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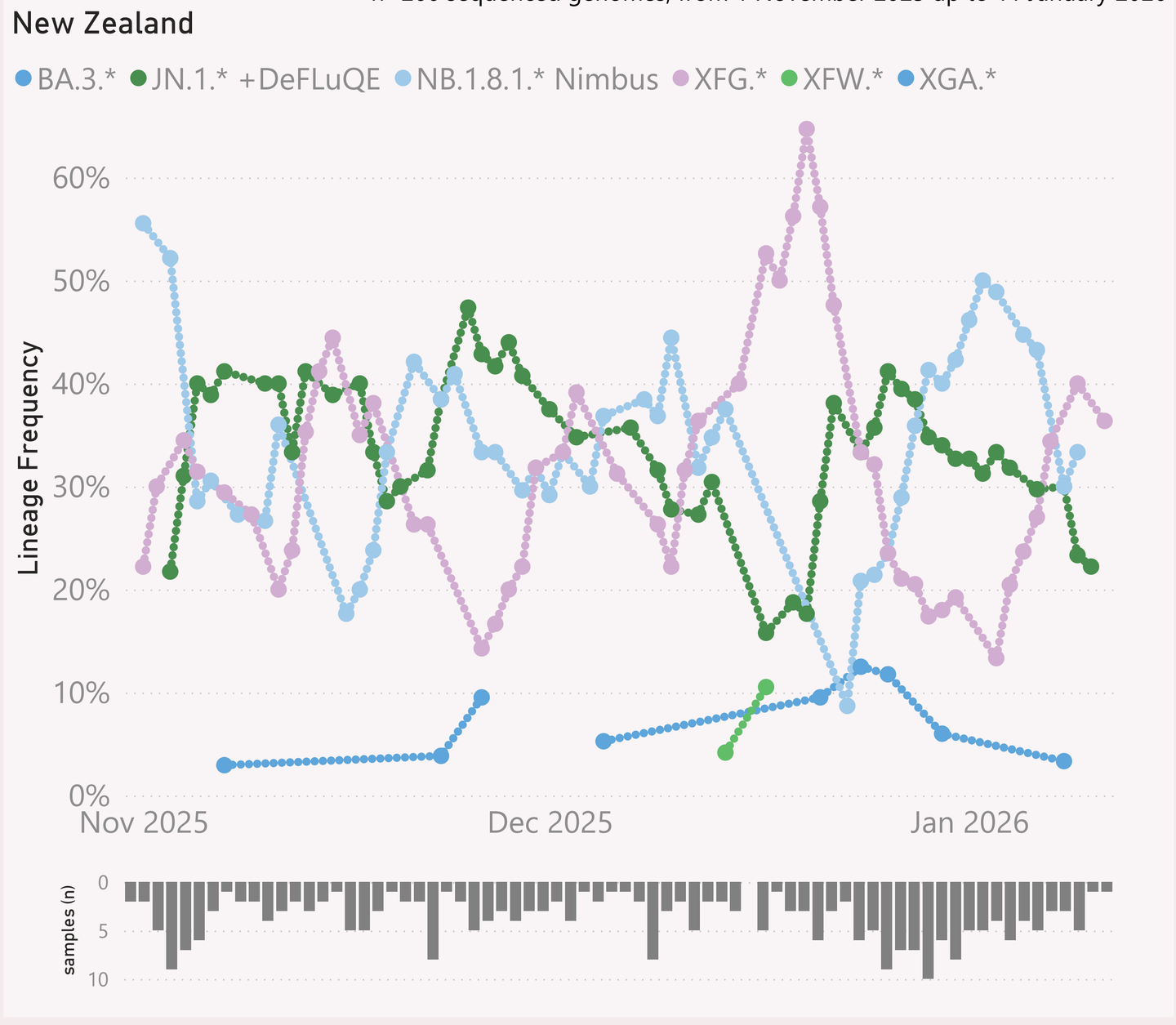

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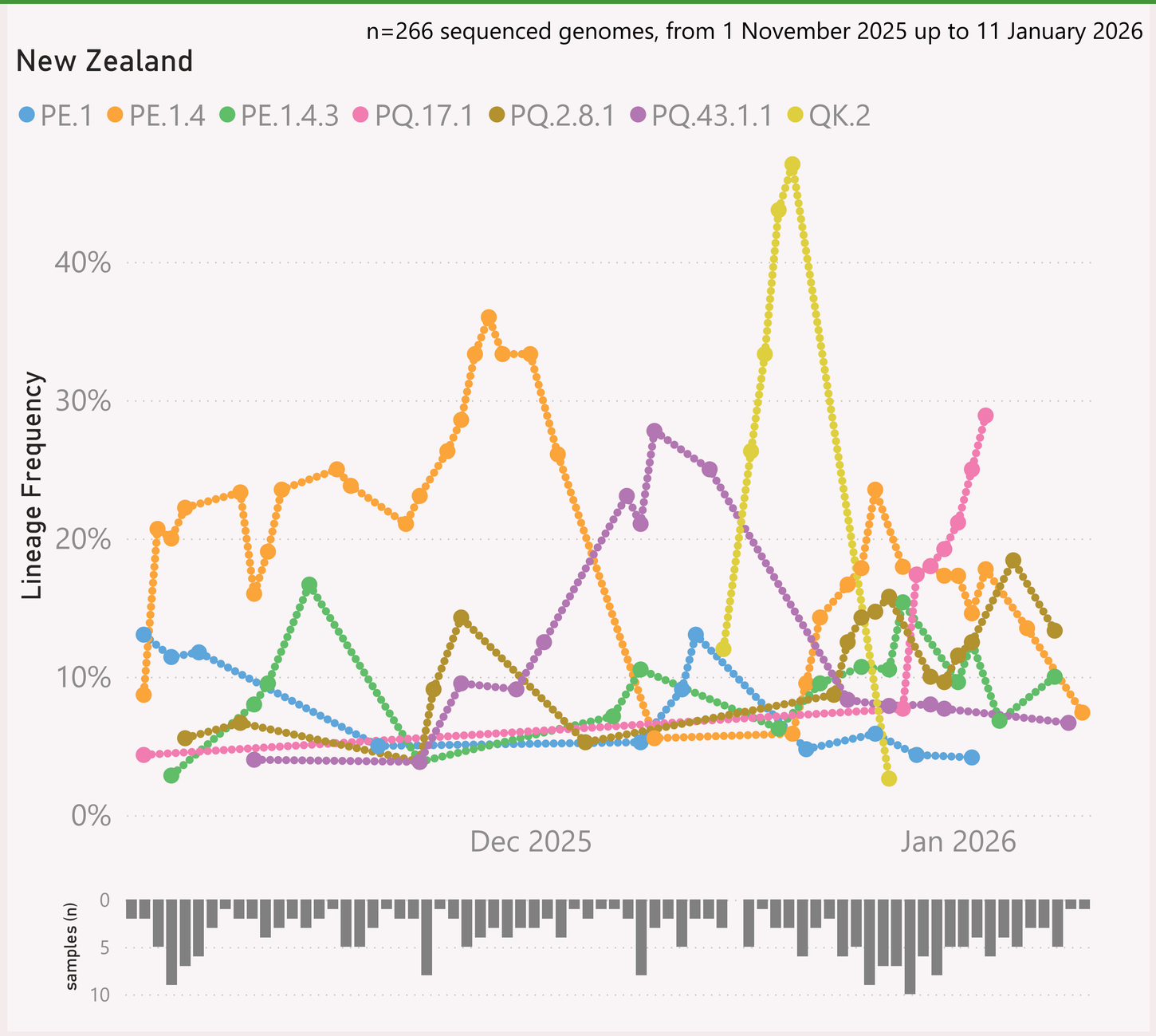

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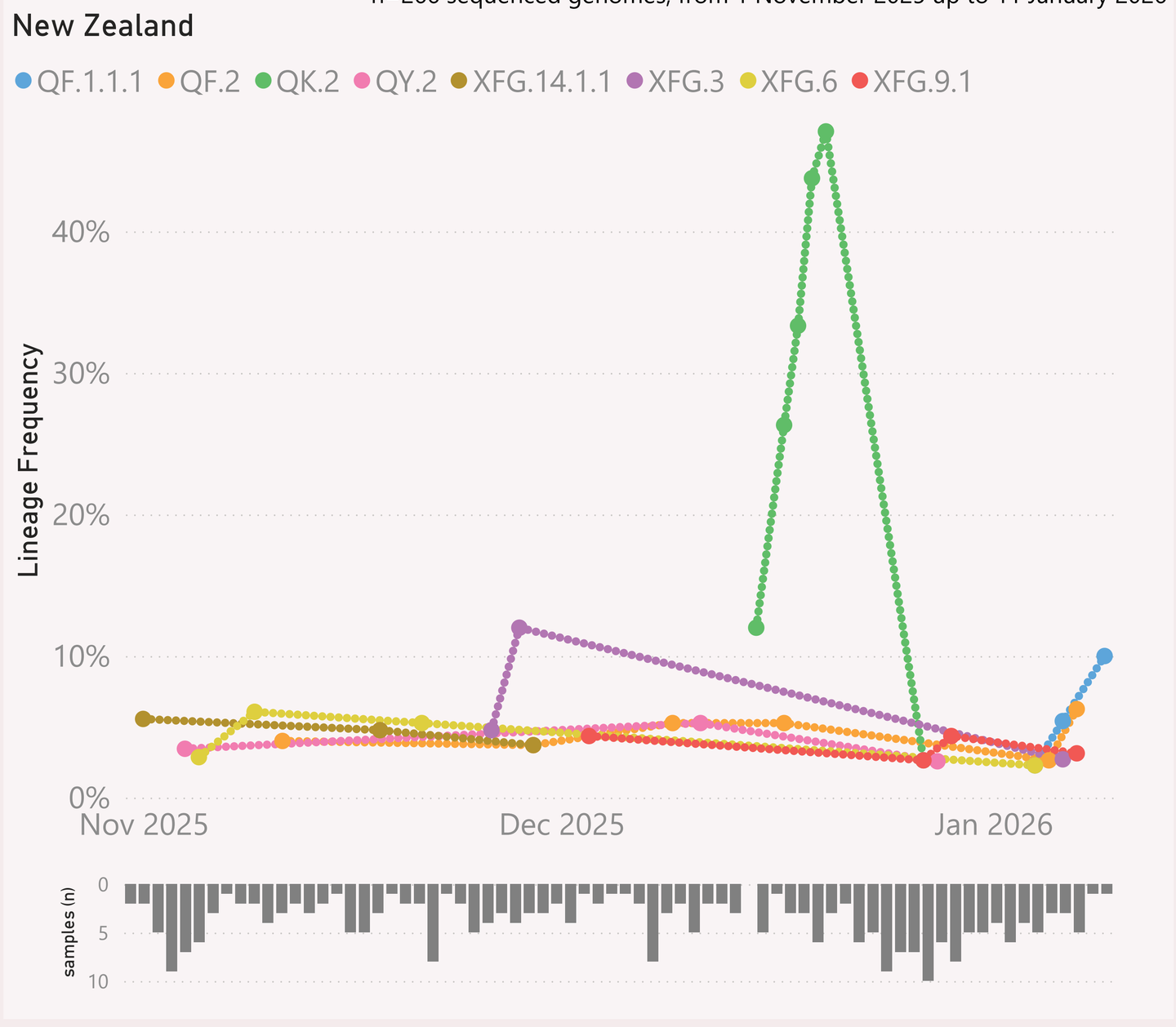

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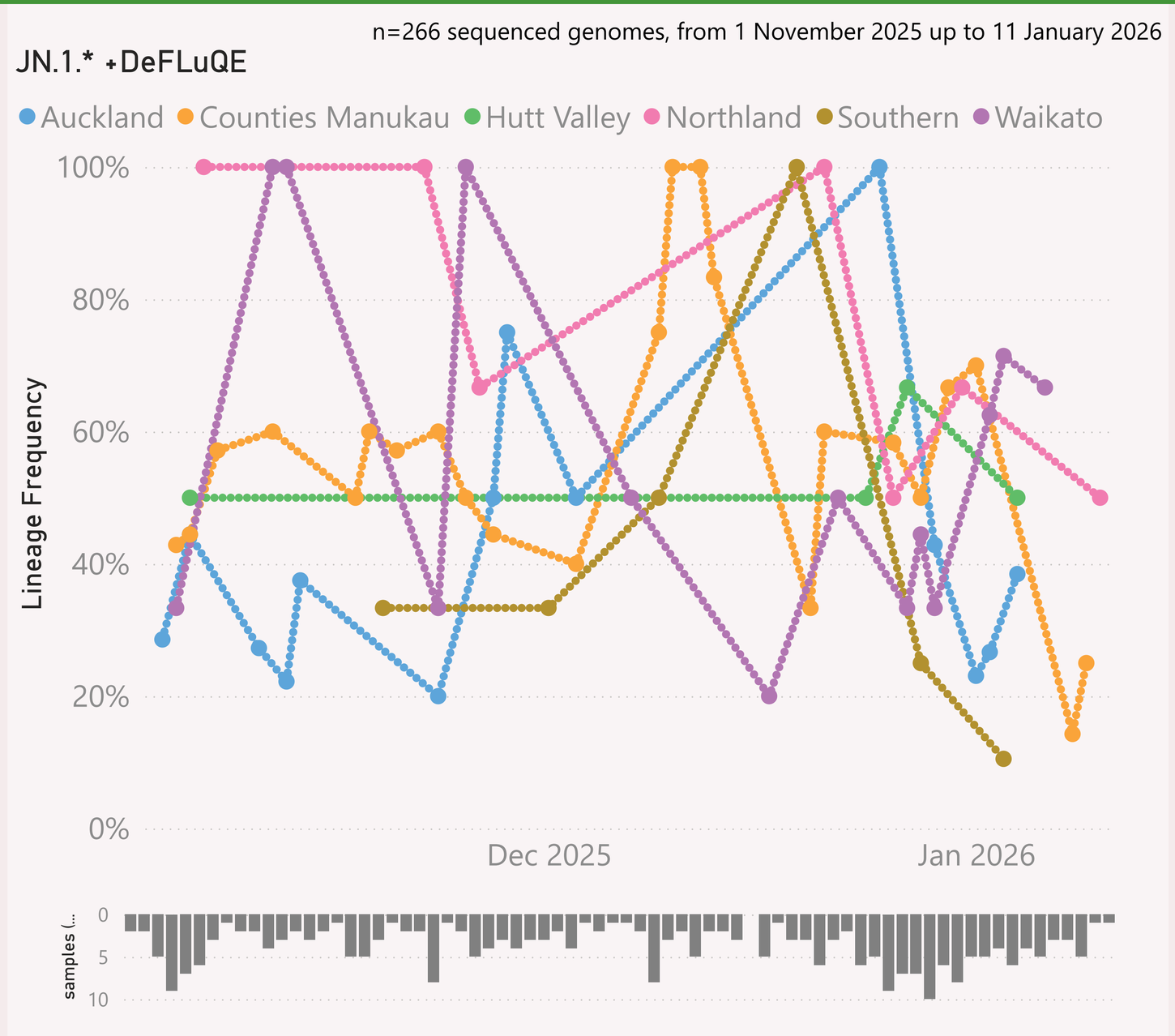

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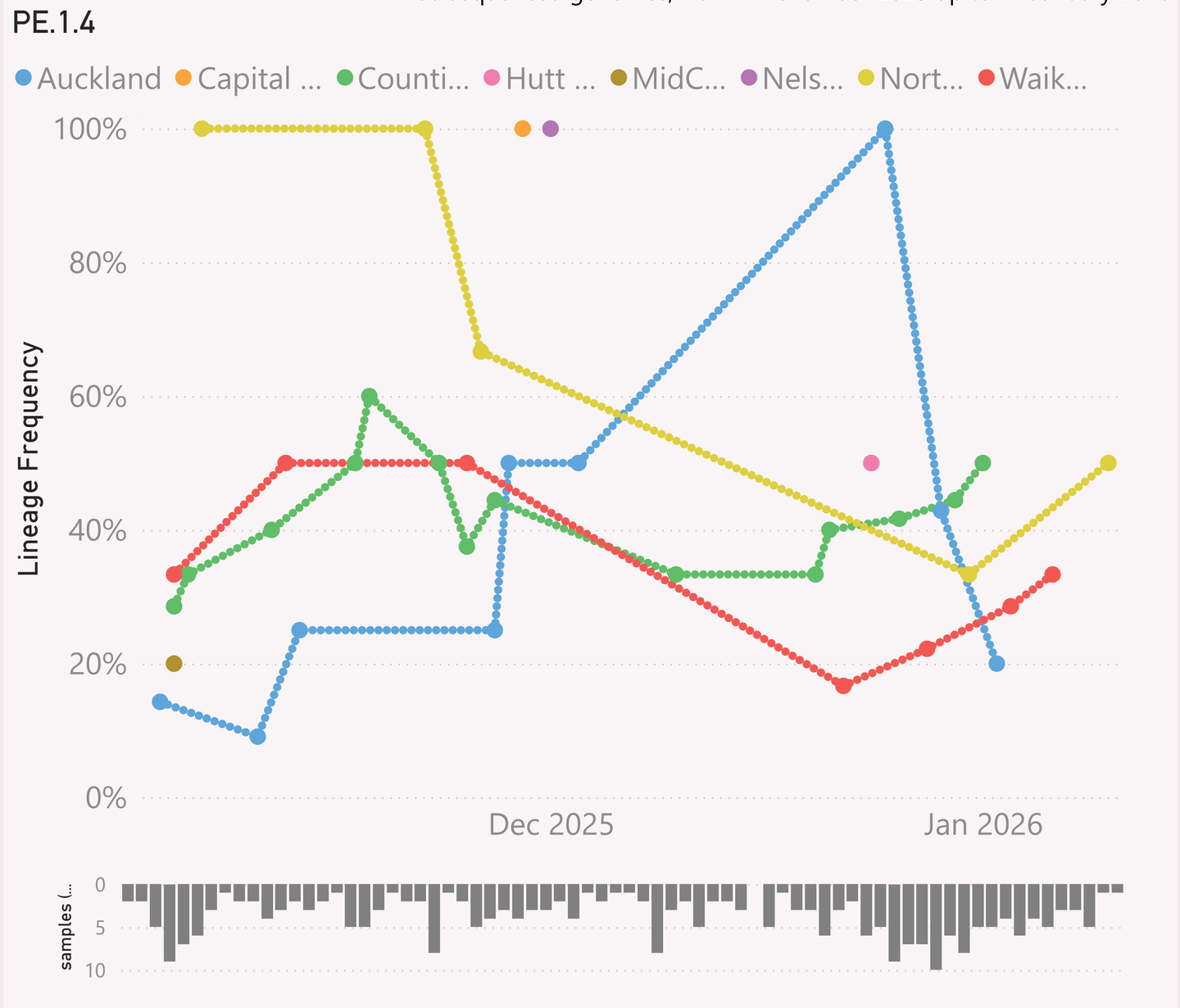

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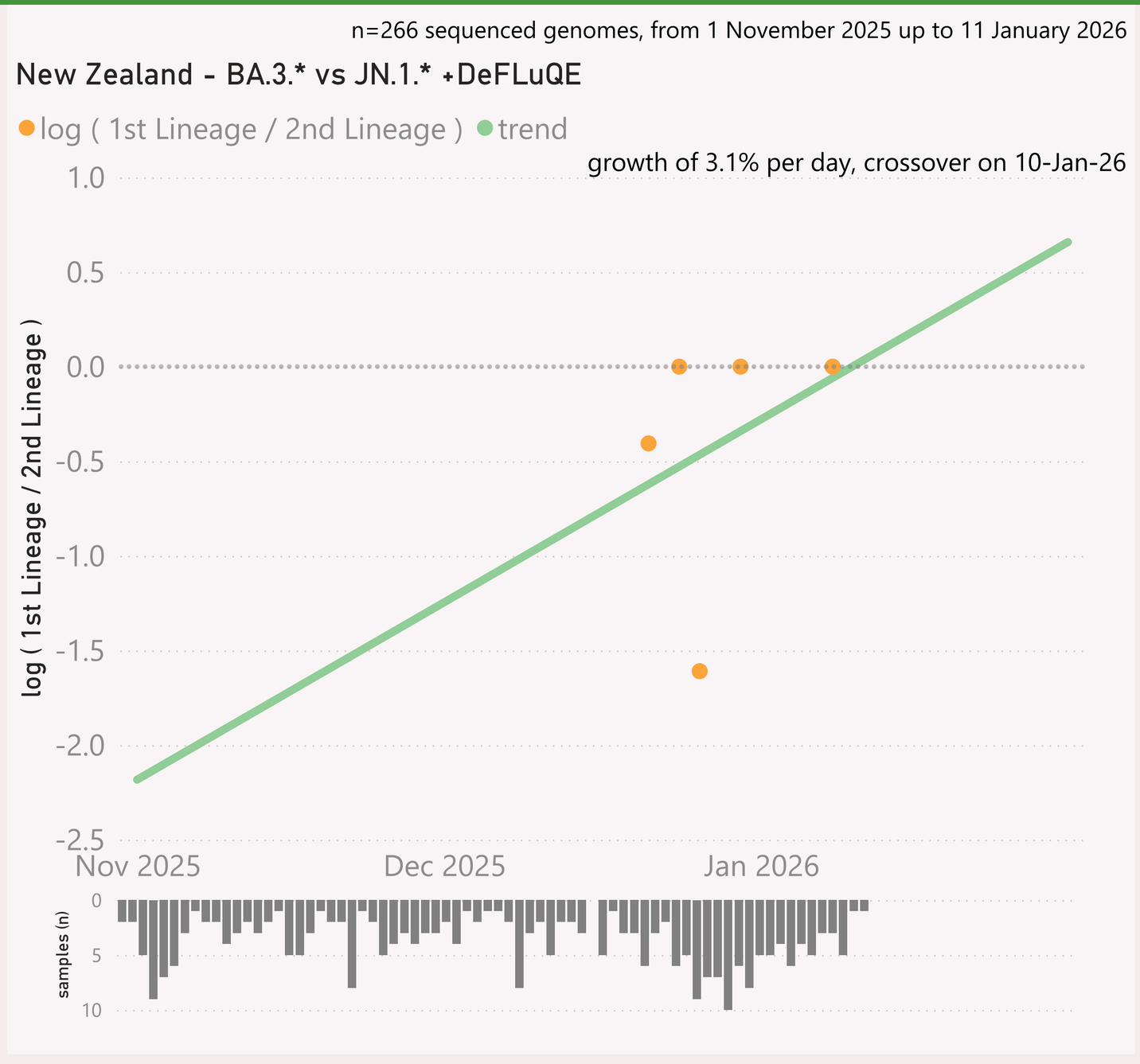

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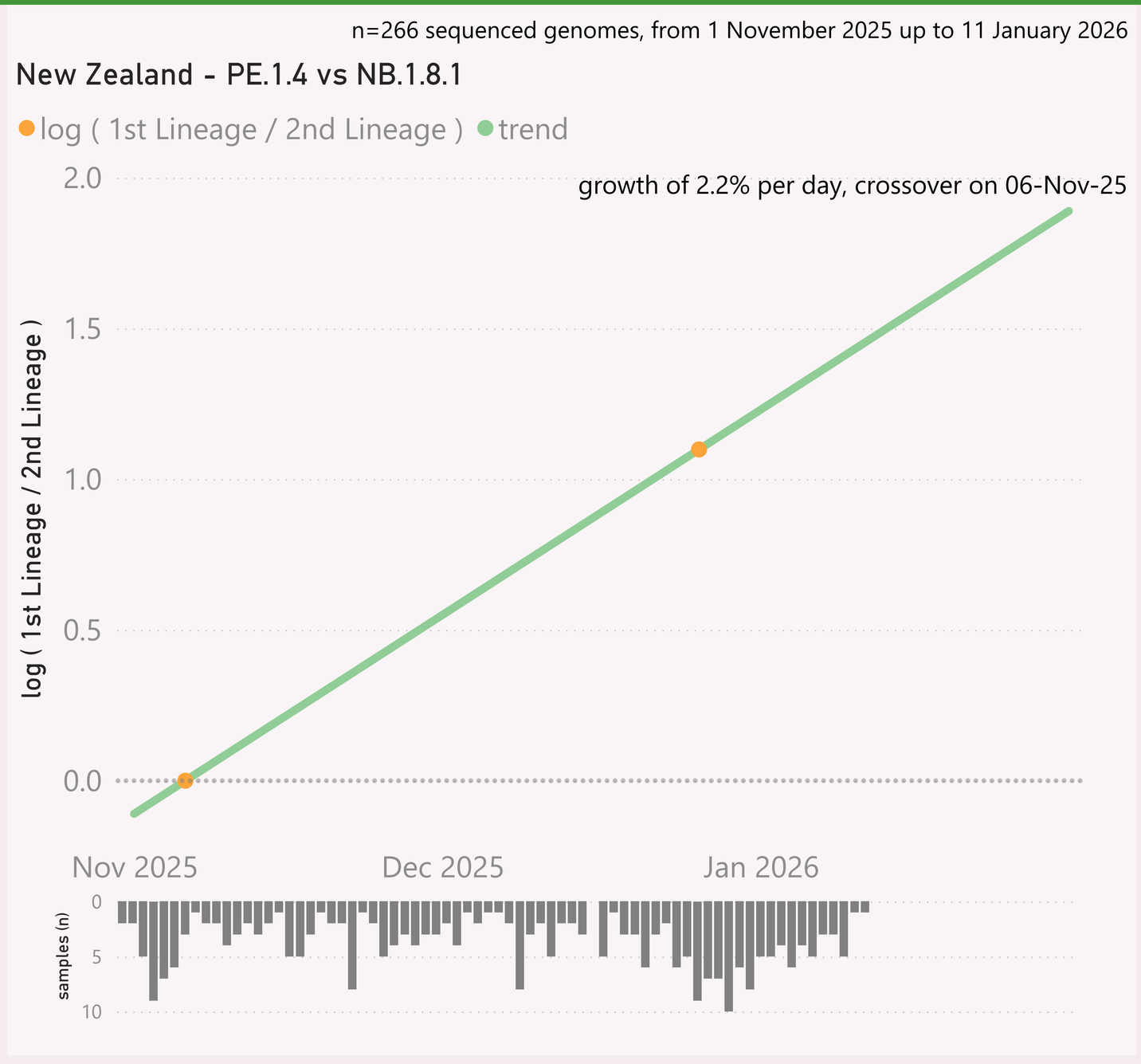

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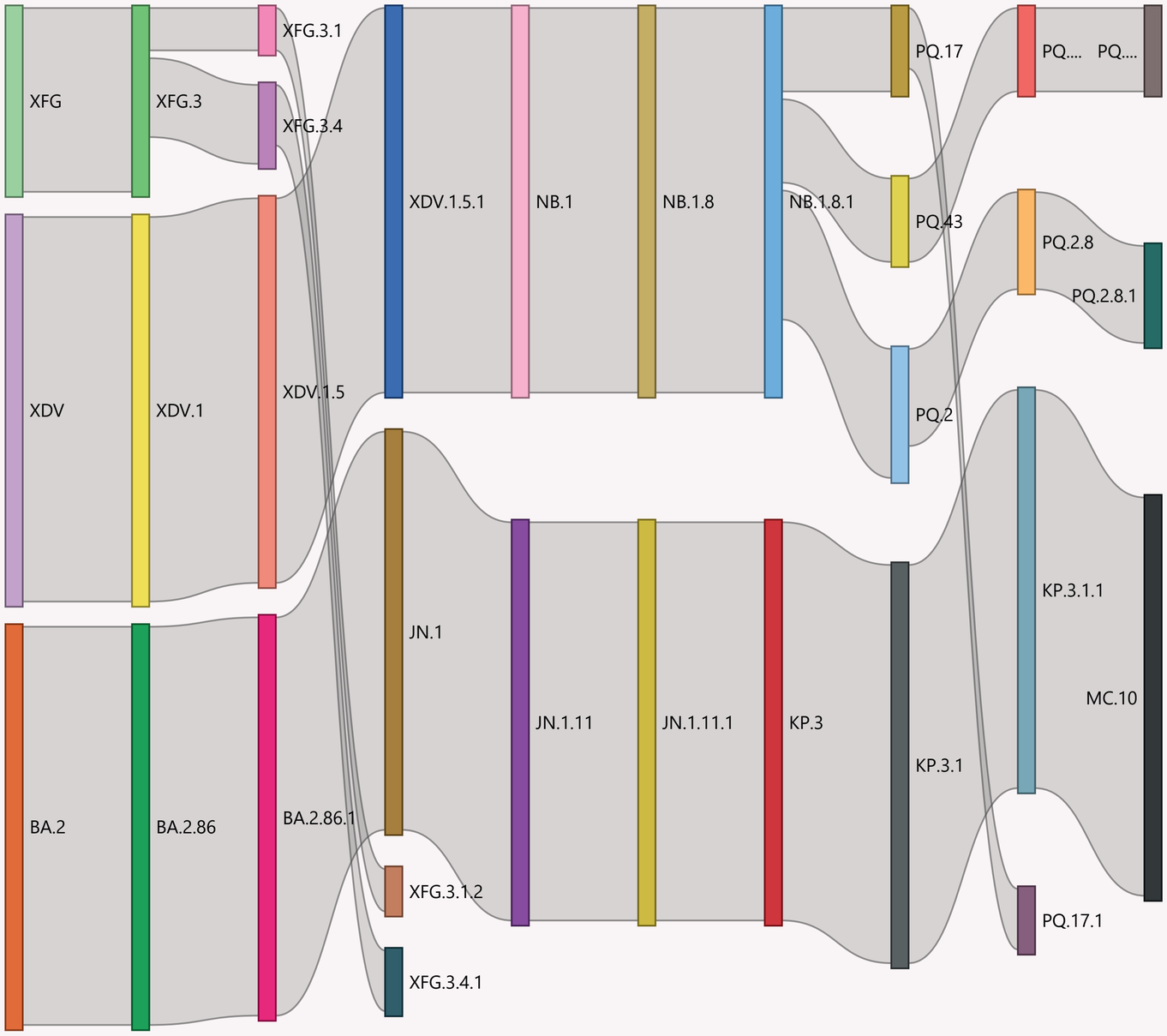

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The hierarchy can be read from left to right, starting with the earliest/highest Lineages being broken down into more detailed child Lineages.

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
New Zealand	**220**	**11/01/2026**		**14/01/2026**	
Counties Manukau	55	09/01/2026		14/01/2026	
Auckland	38	09/01/2026		14/01/2026	
Southern	35	09/01/2026		14/01/2026	
Waikato	35	11/01/2026		14/01/2026	
Northland	14	10/01/2026		14/01/2026	
Hutt Valley	9	05/01/2026		14/01/2026	
Taranaki	7	07/01/2026		14/01/2026	
Wairarapa	6	25/12/2025		13/01/2026	
Capital and Coast	5	05/01/2026		14/01/2026	
Canterbury	3	30/12/2025		13/01/2026	
Hawkes Bay	3	26/12/2025		13/01/2026	
Nelson Marlborough	3	12/12/2025		22/12/2025	
Bay of Plenty	1	10/12/2025		22/12/2025	
Lakes	1	06/12/2025		16/12/2025	
MidCentral	1	18/11/2025		08/12/2025	
South Canterbury	1	26/11/2025		08/12/2025	
Tairawhiti	1	04/01/2026		13/01/2026	
Waitemata	1	06/01/2026		14/01/2026	
West Coast	1	04/12/2025		14/01/2026	
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This page shows the volume and currency/timeliness of the genomic sequencing data shared for NZ via GISAID, over the last 8 weeks. A breakdown by location 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.