

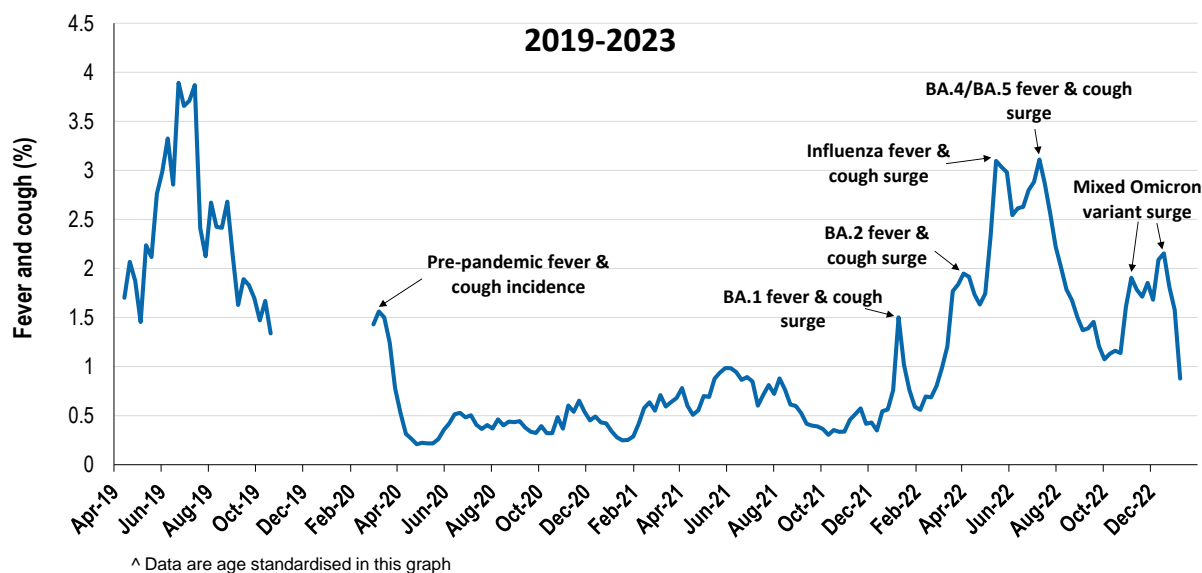
Respiratory illness levels are decreasing in all age groups

26,004 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

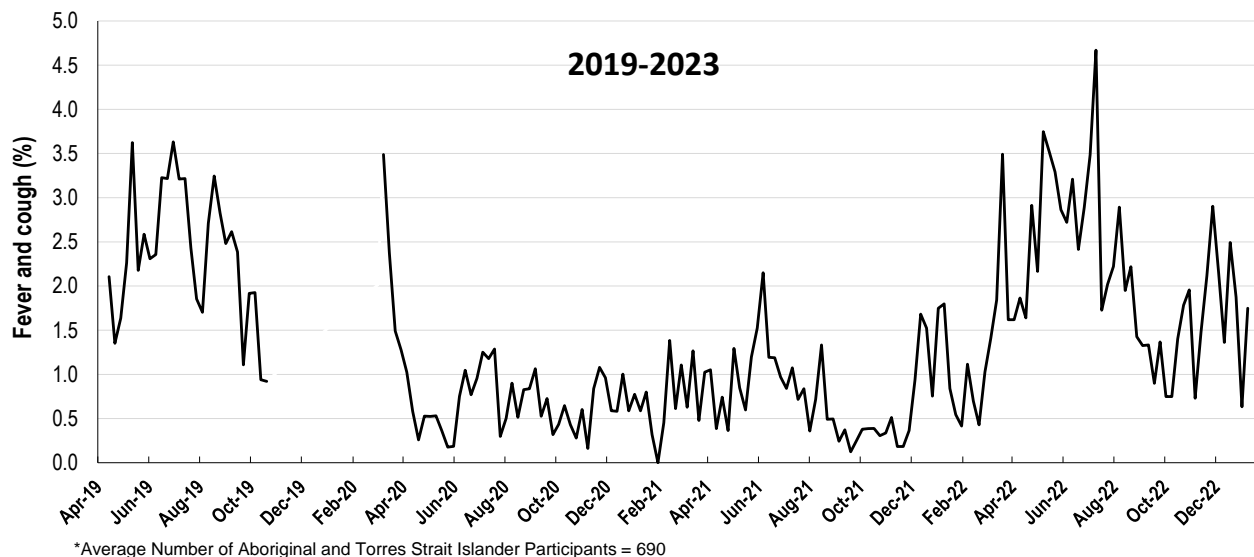
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

0.9% this week and 1.6% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

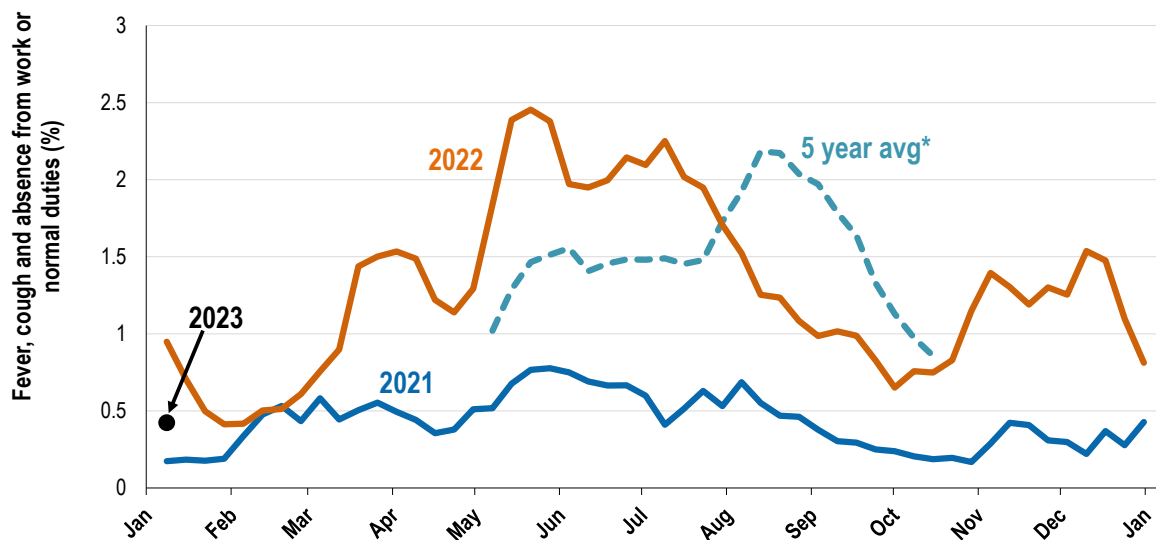
1.7% this week and 0.6% last week



Respiratory illness severity: 39.2% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 08 January 2023	Week ending 01 January 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	26004 (100%)	24627 (100%)
Fever & cough	209 (0.8%)	317 (1.3%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	116 (0.4%)	180 (0.7%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	91 (0.3%)	150 (0.6%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	209 (100%)	317 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	82 (39.2%)	131 (41.3%)
Admitted to hospital	2 (1%)	2 (0.6%)
Tested for influenza	9 (4.3%)	14 (4.4%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	1 (0.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	22 (10.5%)	38 (12%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	3 (1.4%)	11 (3.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	184 (88%)	281 (88.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	108 (51.7%)	178 (56.2%)

*Includes those who sought medical advice from a general practitioner, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Clinic, COVID-19 clinic, emergency department, or were admitted to hospital for fever & cough

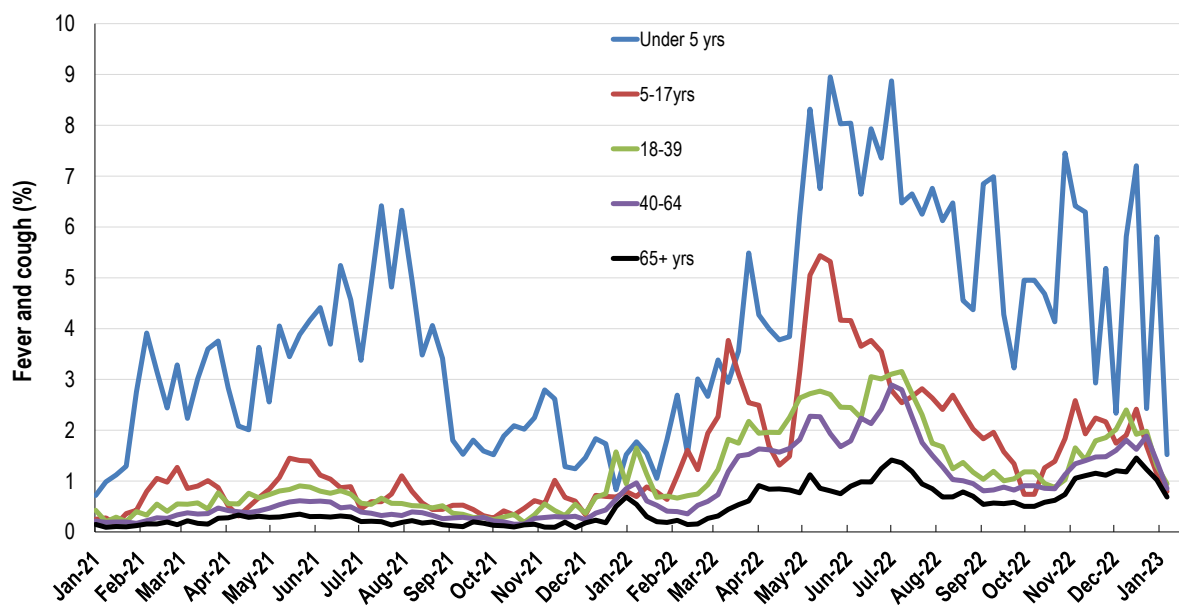
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



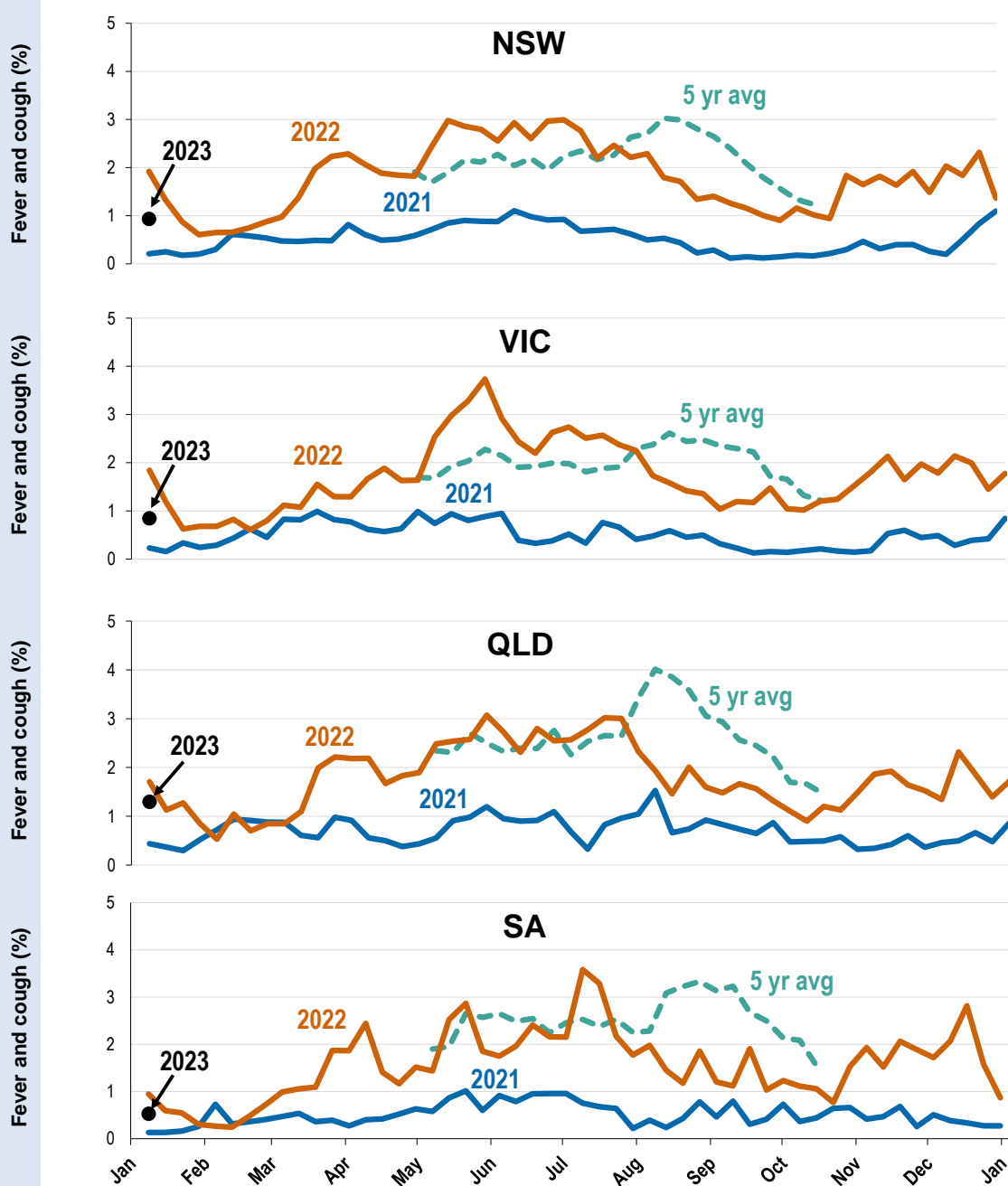
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

Respiratory illness activity by age group, 2021-2023 (Australia):

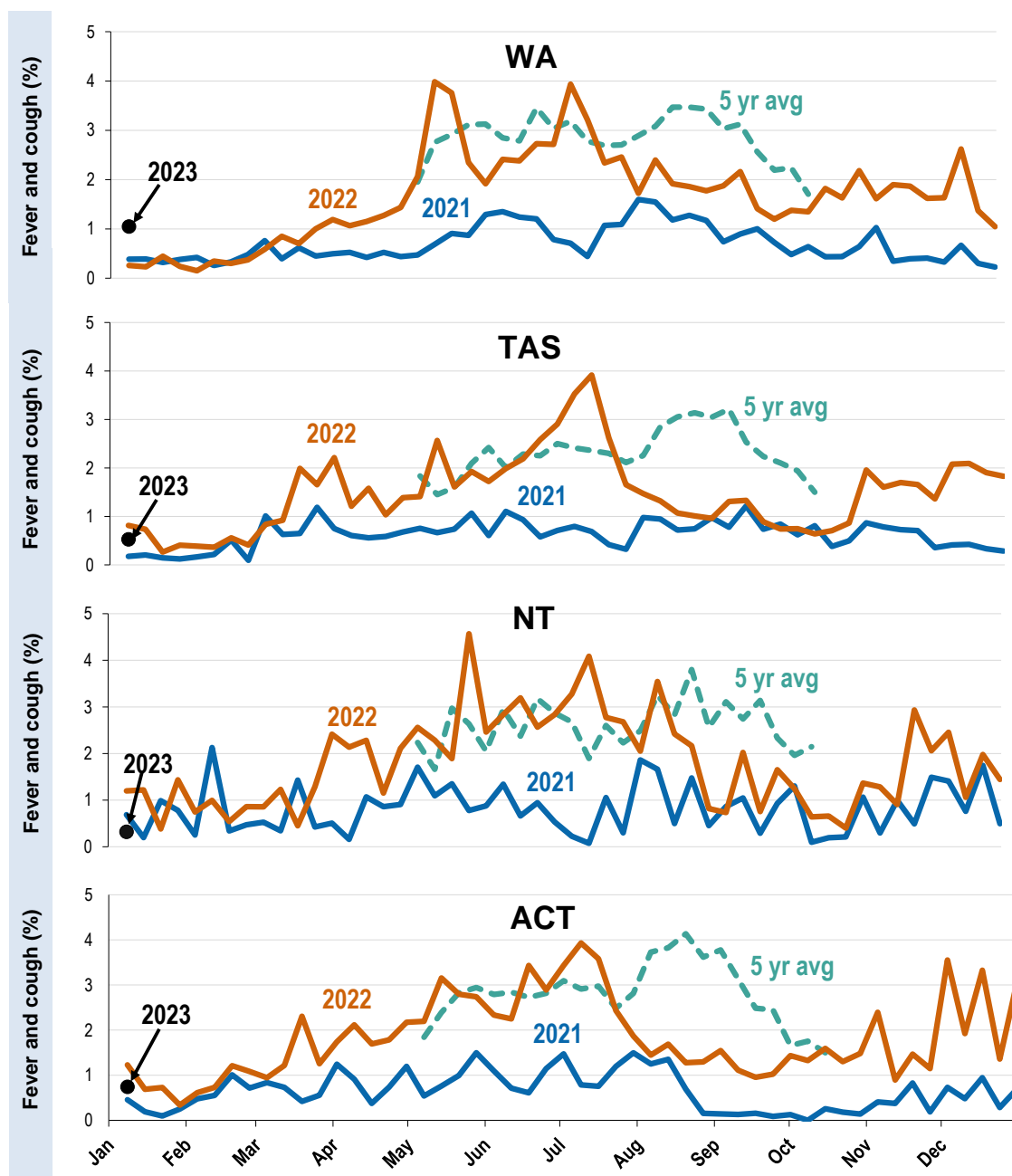


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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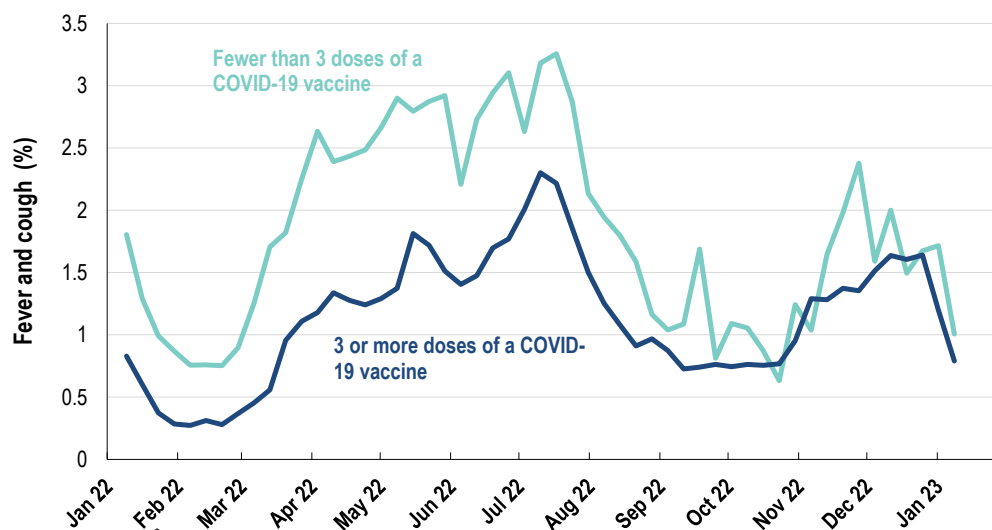
Participation:

26,004 participants (24,627 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9308	35.8% 113.7
VIC	4929	19.0% 74.2
QLD	3220	12.4% 61.4
SA	2371	9.1% 133.7
WA	2528	9.7% 94.1
TAS	1795	6.9% 331.9
NT	508	2.0% 206.6
ACT	1345	5.2% 312.4
AUS	26004	100.0% 101.0

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine			
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	4 doses (%)
<5 years	1.5	0.5		
5-11 years	84.3	77.2	2.2	0.0
12-17 years	96.9	95.4	22.0	0.9
18-64 years	99.3	99.1	94.1	57.9
65+ years	99.4	99.1	97.7	91.1
Working with patients	99.6	99.3	97.1	66.5
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	95.1	93.0	78.0	49.3
Vaccinated overall (%)	98.1	97.6	89.7	66.3

Respiratory illness activity by self-reported COVID-19 vaccination status, 2022-2023 (Australia):


* Data are for participants aged 16 years or older in this chart

