

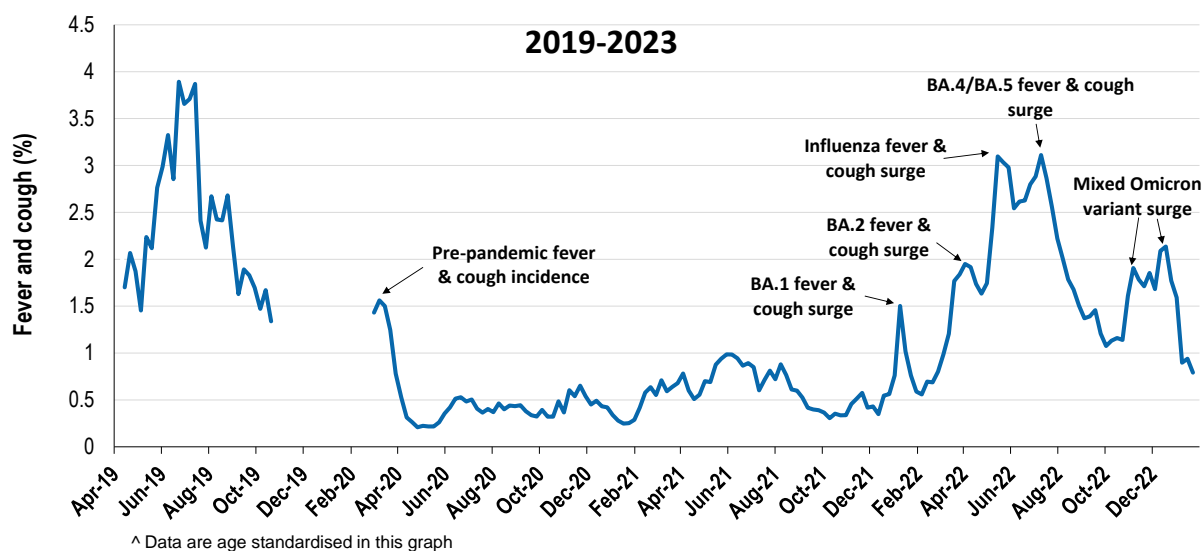
## Respiratory illness levels are decreasing

**25,837 participants this week**

### Respiratory illness activity\*:

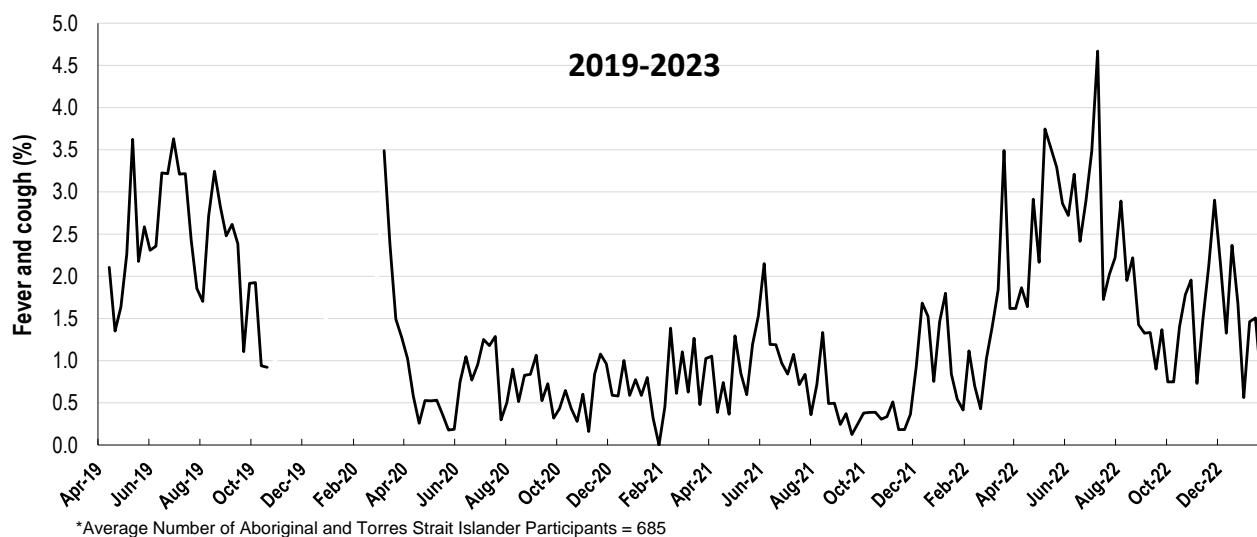
\*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

**0.8% this week and 0.9% last week**



### Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

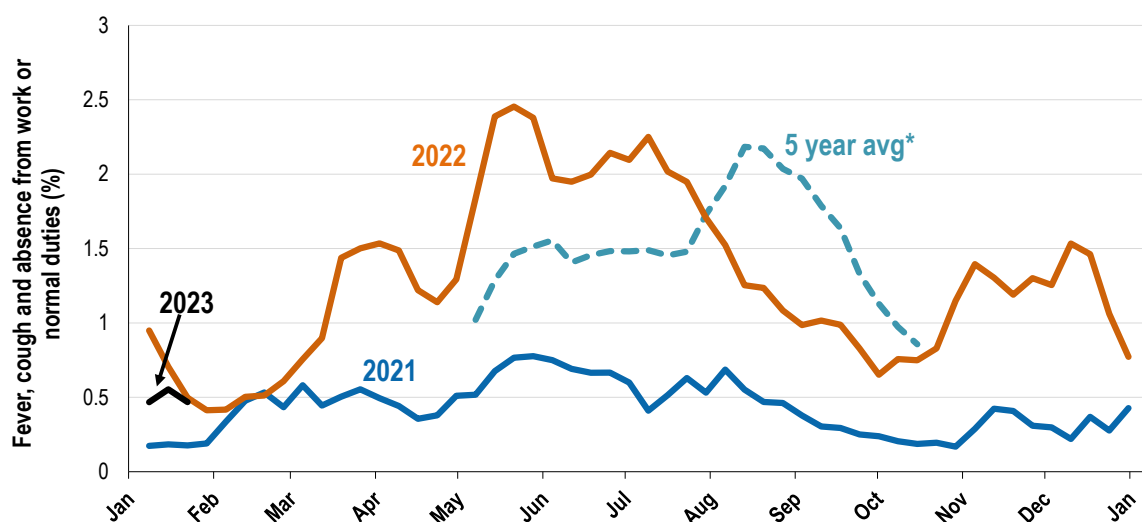
**0.7% this week and 1.5% last week**



<b>Respiratory illness severity:</b> <i>37.5% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	<b>Week ending 22 January 2023</b>  <b>number (%)</b>	<b>Week ending 15 January 2023</b>  <b>number (%)</b>
<b>Number of participants</b>	25837 (100%)	25896 (100%)
Fever & cough	152 (0.6%)	177 (0.7%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	100 (0.4%)	104 (0.4%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	72 (0.3%)	82 (0.3%)
<b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>	152 (100%)	177 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	57 (37.5%)	66 (37.3%)
Admitted to hospital	0 (0%)	6 (3.4%)
Tested for influenza	8 (5.3%)	15 (8.5%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	1 (0.7%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	18 (11.8%)	33 (18.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	4 (2.6%)	9 (5.1%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	116 (76.3%)	158 (89.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	50 (32.9%)	80 (45.2%)

\*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

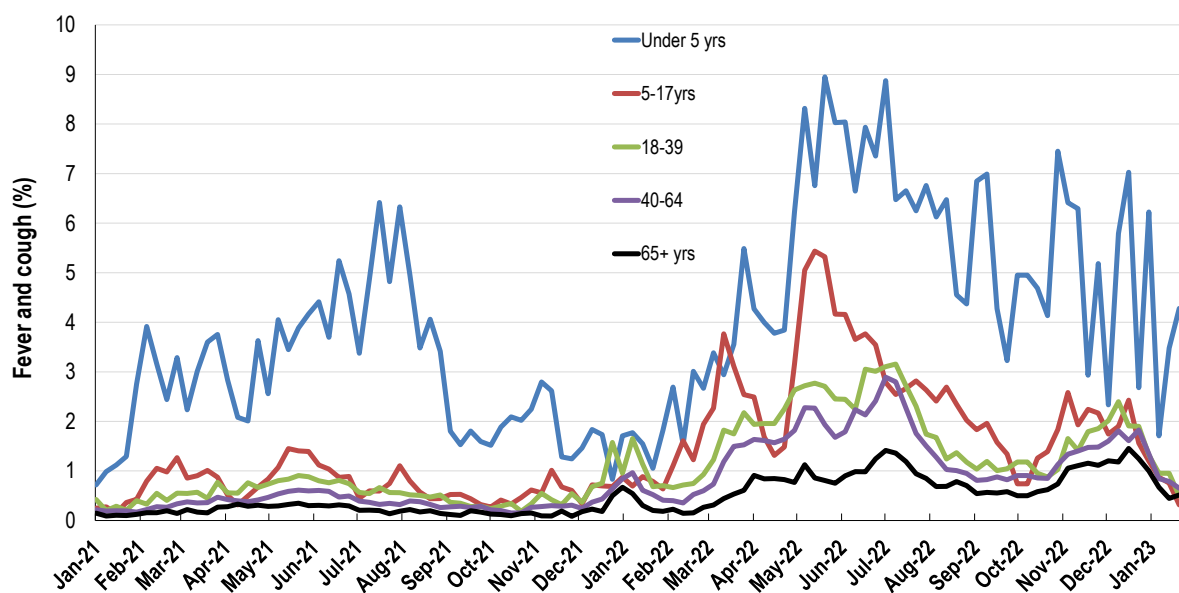
**Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):**



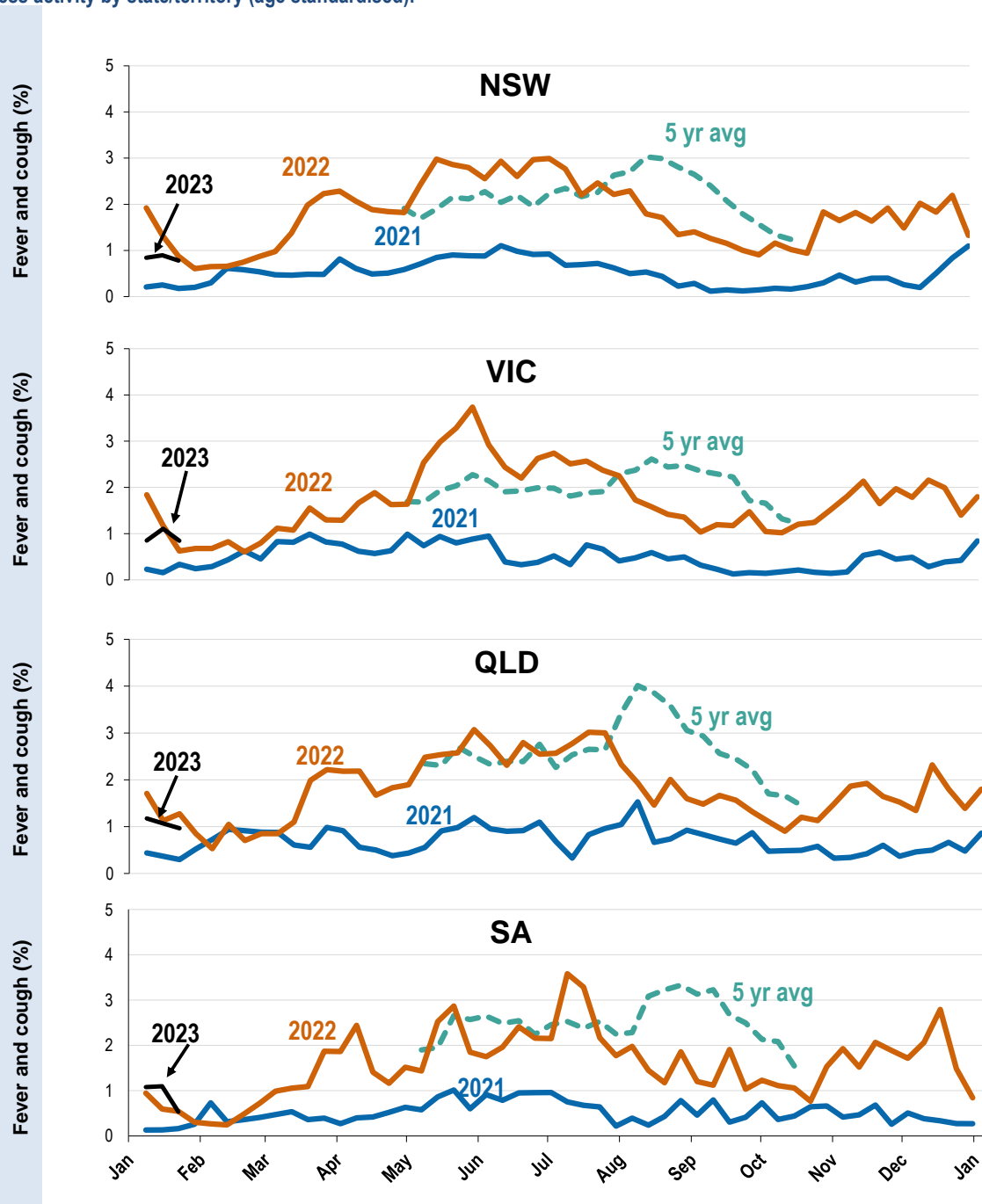
\*5 year average is calculated using 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 data

^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

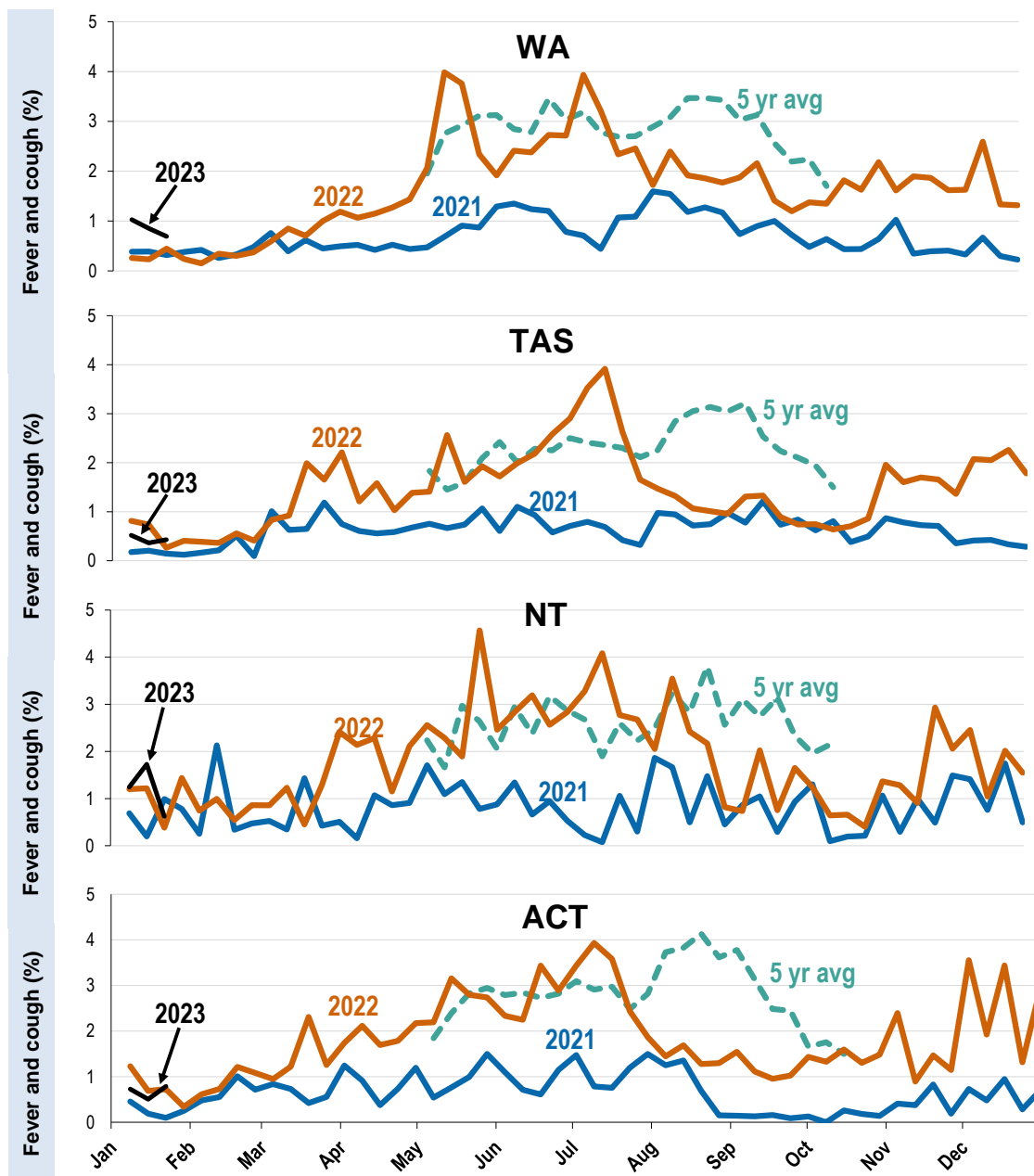


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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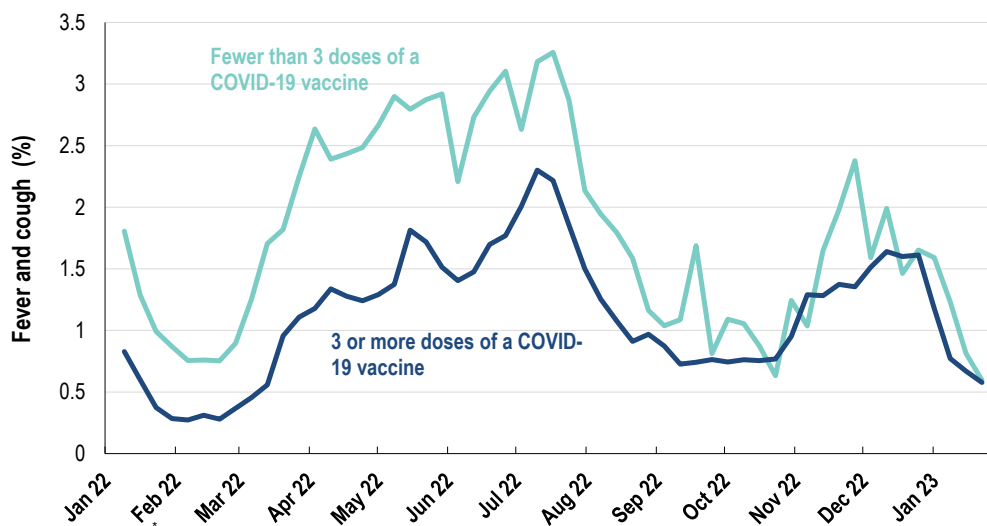
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**Participation:**
**25,837 participants (25,896 last week)**

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9298	36.0% <b>113.6</b>
VIC	4857	18.8% <b>73.1</b>
QLD	3192	12.4% <b>60.9</b>
SA	2347	9.1% <b>132.4</b>
WA	2507	9.7% <b>93.4</b>
TAS	1733	6.7% <b>320.5</b>
NT	523	2.0% <b>212.7</b>
ACT	1380	5.3% <b>320.6</b>
AUS	25837	100.0% <b>100.3</b>

**Vaccination rates:**

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine			
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	4 doses (%)
<5 years	1.1	0.0		
5-11 years	83.0	78.8	2.0	0.0
12-17 years	96.6	95.7	22.5	0.7
18-64 years	99.3	99.0	94.1	58.1
65+ years	99.4	99.2	97.9	91.5
Working with patients	99.5	99.2	97.2	66.5
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	96.5	94.0	78.6	48.8
<b>Vaccinated overall (%)</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>66.7</b>

**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

