

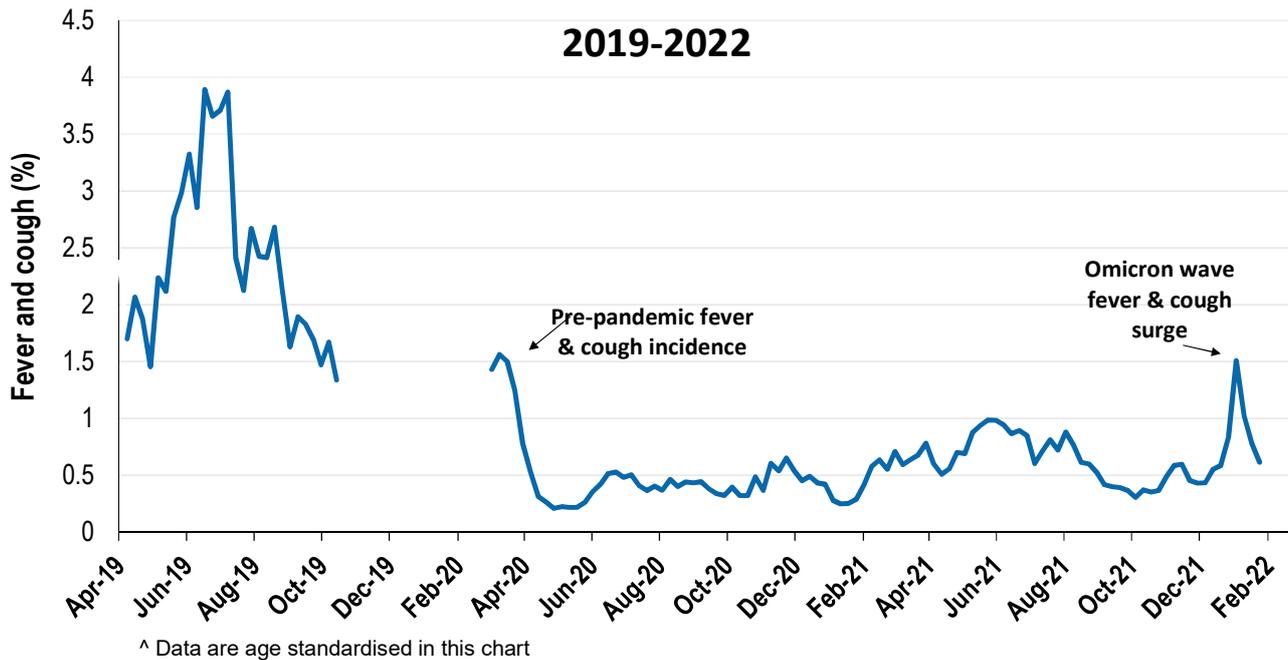
Respiratory illness associated with the Omicron wave surge appears to have peaked and is in decline in south-eastern Australia

58,247 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

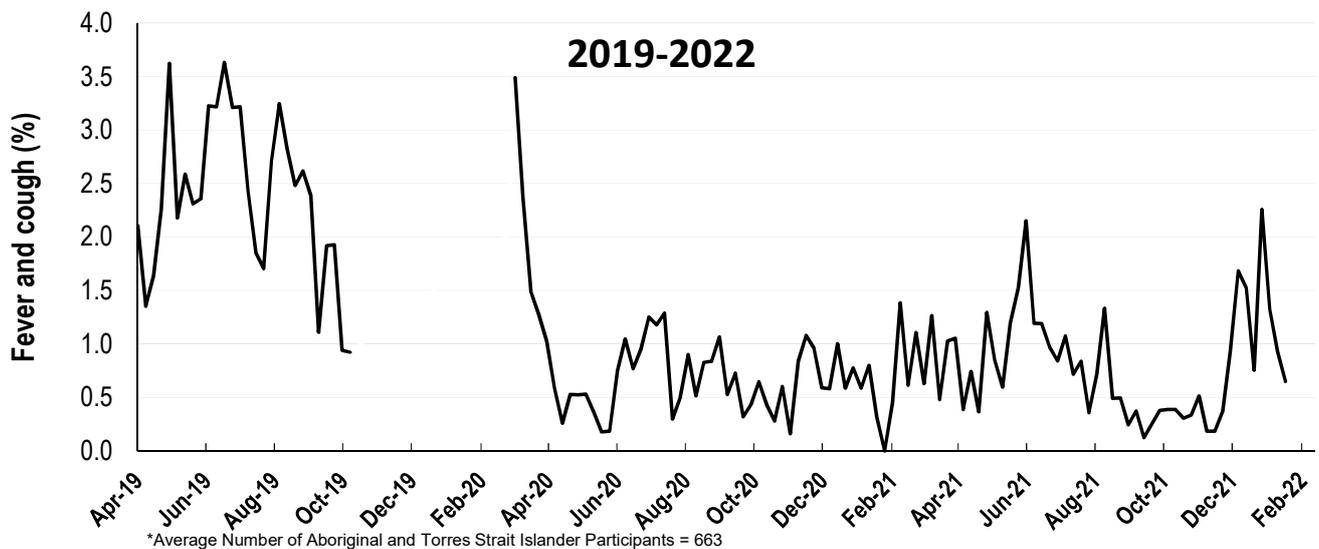
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

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Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

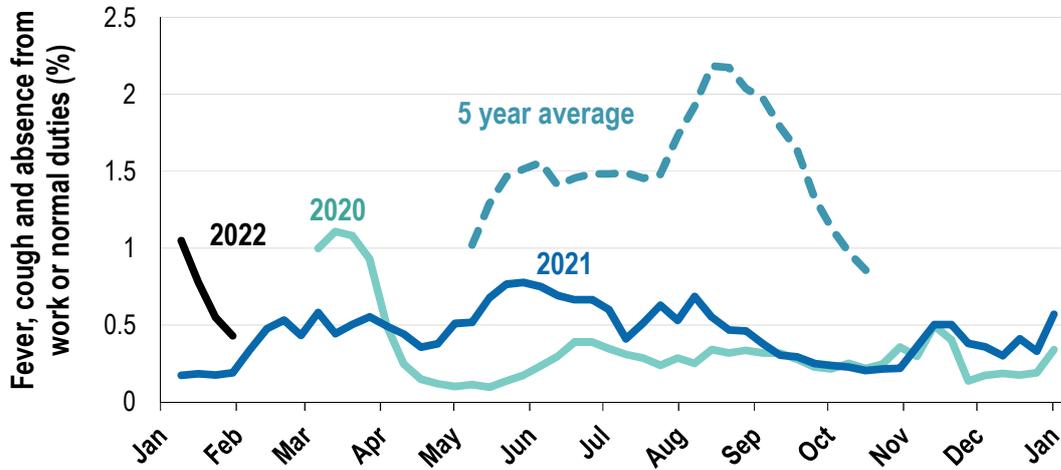
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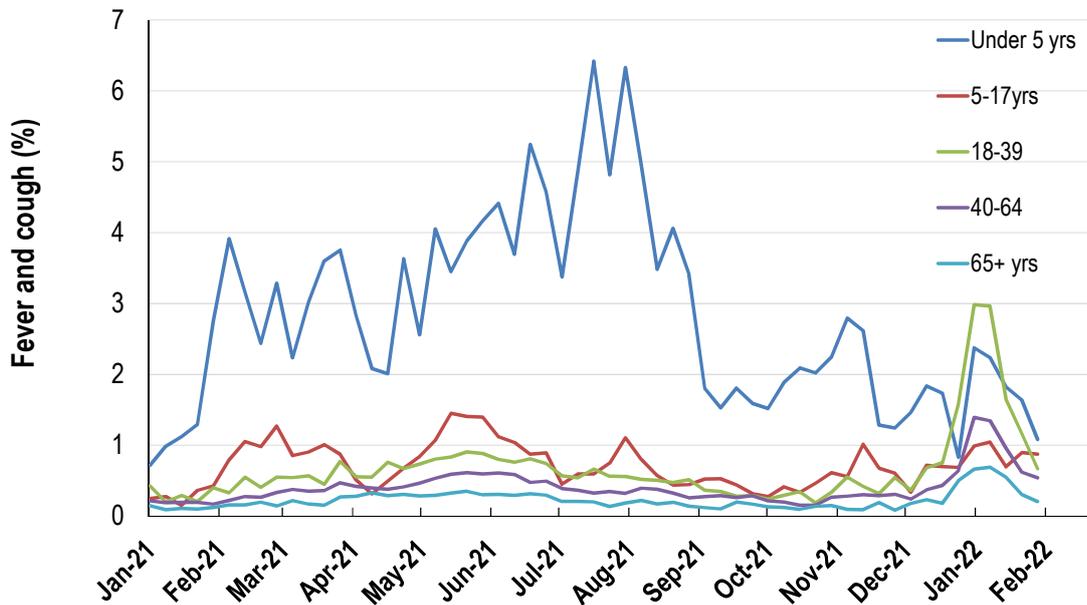
| Respiratory illness severity: <i>49.1% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i> | | |
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| Respiratory illness Severity | Week ending 30 January 2022 number (%) | Week ending 23 January 2022 number (%) |
| Number of participants | 58247 (100%) | 57102 (100%) |
| Fever & cough | 281 (0.5%) | 353 (0.6%) |
| Fever, cough & time-off normal duties | 191 (0.3%) | 252 (0.4%) |
| Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties | 191 (0.3%) | 252 (0.4%) |
| Number of participants with fever and cough | 281 (100%) | 353 (100%) |
| *Sought medical advice for fever and cough | 138 (49.1%) | 173 (49%) |
| Admitted to hospital | 1 (0.4%) | 3 (0.8%) |
| Tested for influenza | 8 (2.8%) | 11 (3.1%) |
| Tested, result positive for influenza | 1 (0.4%) | 0 (0%) |
| Tested for COVID-19 by PCR | 142 (50.5%) | 165 (46.7%) |
| Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive | 96 (34.2%) | 98 (27.8%) |
| Tested for COVID-19 by RAT | 165 (58.7%) | 234 (66.3%) |
| Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive | 89 (31.7%) | 142 (40.2%) |

*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):

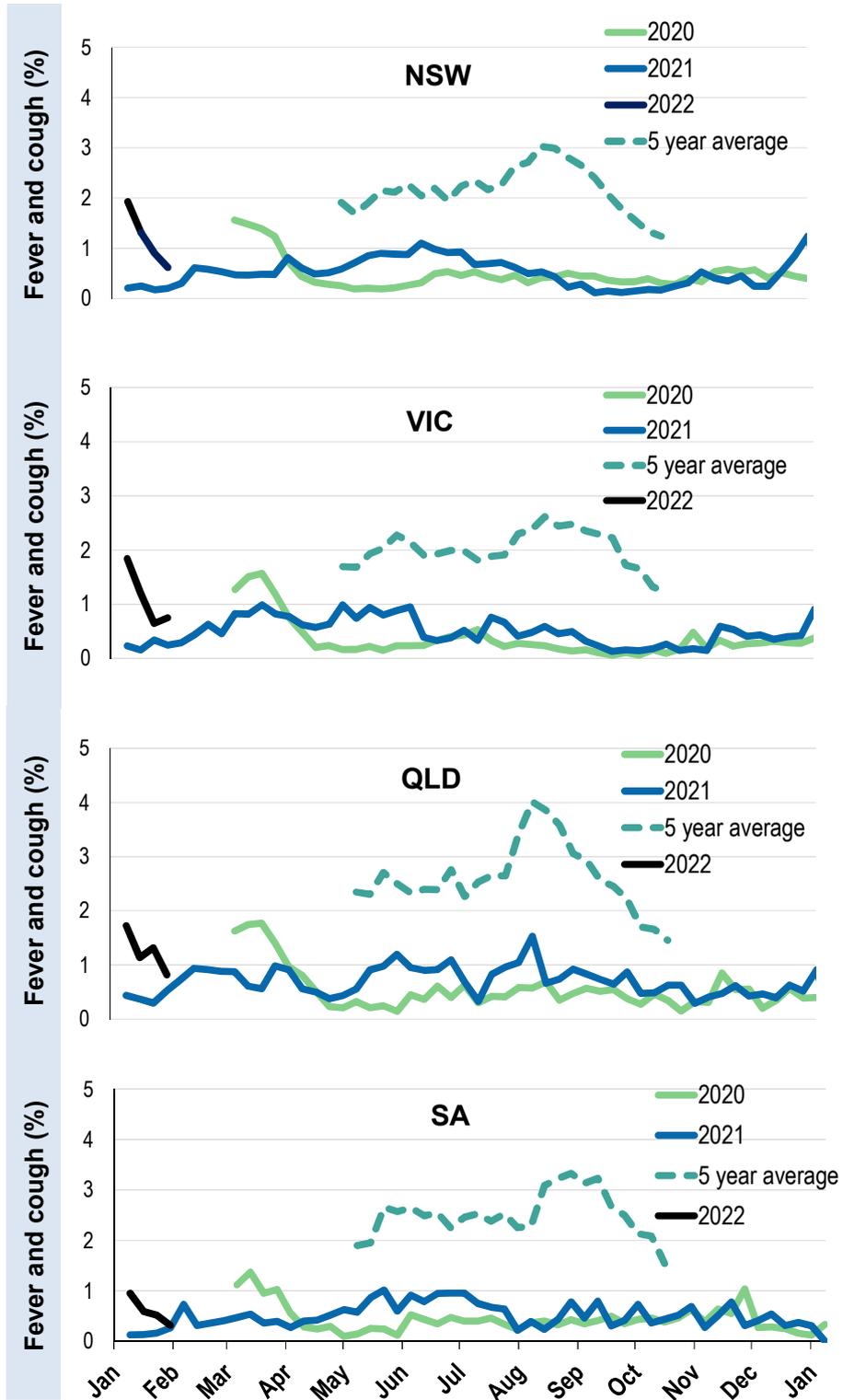


Respiratory illness activity by age group in 2021 and 2022 (Australia):



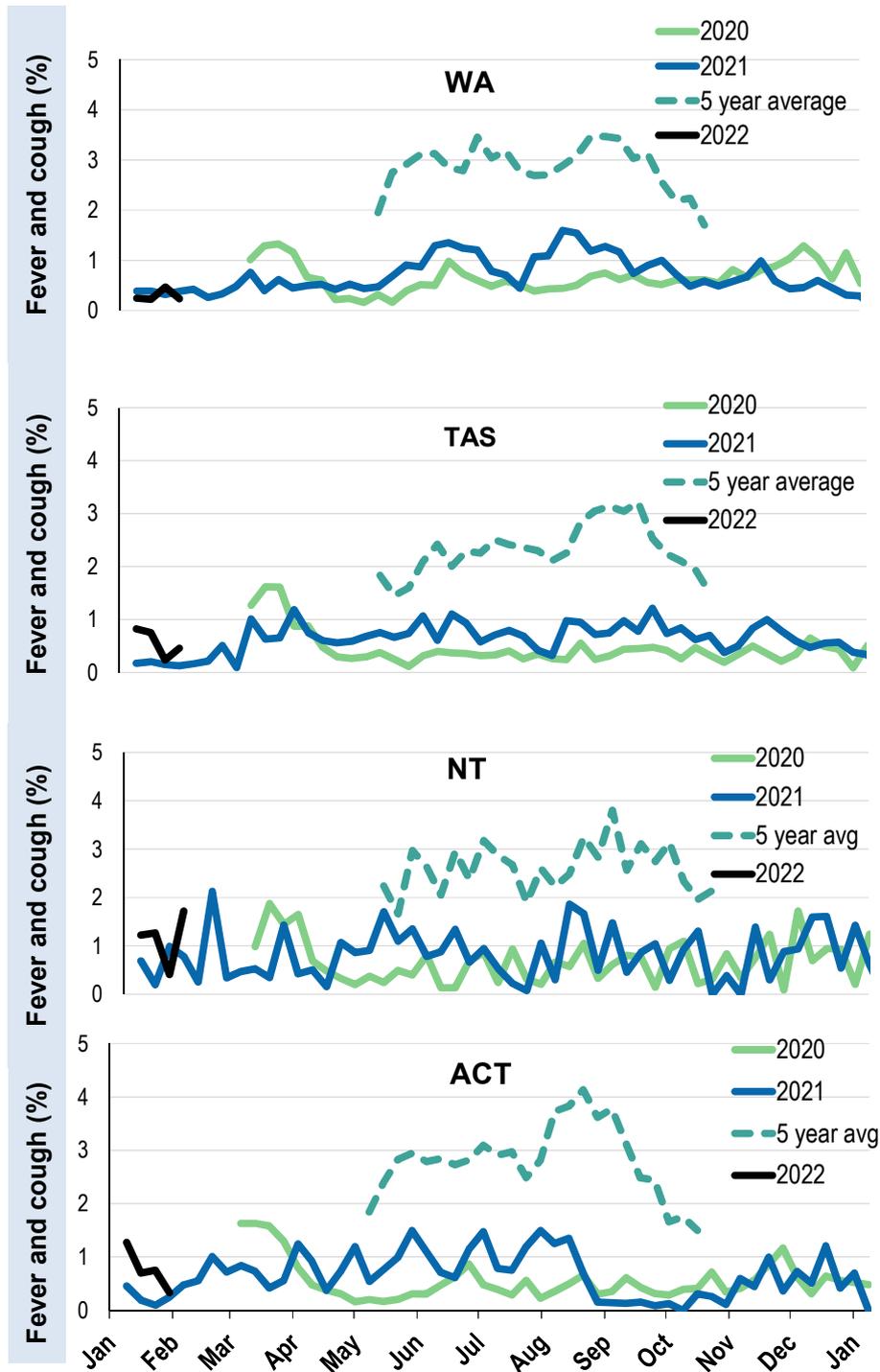


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):





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Participation:

58,247 participants (05,710 last week)

| State | Participants | % Rate/100,000 population |
|-------|--------------|---------------------------|
| NSW | 20271 | 34.8% 256.7 |
| VIC | 11483 | 19.7% 180.6 |
| QLD | 7334 | 12.6% 148.2 |
| SA | 5217 | 9.0% 302.1 |
| WA | 5969 | 10.2% 230.7 |
| TAS | 3712 | 6.4% 711.1 |
| NT | 946 | 1.6% 384.4 |
| ACT | 3315 | 5.7% 803.4 |
| AUS | 58247 | 100.0% 235.8 |

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:

| | COVID-19 vaccine | | |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | At least 1 dose (%) | At least 2 doses (%) | 3 doses (%) |
| <5 years | | | |
| 5-17 years | 87.2 | 48.6 | 1.2 |
| 18-64 years | 99.1 | 98.7 | 76.3 |
| 65+ years | 99.4 | 99.2 | 87.0 |
| Working with patients | 99.5 | 99.3 | 88.5 |
| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander | 91.7 | 85.4 | 55.2 |
| Vaccinated overall (%) | 96.8 | 93.2 | 72.4 |

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

