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## Introduction

Data used in this report were drawn from the Notifiable Medical Conditions Surveillance System (NMC-SS) on **10 April 2025**. The most recent report should always be viewed and can be found at [the NMCSS surveillance reports](#)

The purpose of this report is to describe the number of notifications received by the NMC-SS. The report is publicly available and can be used by health professionals, researchers, the general public, or any other stakeholder. The purpose of disseminating this information is to inform any public health action - NMCSS data has limitations (see [NMCSS interpretation](#)), but it serves as a public health signal that may warrant further investigation.

This report also monitors some surveillance system attributes, including average facility notifications, data quality and timeliness of clinical diagnosis and notifications over time. (**see Appendix nos. 1 and 3**).

While this information is publicly available, this section of the report targets those involved in notifying. These include Infection Prevention and Control practitioners at facilities, Nurses, Doctors, pathologists, and laboratory staff.

Category 4 NMCS, COVID-19, and multi-system inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C) have been excluded from this report. Where weeks are presented, the Centers for Disease Control epidemiological week (epi-week) format is used.

## Highlights

- A total of 11,081 cases were reported in January 2025, and most were category 2 conditions.
- Category 1 cases were reported in a median (IQR) of 0 (0, 0) days.

## NMC Reporting application

- [NMC Reporting App](#) is available on both web and mobile platforms.
- We recommend Google Chrome to access the NMC Reporting App for notifications, searching for cases and reports.
- Register if you have no NMC account, and you can reset the password if you have not used the application for over 12 months.

**NOTES:** For any additional information contact the NMC national technical team: [NMCAppSupport@nicd.ac.za](mailto:NMCAppSupport@nicd.ac.za) or NMC hotline [072 621 3805](tel:0726213805). Please refer to Appendices for NMC data flow, definitions and interpretation of epidemiology data in this report.

**DATA IS CONTINUOUSLY CLEANED, DE-DUPICATED, AND UPDATED, HENCE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ALL NUMBERS REPORTED ARE PRELIMINARY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. DATE OF DIAGNOSIS IS USED FOR REPORTING.**

## Current notification trends

Trends of notifications of selected conditions are presented below. Notifications that are confirmed are shown first. Confirmed notifications are verified and confirmed by the relevant centre at the NICD and can be considered confirmed cases. All notifications are shown after and include notifications that can be considered as suspected cases. These are presented to show the sensitivity of the surveillance system in recognising disease signals.

## Confirmed notifications

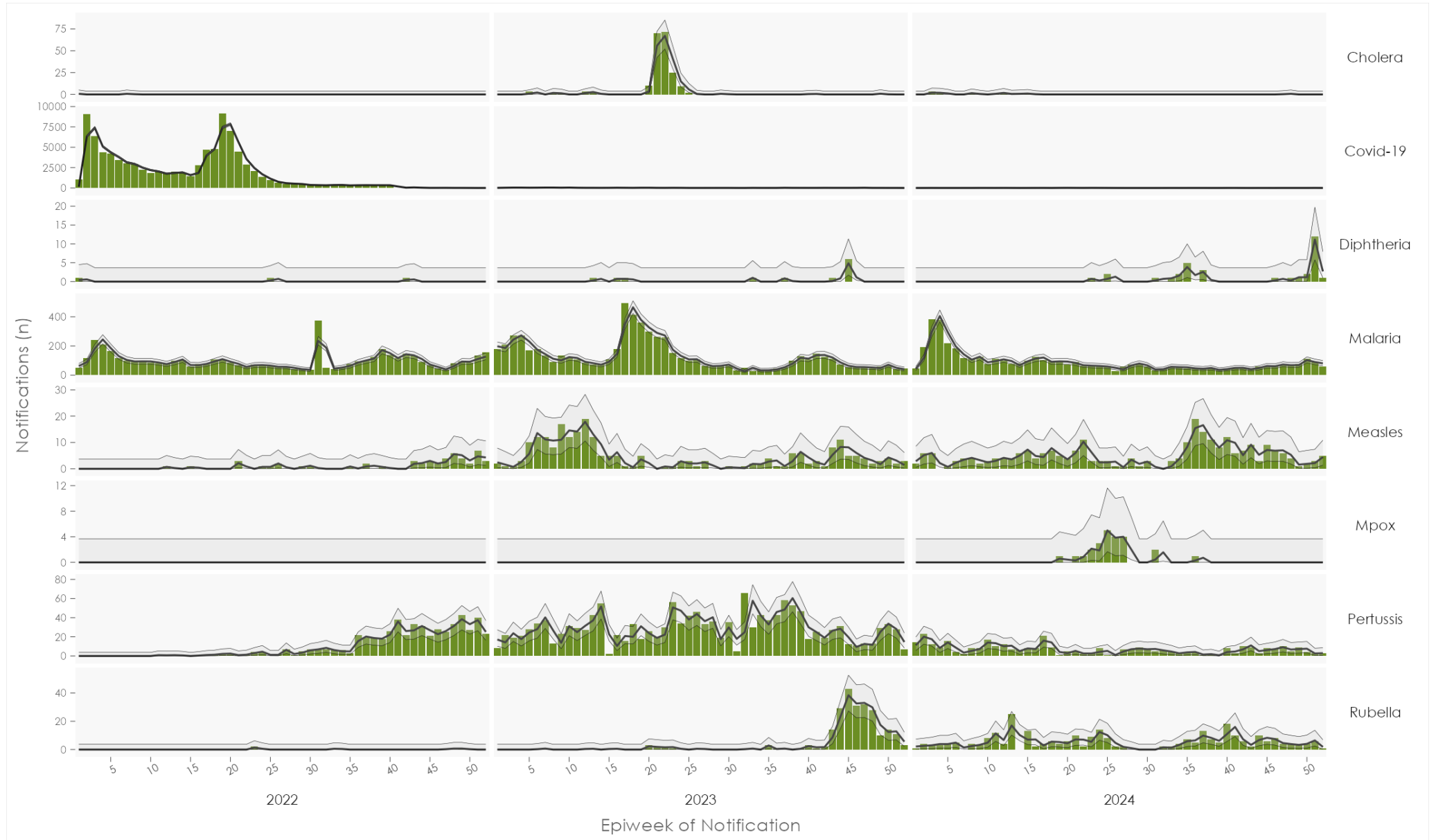
### Epi-table

Table 1: Number of confirmed notifications on NMCSS per epi-week in 2025. The Average notifications are calculated based on notifications received in 2022 and 2023 with a confidence interval.

			Average Notifications		Epi-weeks																			
Characteristic		95% CI	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	1	2	3	4	5	
Acute flaccid paralysis	0.11	1.0, 2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Acute rheumatic fever	0.0211	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Botulism	0.0063	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cholera	0.55	1.5, 2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Congenital rubella syndrome	0.0105	NA, NA	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Covid-19	200	16, 172	0	2	1	9	1	1	1	1	2	1	4	4	2	6	5	1	5	5	5	8	1	
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0.0316	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Diphtheria	0.13	1.0, 1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	12	1	2	1	1	1	1	
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	1.01	1.5, 2.0	1	5	2	2	1	4	2	1	7	7	3	0	3	4	1	1	2	3	1	5	1	
Foodborne illness outbreak	0.0695	1.0, 2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Listeriosis	1.18	1.5, 2.0	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	0	
Malaria	150	98, 121	13	45	33	47	49	51	39	59	61	66	71	68	76	113	89	58	42	61	77	148	94	
Measles	1.39	2.5, 3.5	1	11	8	12	6	7	9	3	9	7	6	4	1	2	3	5	5	3	2	2	1	
Meningococcal disease	0.86	1.5, 2.0	1	4	1	1	6	3	3	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	
Mpox	0.0505	1.0, 3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pertussis	7	9.5, 13	0	2	0	8	3	10	9	3	8	7	10	5	9	4	3	3	3	8	4	2	8	
Rabies	0.09	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	0.0042	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rift Valley fever (human)	0.0126	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rubella	1.19	2.5, 4.5	1	7	5	18	10	6	2	10	6	8	4	4	3	4	6	1	1	0	1	2	1	

Abbreviation: CI = Confidence Interval

## Trends Plot



**Figure 1: Trend of weekly number of confirmed notifications for selected category 1 conditions reported to the NMC, in South Africa; January 2022-January, 2025**

## All Category 1 Conditions at a glance

Table 2: The number of confirmed notifications that are suspected and confirmed for category 1 conditions notified during January, 2025

Condition	Overall, N = 799 <sup>1</sup>	Suspected, N = 334 <sup>1</sup>	Confirmed, N = 465 <sup>1</sup>
Acute flaccid paralysis	26	26	0
Acute rheumatic fever	0	0	0
Anthrax	0	0	0
Botulism	0	0	0
Cholera	0	0	0
Congenital rubella syndrome	14	14	0
Covid-19	0	0	0
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0	0	0
Diphtheria	36	30	<b>6</b>
Ebola virus (VHF)	0	0	0
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	15	4	<b>11</b>
Foodborne illness outbreak	62	62	0
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)	0	0	0
Listeriosis	9	3	<b>6</b>
Malaria	399	0	<b>399</b>
Marburg virus (VHF)	0	0	0
Measles	148	137	<b>11</b>
Meningococcal disease	7	0	<b>7</b>
Mpox	6	6	0
Pertussis	29	8	<b>21</b>
Plague	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Rabies	4	4	0
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	0	0	0
Rift Valley fever (human)	0	0	0
Rubella	44	40	<b>4</b>
Smallpox	0	0	0
Yellow fever	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup>Suspected and confirmed cases are independent and are not totalled - suspected and confirmed cases are distinct.

## NMC data summary, January 2025

A total of 11,081 current and delayed cases were notified to the NMCSS during January 2025 (**See table 9 for further breakdowns and Appendix no.3 for definitions**). There were 11,037 current notifications; the majority (10,089, 91%) were category 2 conditions. The provinces with the highest number of notifications were KZN (2,895, 26%), GP (2,706, 25%), and WC (1,938, 18%). The provinces with the least number of notifications were NW (346, 3.1%) and MP (442, 4.0%). There were 44 back-captured clinical notifications diagnosed between September 2024 and January 2025, and only notified during January 2025. The majority (17, 39%) of those notifications were Measles. (**See Appendix no.1**).

Most of the notified cases were males (6,531, 59%). Individuals in the 35–39-year age group represented the majority (1,368, 13%) of notified cases. At the time of notification, 2,493 (23%) of the notified cases were hospitalised, while 79 (0.7%) were transferred to another healthcare facility. There were 112 deaths notified during the reporting period.

## Category 1 notifications

**Malaria** was the most common (399, 50%) category 1 notification (**suspected and confirmed**). The province with the highest number of notifications for Malaria was GP (128, 32%). **Malaria** was the most common (399 (86%)) category 1 notification **confirmed**. The province with the highest number of confirmed notifications for Malaria was KZN, 128 (32%)

## Table

Table 3: The number of notifications by province and the number of notifications that are suspected and confirmed by vital status, January 2025

Condition	Provinces									Case		Deaths	
	EC <sup>1</sup>	FS <sup>1</sup>	GP <sup>1</sup>	KZN <sup>1</sup>	LP <sup>1</sup>	MP <sup>1</sup>	NC <sup>1</sup>	NW <sup>1</sup>	WC <sup>1</sup>	Confirmed <sup>1</sup>	Suspected <sup>1</sup>	Confirmed <sup>1</sup>	Suspected <sup>1</sup>
Acute flaccid paralysis	1	0	5	9	1	2	0	1	7	0	26	0	0
Acute rheumatic fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anthrax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Botulism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cholera §	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Covid-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congenital rubella syndrome	1	1	4	4	1	0	0	2	1	0	14	0	1
Diphtheria *	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	30	6	30	0	0
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	0	0	6	3	0	1	0	0	5	11	4	0	0
Foodborne illness outbreak	11	0	21	10	11	2	0	2	5	0	62	0	1
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Listeriosis	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	6	3	0	0
Malaria	8	11	88	128	70	67	2	7	18	399	0	1	0
Ebola virus (VHF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marburg virus (VHF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	1	7	74	11	4	5	19	5	22	11	137	0	0
Meningococcal disease	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	0	0	0
Mpox	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0
Pertussis	5	0	6	4	0	0	0	0	14	21	8	0	1
Plague	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rabies	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rift Valley fever (human)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rubella	1	2	12	8	4	2	3	7	5	4	40	0	0
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	31	21	228	185	92	79	24	25	114	465	334	1	3

<sup>1</sup>n(%);

\* Toxin-producing results not available on NMC;

§ Serotype information not available on NMC;

\*\* Merged case represents a clinical and laboratory notification of the same person and was successfully linked and made into a single notification



Plot

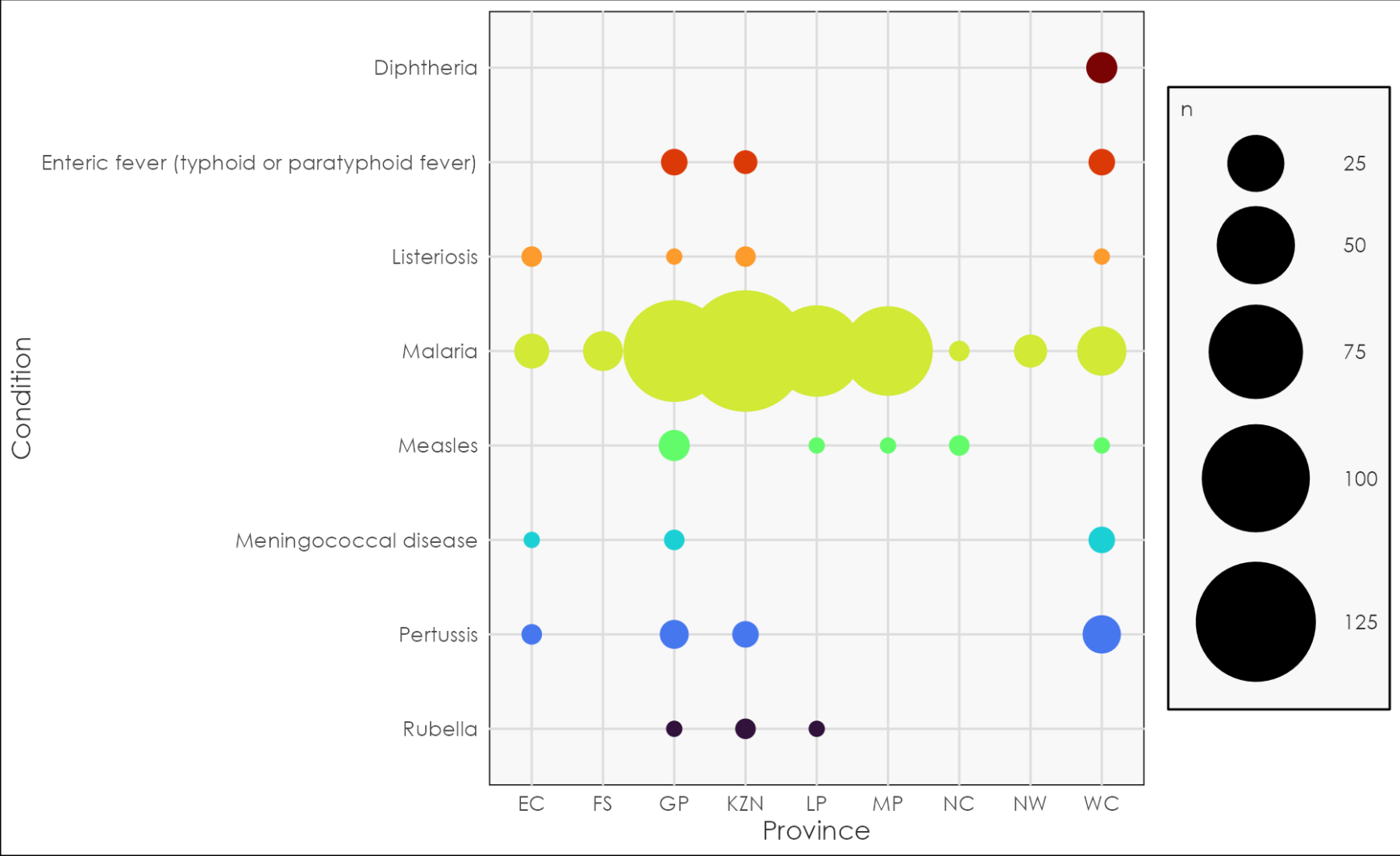


Figure 2: Distribution of all Category 1 NMCS notifications by province notified during January, 2025. All notifications include both suspected and confirmed cases

Category 2 notifications

Category 2 conditions must be notified within 7 days of diagnosis. They are important to monitor disease burden trends.

## Table

**Pulmonary TB** was the most common (6,062, 60%) category 2 notification **confirmed**. The province with the highest number of confirmed notifications for **Pulmonary TB** was GP 1 540 (62%)

Table 4: The number of notifications by province and the number of notifications that are suspected and confirmed by vital status.

Condition	Provinces									Case		Deaths	
	EC <sup>1</sup>	FS <sup>1</sup>	GP <sup>1</sup>	KZN <sup>1</sup>	LP <sup>1</sup>	MP <sup>1</sup>	NC <sup>1</sup>	NW <sup>1</sup>	WC <sup>1</sup>	Confirmed <sup>1</sup>	Suspected <sup>1</sup>	Confirmed <sup>1</sup>	Suspected <sup>1</sup>
Agricultural or stock remedy poisoning	2	17	49	4	5	1	1	3	18	0	100	0	18
Bilharzia (schistosomiasis)	35	1	27	245	190	71	0	6	28	36	567	0	0
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Congenital syphilis	47	26	70	187	10	32	19	21	80	54	438	0	5
Haemophilus influenzae type B	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Hepatitis A	23	13	114	112	24	31	9	11	64	55	346	0	0
Hepatitis B	121	34	51	634	13	10	22	23	25	14	919	2	6
Hepatitis C	1	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Hepatitis E	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lead poisoning	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	5	1	0	0
Leprosy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal death (pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium)	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Mercury poisoning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soil-transmitted helminths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tetanus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis: extensively drug-resistant (XDR-TB) *	0	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis: multidrug- resistant (MDR -TB) *	17	6	45	28	2	0	1	7	24	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis: extra-pulmonary*	119	90	554	229	44	29	38	45	191	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis: pulmonary*	551	362	1 540	1 260	281	185	371	203	1 309	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>2 466</b>	<b>2 700</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>1 742</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>9 925</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>106</b>

<sup>1</sup>n;

\* The TB module is under development to align with laboratory-confirmed TB cases. Only TB cases that are manually notified (no laboratory surveillance) are reported.

Plot

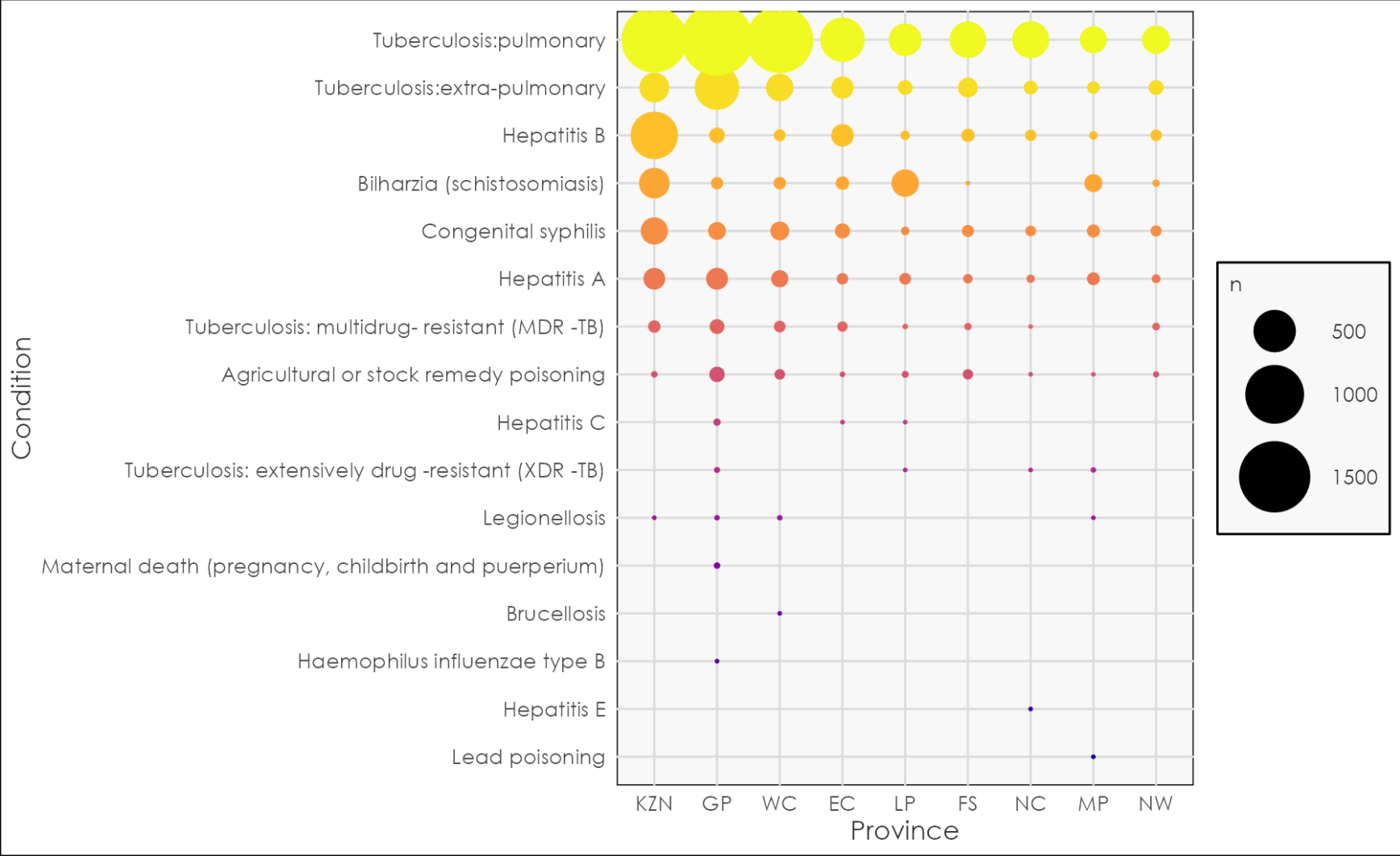


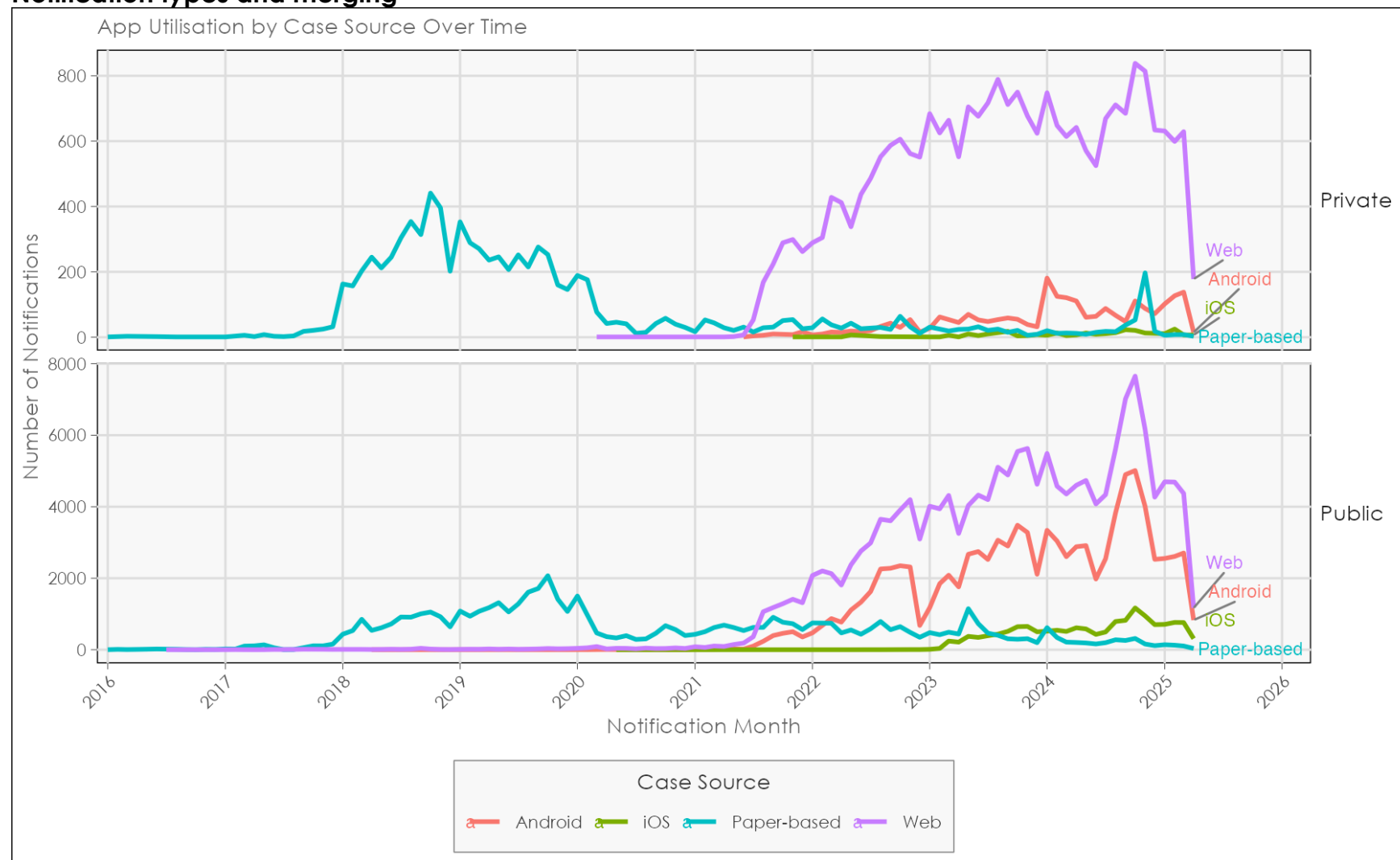
Figure 3: Distribution of all Category 2 NMCS notifications by province notified during January 2025. \*All notifications include both suspected and confirmed cases

# NMC app use statistics

Table 5: Description of NMC notifications by case source

NMC Category	Overall N = 11,037	Clinical notifications, n = 8,471	Laboratory notifications, n = 2 291	Merged Cases, n = 275
Category 1	799 (7.2%)	515 (6.1%)	180 (7.9%)	104 (38%)
Category 2	10 089 (91%)	7 956 (94%)	1 974 (86%)	159 (58%)
Category 3	149 (1.4%)	0 (0%)	137 (6.0%)	12 (4.4%)

## Notification types and merging



**Figure 4: Case source of clinical notifications from the public and private sector notifying on NMC from 2016 to 2025**

There were 719 (8.2%) clinical notifications from the private sector (i.e. private hospitals, private practice and mining industry) compared to 7,986 (91%) in the public sector.

Table 6: Clinical notifications notified by provinces, reporting platform, and sector

Province	Overall N = 8,705	App - Private, n = 713	App - Public, n = 7,851	Paper-based - Private, n = 6	Paper-based - Public, n = 135
GP	2 467	206 (8.4%)	2 248 (91%)	3 (0.1%)	10 (0.4%)
KZN	1 803	198 (11%)	1 598 (89%)	0 (0%)	7 (0.4%)
WC	1 752	113 (6.4%)	1 564 (89%)	0 (0%)	75 (4.3%)
EC	740	56 (7.6%)	665 (90%)	1 (0.1%)	18 (2.4%)
FS	501	29 (5.8%)	470 (94%)	0 (0%)	2 (0.4%)
NC	444	7 (1.6%)	430 (97%)	0 (0%)	7 (1.6%)
LP	427	24 (5.6%)	399 (93%)	0 (0%)	4 (0.9%)
MP	293	50 (17%)	239 (82%)	1 (0.3%)	3 (1.0%)
NW	278	30 (11%)	238 (86%)	1 (0.4%)	9 (3.2%)

The average active users on the NMC App

There were 418 average active users of the NMC App in January 2025

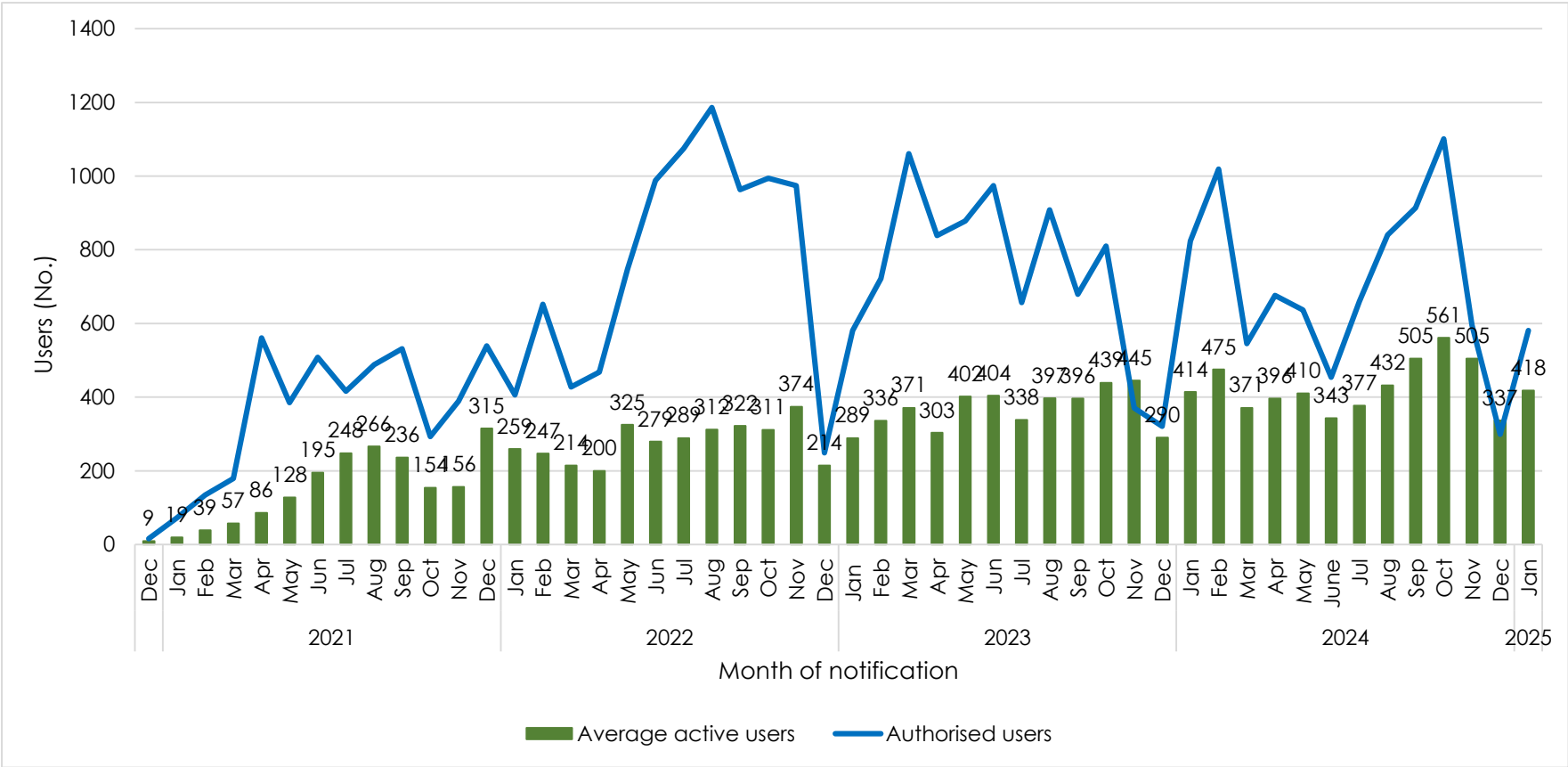


Figure 5: Authorised users and average active users of the NMC Reporting App by month of notification, December 2020-January 2025

Newly registered users

Figure 6 shows the trends of newly registered users and their occupation.

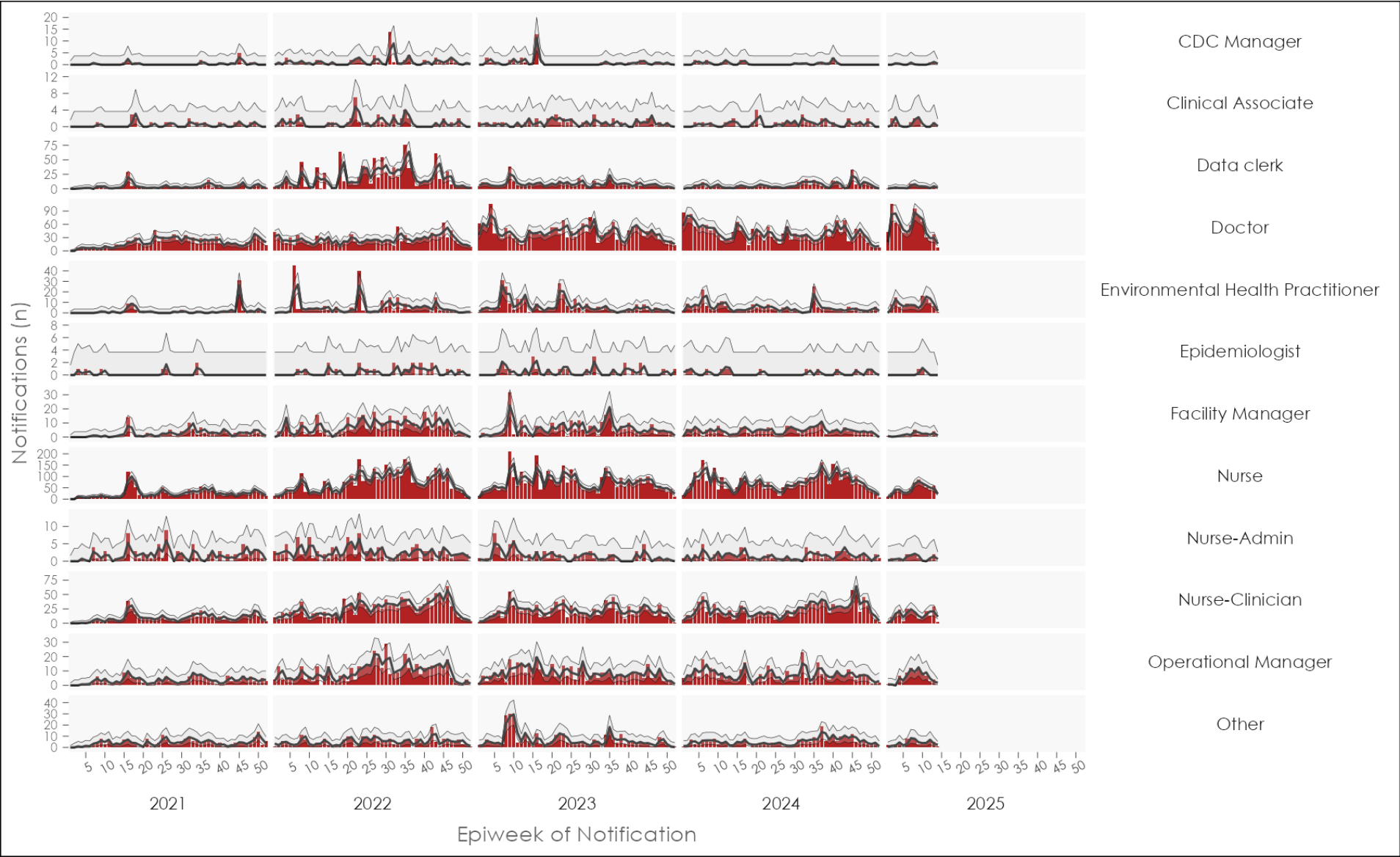


Figure 6: Trends of new users by occupation who registered on NMC, in South Africa, January, 2022-March 2022



Data quality

Completeness

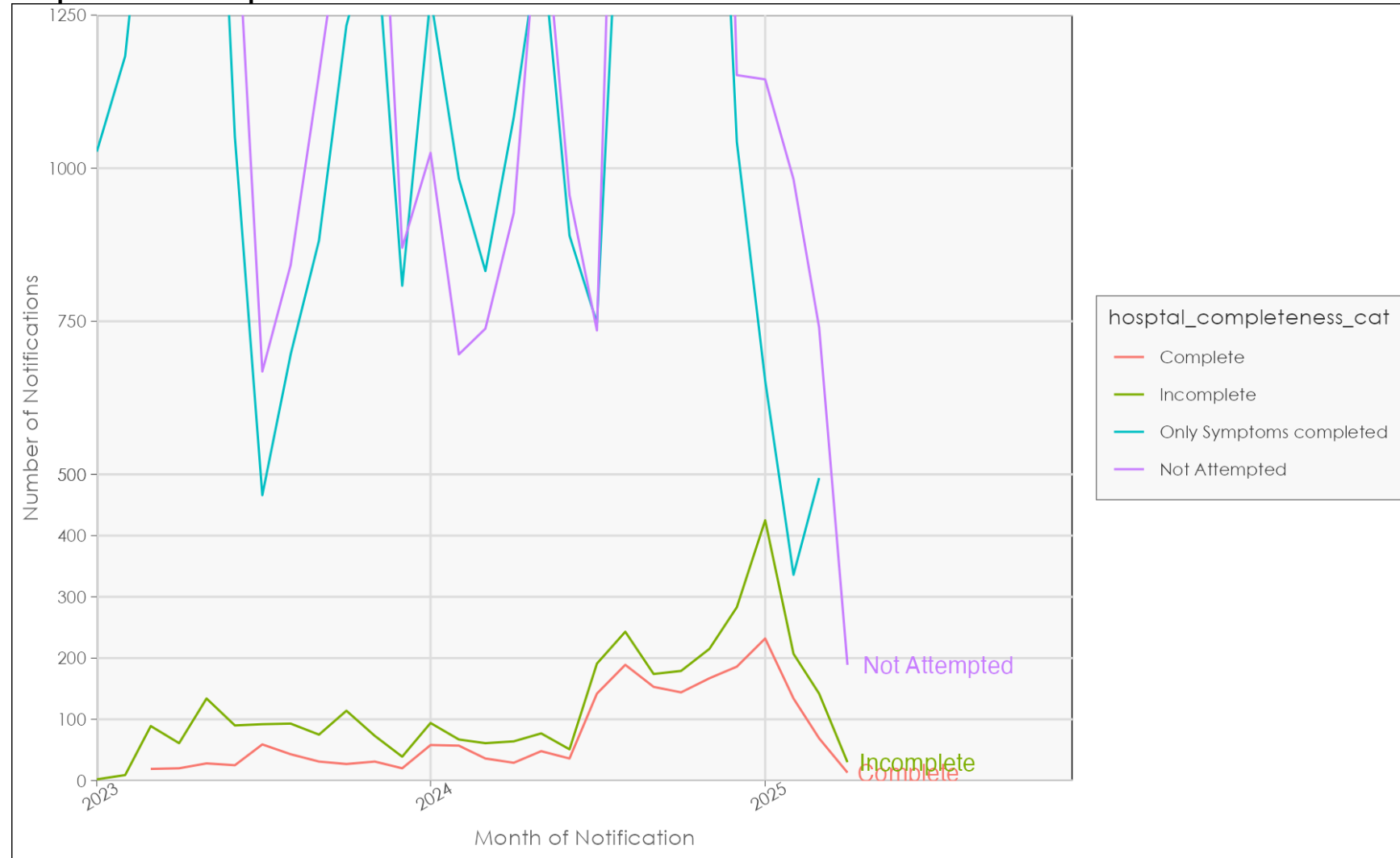
ID number completeness

Table 7: Length of ID numbers inputted on the NMC system during January 2025

Length of ID number	Android N = 2 605 <sup>1</sup>	iOS N = 694 <sup>1</sup>	MicroStrategy/SDW N = 2 514 <sup>1</sup>	Paper-based N = 142 <sup>1</sup>	Web N = 5 082 <sup>1</sup>
Not complete	1,060 (41%)	261 (38%)	2 482 (99%)	94 (66%)	1 379 (27%)
5	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (<0.1%)
6	2 (<0.1%)	53 (7.6%)	3 (0.1%)	0 (0%)	583 (11%)
7	0 (0%)	1 (0.1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (<0.1%)
8	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (<0.1%)	0 (0%)	47 (0.9%)
9	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	14 (0.3%)
10	0 (0%)	14 (2.0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	78 (1.5%)
11	0 (0%)	1 (0.1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (<0.1%)
12	1 (<0.1%)	4 (0.6%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	30 (0.6%)
13	1 542 (59%)	360 (52%)	28 (1.1%)	48 (34%)	2 945 (58%)

<sup>1</sup>n (%)

## Hospital Form Completeness



**Figure 7: The number of completed hospital forms among category 1 conditions on NMC, in South Africa, January, 2023- January 2025, The hospital form was implemented in the beginning of 2023 but has been hindered by budget constraints**

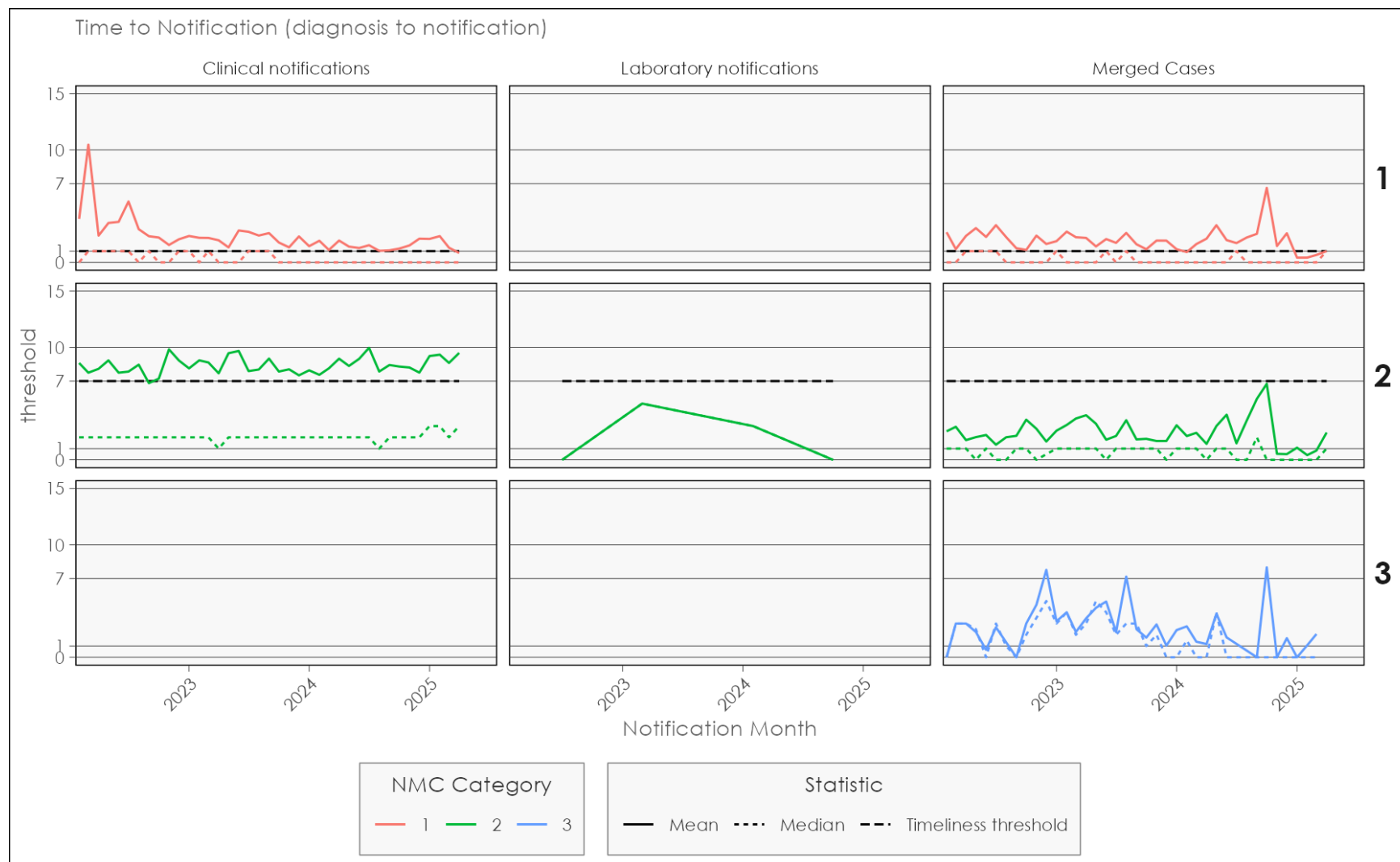
Table 8: Completion of hospitalisation form for notifications reported as inpatients with category 1 conditions, January, 2025

Hospital Form Completed	Complete, n = 31 (14%)	Incomplete, n = 43 (19%)	Not Attempted, n = 88 (38%)	Only Symptoms completed, n = 67 (29%)
Acute flaccid paralysis	1 (3.3%)	5 (13%)	7 (8.4%)	8 (13%)
Acute rheumatic fever	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Anthrax	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Botulism	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Cholera §	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Covid-19	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Congenital rubella syndrome	1 (3.3%)	0 (0%)	1 (1.2%)	0 (0%)
Diphtheria *	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	3 (10%)	2 (5.3%)	4 (4.8%)	2 (3.2%)
Foodborne illness outbreak	3 (10%)	8 (21%)	9 (11%)	18 (29%)
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Listeriosis	0 (0%)	1 (2.6%)	4 (4.8%)	1 (1.6%)
Malaria	10 (33%)	12 (32%)	39 (47%)	20 (32%)
Ebola virus (VHF)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Marburg virus (VHF)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Measles	2 (6.7%)	5 (13%)	10 (12%)	9 (14%)
Meningococcal disease	1 (3.3%)	0 (0%)	3 (3.6%)	0 (0%)
Mpox	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (2.4%)	0 (0%)
Pertussis	7 (23%)	4 (11%)	1 (1.2%)	4 (6.3%)
Plague	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Poliomyelitis	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Rabies	1 (3.3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (1.6%)
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Rift Valley fever (human)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Rubella	1 (3.3%)	1 (2.6%)	3 (3.6%)	0 (0%)
Smallpox	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Yellow fever	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Unknown	1	5	5	4

Complete refers to >80% of variables completed.

## Timeliness

**Time to notification** is measured by the number of days from the time of diagnosis of the NMC to the time of notification. Overall, it took a median (IQR) of 0 (0, 1) days to report category 1 NMCS.



**Figure 8: The mean and median number of days from time of diagnosis to notification date of NMC clinically notified conditions, in South Africa, January, 2022-January. The hospital form was implemented in the beginning of 2023 but has been hindered by budget constraints**

Table 9: Symptoms of patients clinically notified and merged with lab notifications to the NMC, notified during January, 2025

Characteristic	Category 1, n = 843 <sup>1</sup>	Category 2, n = 10 089 <sup>1</sup>	Category 3, n = 149 <sup>1</sup>
Time to Notification	0 (0, 1)	1 (0, 7)	0 (0, 0)
Unknown	9	0	0
Back Capture Classification			
Back capture	35 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Current	737 (88%)	7 651 (76%)	149 (100%)
Delayed	62 (7%)	2 438 (24%)	0 (0%)
Unknown	9	0	0

<sup>1</sup>Median (Q1, Q3); n (%)

## Conclusion

The majority of notifications were clinical notifications. Patients who are hospitalised with a category 1 condition and notified still have poor completeness of the hospital form, with the majority of notifications only having the symptom completed. ID numbers are poorly completed in notifications from SDW.

## Recommendations

- We recommend that clinicians complete all patient clinical and demographic details to improve hospital form completeness.
- We strongly recommend complete ID number capture in the SDW system to improve data quality and the ability for the NMCSS to merge clinical and laboratory notifications.
- We welcome stakeholders to send feedback and suggestions for the report. We also encourage reaching out for ingestion of data from data sources that existed before the launch of the NMCSS. Feel free to reach out to [brianb@nicd.ac.za](mailto:brianb@nicd.ac.za).

## Appendices

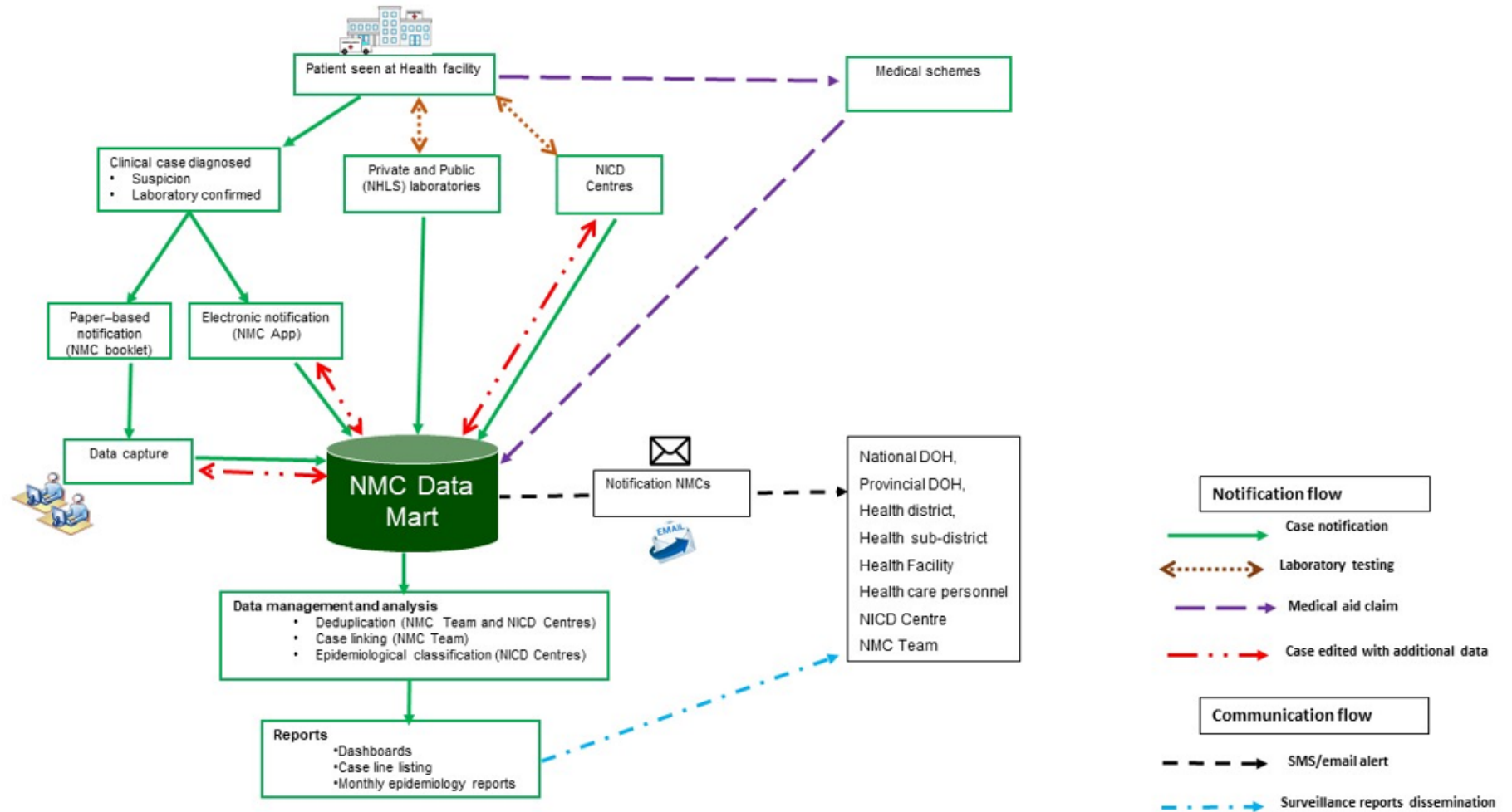
### Appendix no.1: Back-captured clinical notifications

Table 10: Back captured notifications by reporting province notified during January \ \*Back captured notifications use the diagnosis date, and the recommended time to notification depending on the NMC category. See Appendix no.3 for details.

Condition	Overall	Province							Case Source		
	Overall, (44)	EC, (4)	FS, (8)	GP, (12)	KZN, (3)	MP, (9)	NC, (4)	WC, (4)	Android, (4) <sup>1</sup>	iOS, (2) <sup>1</sup>	Web, (38) <sup>1</sup>
Measles	17 (39%)	1	3	6	1	1	4	1	0	0	17
Foodborne illness outbreak	8 (18%)	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Malaria	6 (14%)	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	2	0	4
Rubella	6 (14%)	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	4
Acute flaccid paralysis	2 (4.5%)	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Congenital rubella syndrome	2 (4.5%)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Pertussis	2 (4.5%)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	1 (2.3%)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

<sup>1</sup>SDW – Surveillance data warehouse/ MicroStrategy

## Appendix No. 2: Summary of NMCSS Data Flow





## Appendix No.3: NMC Categories and Case Classification Definitions

### NMC categories

**Category 1:** NMCS notified by the most rapid means available upon diagnosis, followed by a written or electronic notification to the Department of Health within 24 hours of diagnosis by healthcare providers, private health laboratories or public health laboratories. These conditions must be notified based on clinical suspicion, irrespective of laboratory confirmation.

**Category 2:** NMCS notified through a written or an electronic notification to the Department of Health of clinical or laboratory diagnosis within 7 days by healthcare providers, private health laboratories or public health laboratories.

**Category 3:** NMCS notified through a written or electronic notification to the Department of Health within 7 days of diagnosis by public and private health laboratories.

**Category 4:** NMCS notified through a written or electronic notification to the Department of Health within 1 month of diagnosis by public and private health laboratories.

### Case Classification definitions

**Clinical case:** are cases reported to the NMC by health care providers at facilities, either through completion of a paper form that is faxed, emailed to the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), or by direct data entry into the NMC application on a PC, laptop or mobile device. The diagnosis is made by the clinician on the basis of case definitions published on the NICD website.

**Laboratory case:** are cases that are downloaded into the NMC database directly from the National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) laboratory information system. The NMC application applies the case definitions that are published on the NICD website. Private sector data is being sourced.

**Merged cases** are cases where a case was notified by a health care provider at the facility (a 'clinical case') AND the laboratory issued a report with a positive result for the same case (a 'laboratory case'). The NMC App is set up to automatically detect and link clinical and laboratory case notifications. The NICD specialist Centres and NMC data team review all cases and manually link any remaining clinical and laboratory cases

### Notification capture times definitions

**Current notification:** Category 1 conditions notified within 2 days of the diagnosis date. Category 2 and 3 conditions are notified within 7 days of diagnosis. All lab notifications without a diagnosis date are classified as current.

**Delayed notification:** Category 1 conditions notified between 3 and 7 days of the diagnosis date. Category 2 and 3 conditions are notified between 8 and 30 days of diagnosis.

**Back capture notification:** Category 1 conditions notified more than 7 days before the diagnosis date. Categories 2 and 3 conditions were notified more than 30 days after the diagnosis date.

**Epi-weeks:** Epi-weeks used the CDC definition of a week starting on a Sunday and ending on a Saturday. The first epi-week of the year is the week that contains the first Saturday of January. For instance, Epi-week 1 of 2024 started on 31 December 2023 and ended on 6 January 2024.

## Appendix no.4: IDSR reporting template for IDSR conditions existing on NMC by under-5 and 5-and-over years and vital status.

Table 11: The number of IDSR conditions laboratory notified to the NMC using the IDSR reporting template of under and 5-and-above years by vital status.

Condition	Notified/Suspected				Confirmed
	Under 5 A, N = 231 <sup>1</sup>	5 & over A, N = 84 <sup>1</sup>	5 & over D, N = 1 <sup>1</sup>	Under 5 D, N = 2 <sup>1</sup>	N = 465 <sup>1</sup>
Acute flaccid paralysis	20	6	0	0	0
Acute rheumatic fever	0	0	0	0	0
Anthrax	0	0	0	0	0
Botulism	0	0	0	0	0
Cholera	0	0	0	0	0
Covid-19	0	0	0	0	0
Congenital rubella syndrome	12	0	0	1	0
Diphtheria	24	5	0	0	6
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	2	2	0	0	11
Foodborne illness outbreak	41	20	1	0	0
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)	0	0	0	0	0
Listeriosis	2	1	0	0	6
Malaria	0	0	0	0	399
Ebola virus (VHF)	0	0	0	0	0
Marburg virus (VHF)	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	91	39	0	0	11
Meningococcal disease	0	0	0	0	7
Mpox	6	0	0	0	0
Pertussis	5	1	0	1	21
Plague	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0
Rabies	0	2	0	0	0
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	0	0	0	0	0
Rift Valley fever (human)	0	0	0	0	0
Rubella	28	8	0	0	4
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow fever	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup>A = Cases who are alive.

D = Cases who are deceased.

## Appendix no.5: Trends and epi-table of all Category 1 notifications 2022 to January 2025.

### All Notifications

#### Epi-table

Table 12: Number of notifications on NMCSS per epi-week in 2024. The Average notifications are calculated based on notifications received in 2022 and 2023 with a confidence interval.

Characteristic		Average Notifications	Epi-weeks																							
		95% CI	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	1	2	3	4	5			
Acute flaccid paralysis	3.7	4.0, 5.0	1	0	4	6	5	7	6	2	12	4	9	11	7	9	6	4	5	3	9	5	8			
Acute rheumatic fever	0.22	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Anthrax	0.0063	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Botulism	0.0484	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Cholera	3.29	2.0, 3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Congenital rubella syndrome	2.26	2.5, 3.0	1	17	8	9	7	5	8	10	5	11	16	10	5	7	6	4	0	6	3	4	3			
Covid-19	597	412, 593	38	149	116	103	112	111	118	95	169	183	163	168	203	276	187	210	248	419	366	355	276			
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0.24	1.0, 1.5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Diphtheria	0.92	1.5, 2.0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	3	1	2	16	3	5	11	8	5	7			
Ebola virus (VHF)	0.0337	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	2.66	3.0, 3.5	1	9	4	3	2	6	4	3	8	7	3	1	3	4	1	1	3	4	3	6	1			
Fever-Rash	76	22, 31	430	1 785	1 245	1 391	1 339	1 091	1 824	1 071	990	964	837	565	402	304	124	113	73	63	33	59	32			
Foodborne illness outbreak	9	8.0, 11	0	8	26	2	18	54	91	71	82	91	95	36	42	45	33	12	19	23	11	19	9			
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)	0.0400	1.0, 1.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Listeriosis	4	2.5, 3.0	0	3	2	3	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	3	3	2	4	3	4	1	0			
Malaria	150	98, 121	13	45	33	47	49	51	39	59	61	66	71	68	76	113	89	58	42	61	77	148	94			
Marburg virus (VHF)	0.0337	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Meningococcal disease	2.59	3.0, 3.5	1	6	2	2	6	4	4	6	2	5	6	4	4	3	2	2	1	0	1	5	1			
Mpox	0.76	5.0, 14	0	7	5	8	4	7	5	5	1	3	3	4	2	1	4	1	0	4	0	2	0			
Pertussis	14	11, 16	2	11	4	11	6	12	15	5	11	8	14	12	10	8	9	6	6	12	6	3	9			
Plague	0.0021	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Polio myelitis	0.0232	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Rabies	0.61	1.5, 1.5	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	1			
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	4.2	3.0, 8.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Rift Valley fever (human)	0.08	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Smallpox	0.0442	1.0, 2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Waterborne illness outbreak - undefined	0.09	1.0, 1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Yellow fever	0.0274	1.0, 1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Abbreviation: CI = Confidence Interval

## Trends Plot Category 1

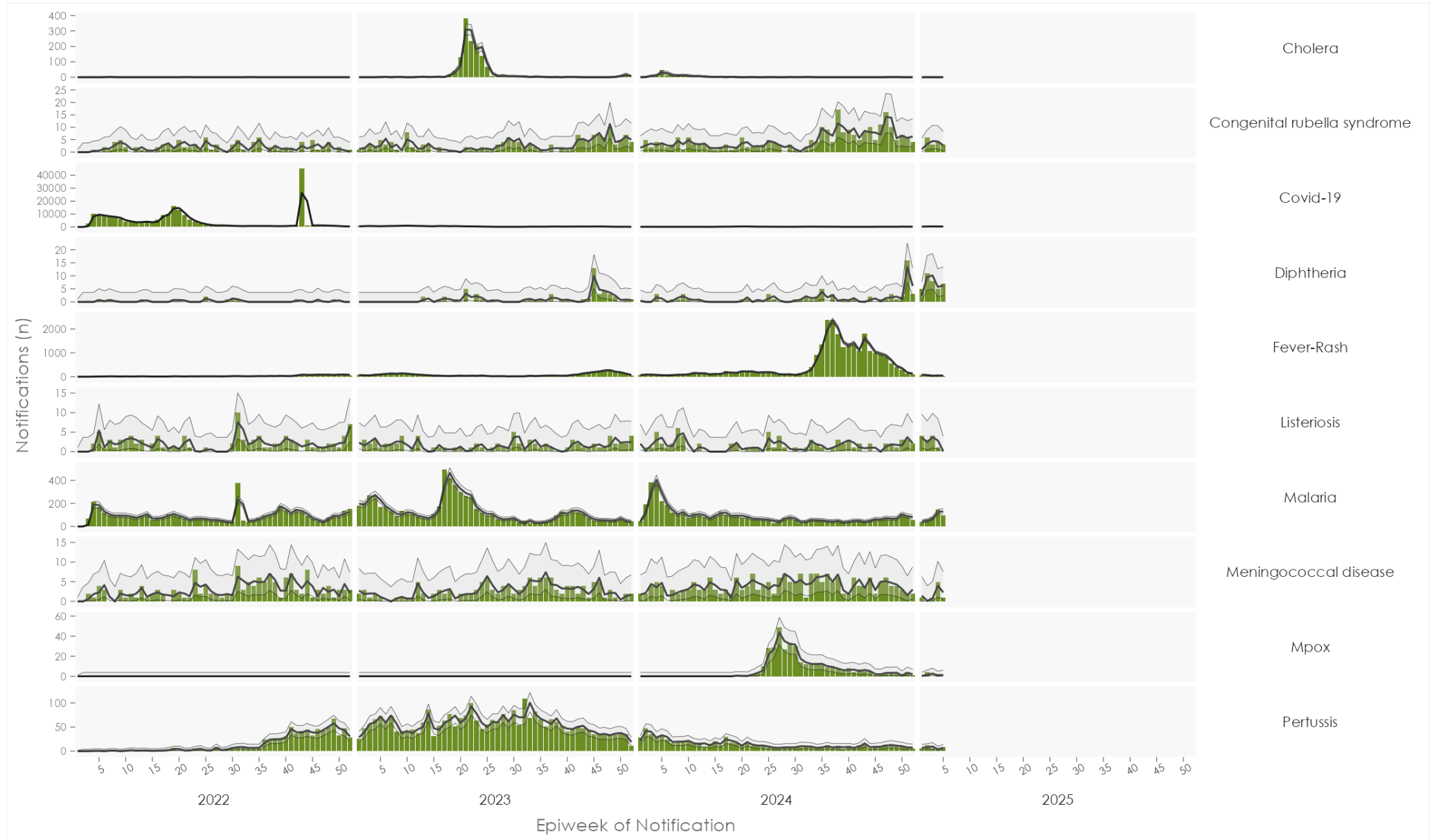


Figure 9: Trend of weekly notifications for selected conditions reported to the NMC, in South Africa, January 2022-January???

Trends Plot Category 2

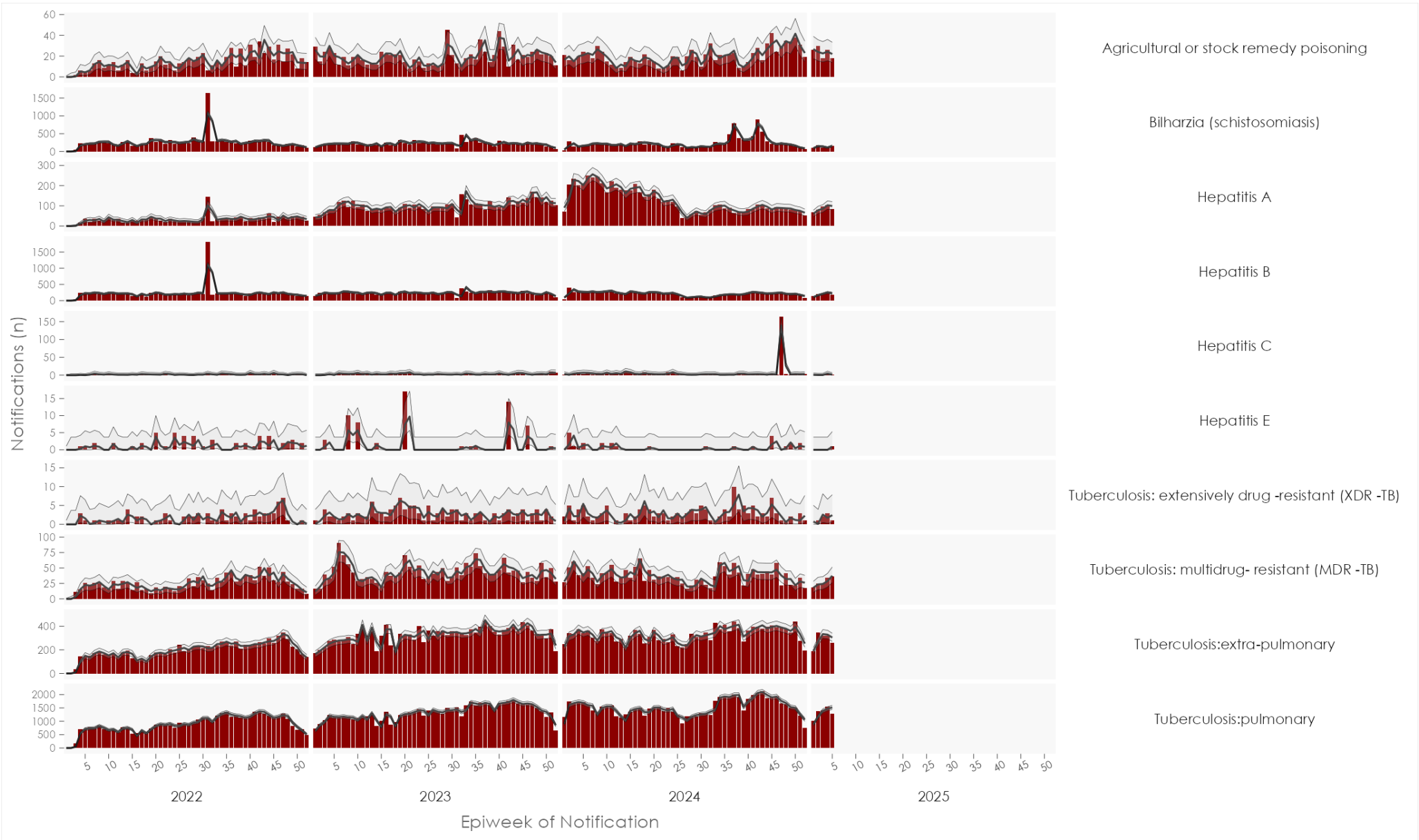


Figure 10: Trend of weekly number of all notifications for selected conditions reported to the NMC, in South Africa, January 2022-January??

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