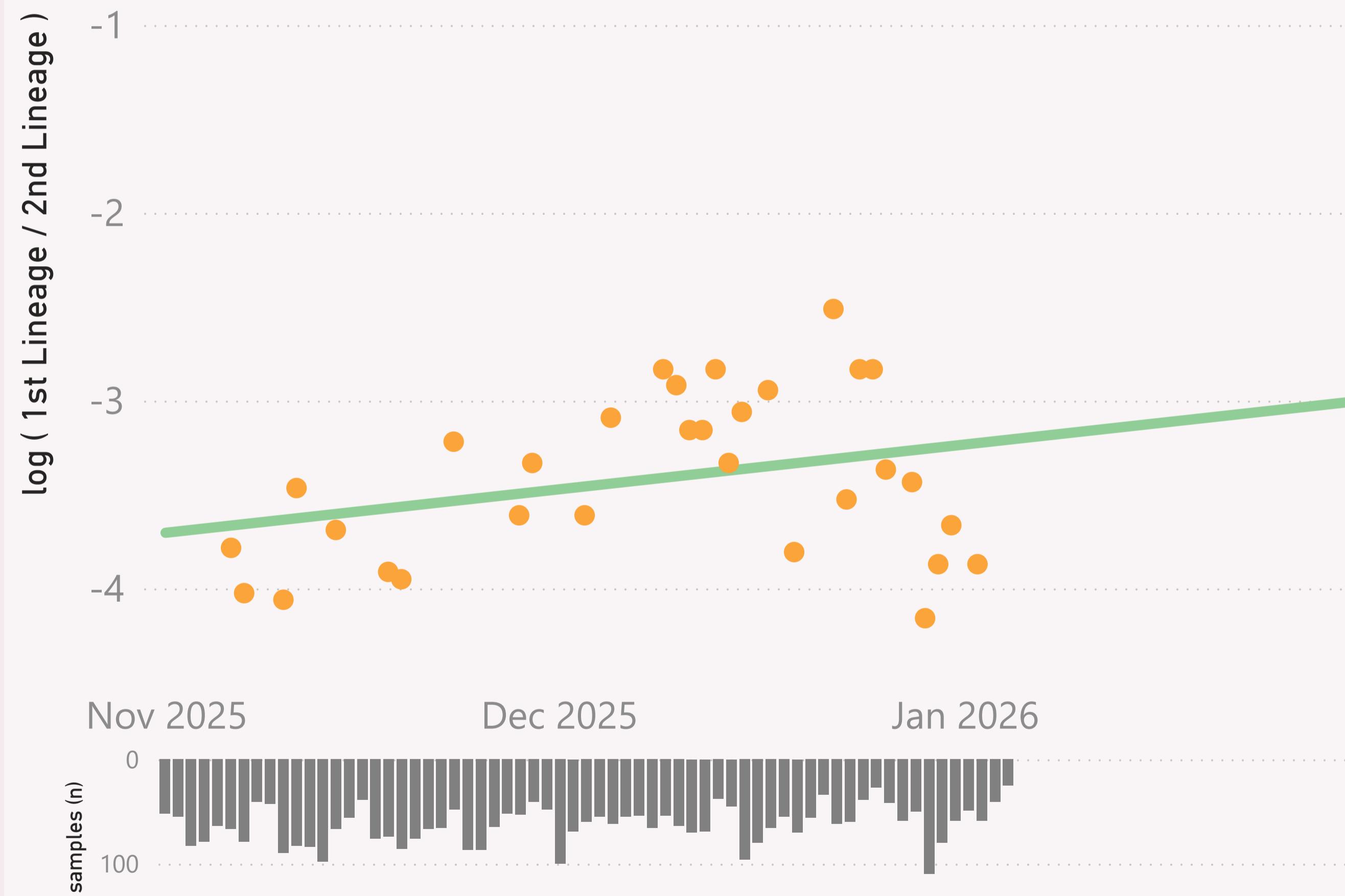
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Canada - XFG.1.1 vs XFG.*

● log (1st Lineage / 2nd Lineage) ● trend

0 growth of 0.8% per day



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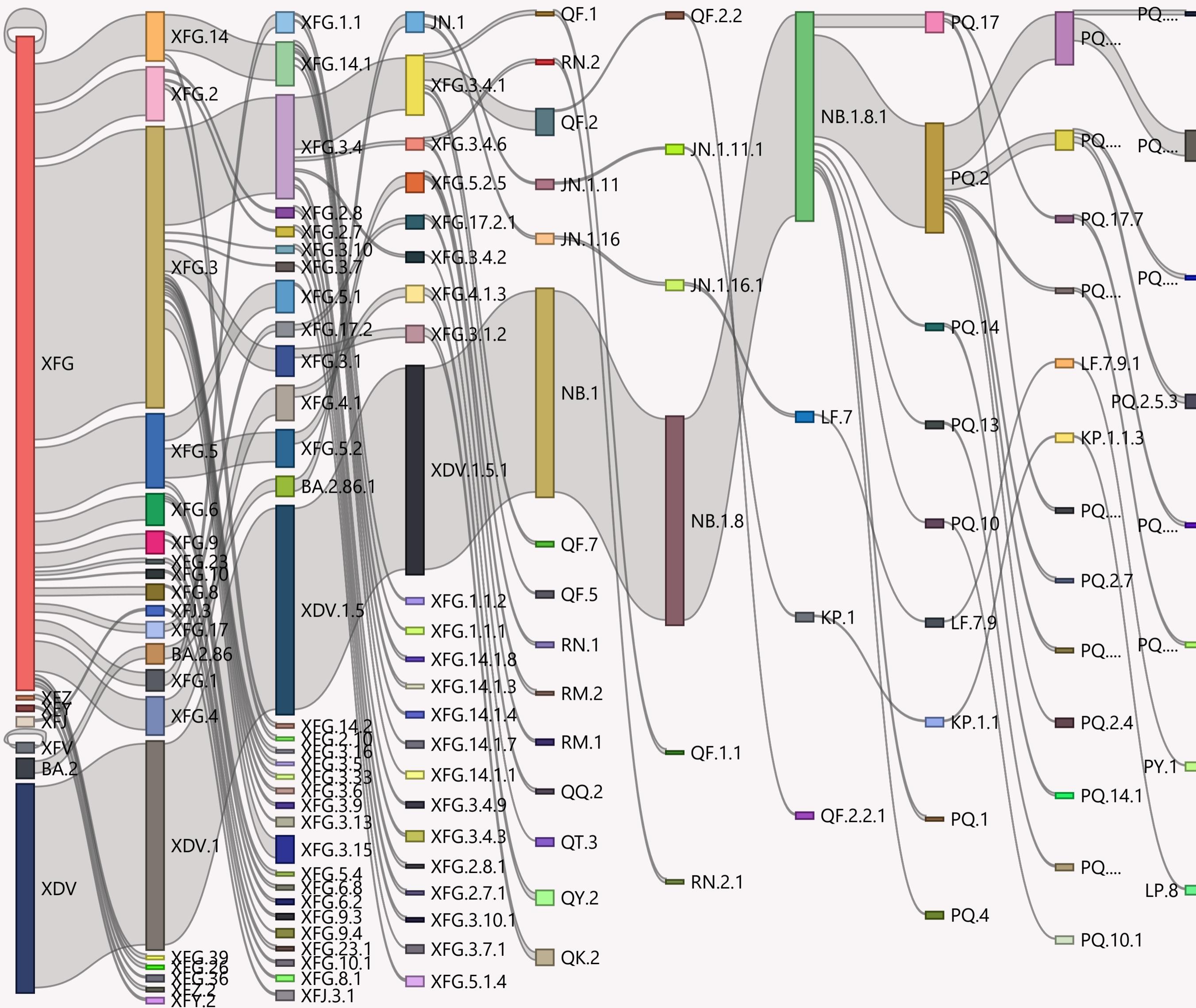
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This page shows the hierarchy of the significant Lineages, over recent months.

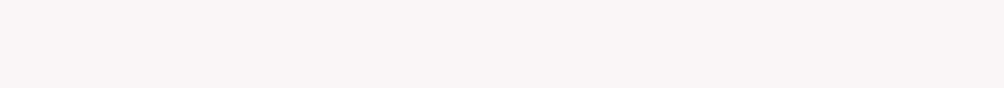
The hierarchy can be read from left to right, starting with the earliest/highest Lineages being broken down into more detailed child Lineages.

The vertical height of each bar segment represents the relative volume of all the samples of that specific Lineage, as well as all it's descendants.

The full picture is typically quite busy, so insignificant Lineages (with few samples, or at the extreme top or bottom of the hierarchy) are not shown.

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Data Submitted in the last 8 weeks

| Country | # Samples Sequenced | Latest Collection date | by Collection date | Latest Submission date | by Submission date |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Canada | 4,241 | 04/01/2026 |  | 14/01/2026 |  |
| Alberta | 509 | 04/01/2026 |  | 14/01/2026 |  |
| British Columbia | 242 | 17/12/2025 |  | 14/01/2026 |  |
| Manitoba | 62 | 28/10/2025 |  | 19/12/2025 |  |
| New Brunswick | 87 | 04/01/2026 |  | 14/01/2026 |  |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 96 | 04/01/2026 |  | 14/01/2026 |  |
| Nova Scotia | 102 | 11/12/2025 |  | 14/01/2026 |  |
| Ontario | 2,878 | 04/01/2026 |  | 14/01/2026 |  |
| Quebec | 30 | 20/11/2025 |  | 17/12/2025 |  |
| Saskatchewan | 235 | 26/11/2025 |  | 18/12/2025 |  |
| Total | 4,241 | 04/01/2026 |  | 14/01/2026 |  |

This page shows the volume and currency/timeliness of the genomic sequencing data shared via GISAID, over the last 8 weeks. A breakdown by province is also shown.

Each sample shared comes with a Collection date - when the PCR test for that sample was collected. The GISAID system also records a Submission date for each sample, which is typically the date that sample was uploaded.

The latest date of each type is shown, along with "sparkline"-style mini charts to give a flavour for the spread of recent data by Collection date and by Submission date.