

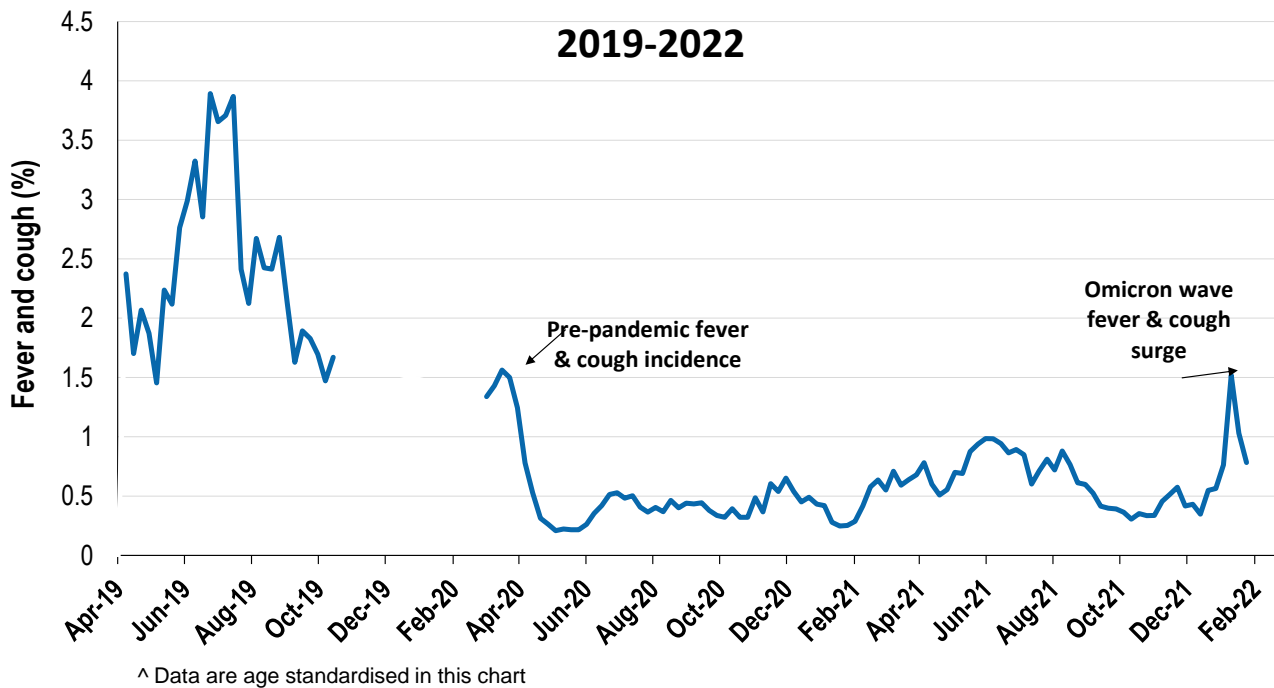
Respiratory illness associated with the Omicron wave surge appears to have peaked and is in decline in south-eastern Australia

57,143 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

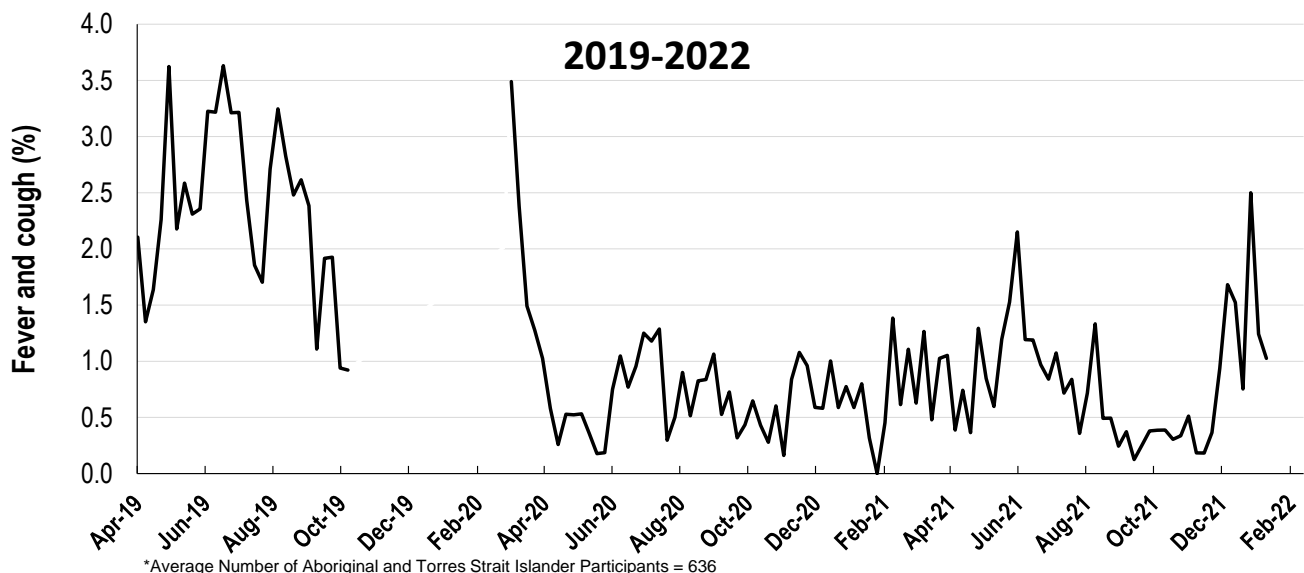
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

0.8% this week: respiratory illness activity is low



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

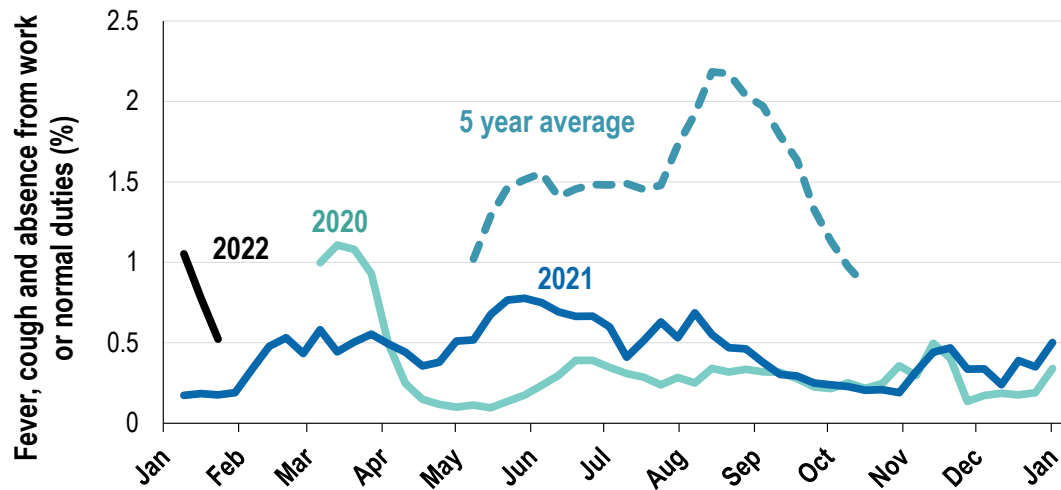
1% this week: respiratory illness activity is low



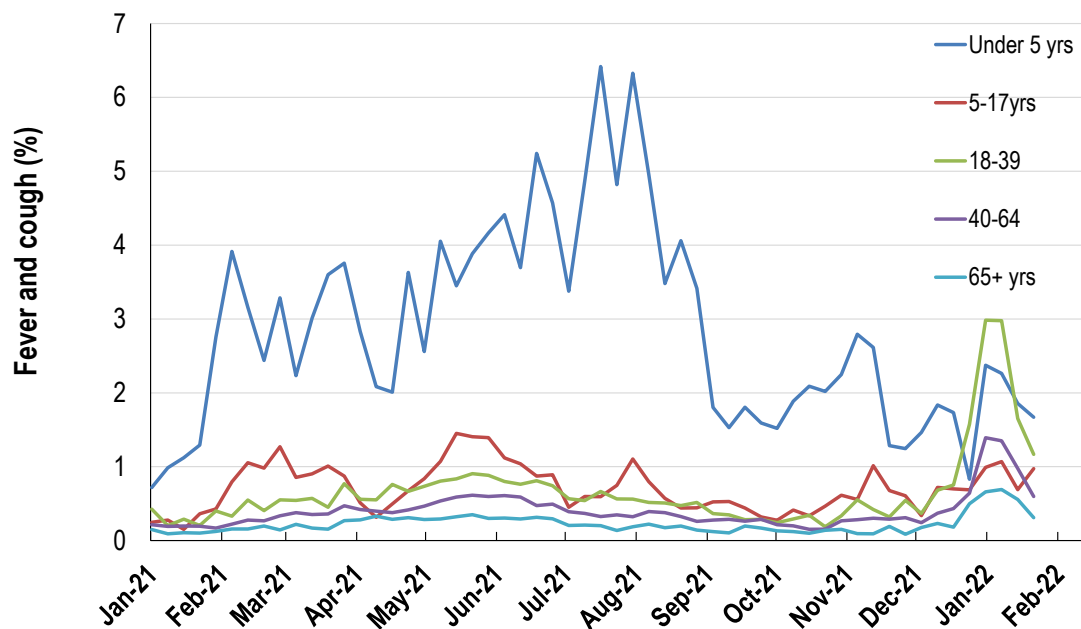
Respiratory illness severity: <i>48.5% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 23 January 2022 number (%)	Week ending 16 January 2022 number (%)
Number of participants	57143 (100%)	57854 (100%)
Fever & cough	355 (0.6%)	540 (0.9%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	237 (0.4%)	399 (0.7%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	237 (0.4%)	399 (0.7%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	355 (100%)	540 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	172 (48.5%)	278 (51.5%)
Admitted to hospital	3 (0.8%)	7 (1.3%)
Tested for influenza	8 (2.3%)	21 (3.9%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	3 (0.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	154 (43.4%)	271 (50.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	90 (25.4%)	182 (33.7%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	232 (65.4%)	339 (62.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	135 (38%)	204 (37.8%)

*Includes those who sought medical advice from a general practitioner, COVID-19 clinic, emergency department, or were admitted to hospital for fever & cough

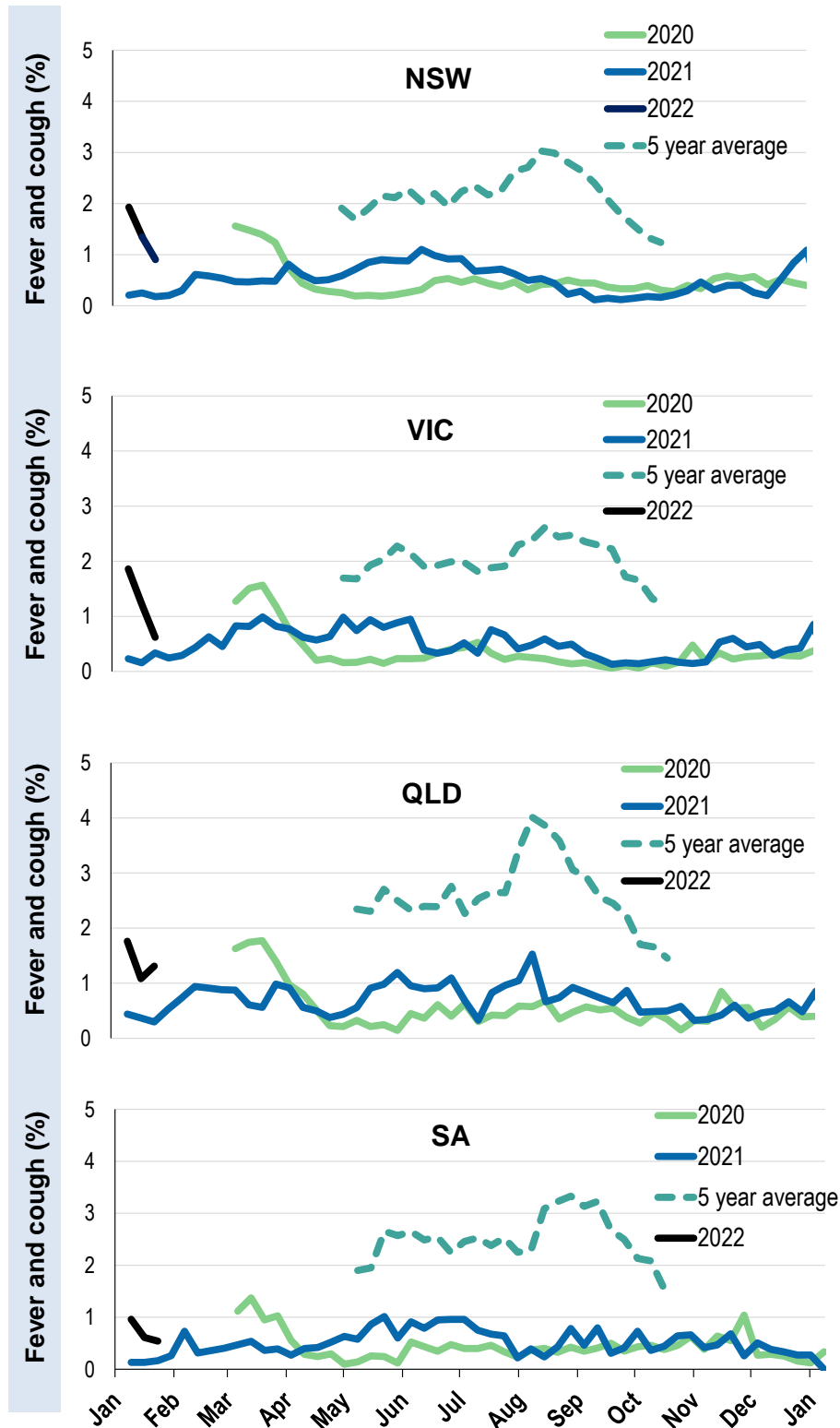
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



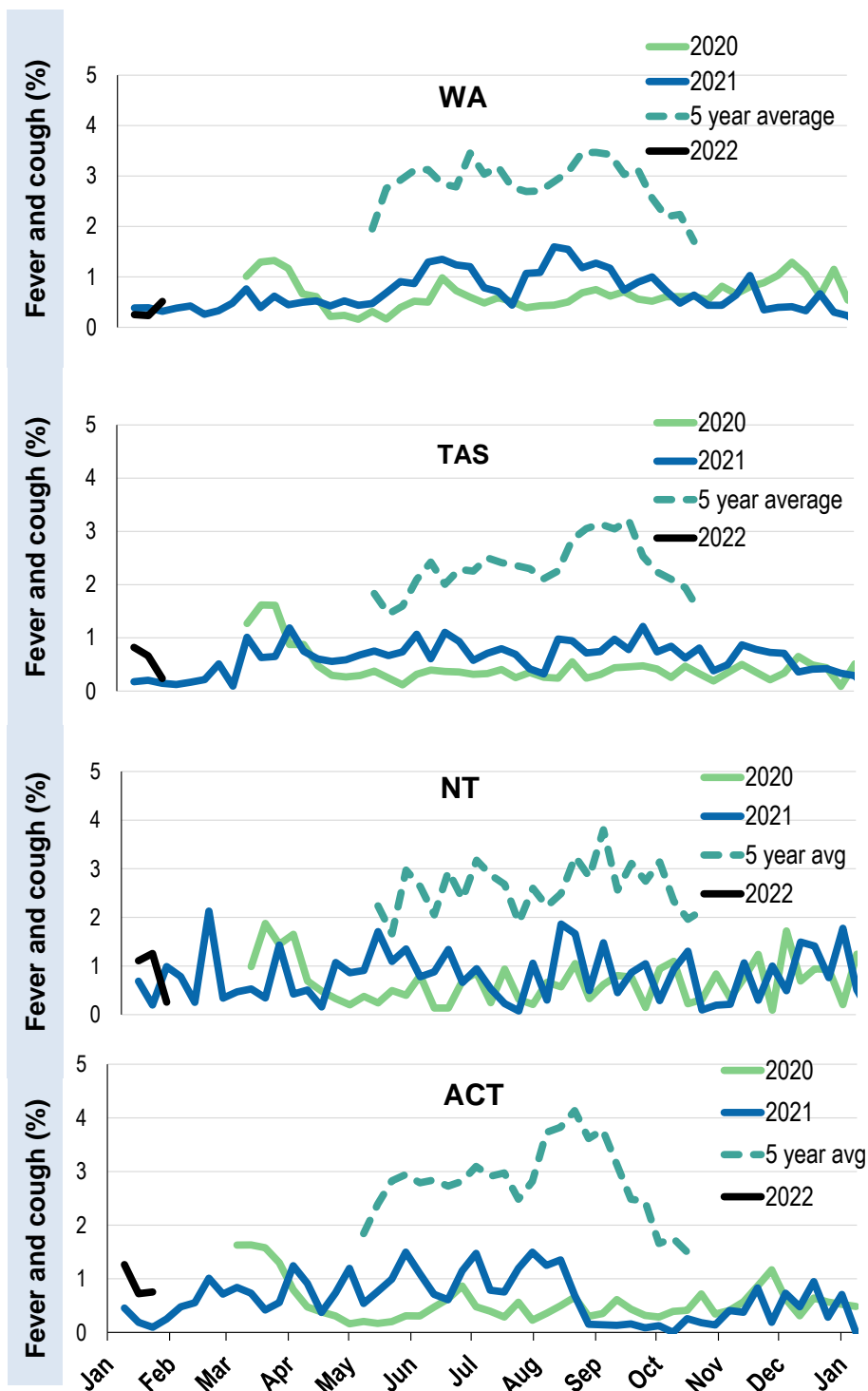
Respiratory illness activity by age group in 2021 and 2022 (Australia):



Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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Participation:
57,143 participants (57,854 last week)

State	Participants	%	Rate/100,000 population
NSW	19926	34.9%	252.4
VIC	11435	20.0%	179.8
QLD	7276	12.7%	147.0
SA	5103	8.9%	295.5
WA	5651	9.9%	218.4
TAS	3584	6.3%	686.6
NT	884	1.5%	359.2
ACT	3284	5.7%	795.9
AUS	57143	100.0%	231.3

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine		
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)
<5 years			
5-17 years	81.7	47.5	1.0
18-64 years	99.1	98.5	70.5
65+ years	99.4	99.0	82.3
Working with patients	99.5	99.2	85.5
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	91.8	85.3	50.9
Vaccinated overall (%)	96.3	93.1	67.8

*Influenza vaccination data is excluded until the 2022 influenza vaccine is released in Australia

