

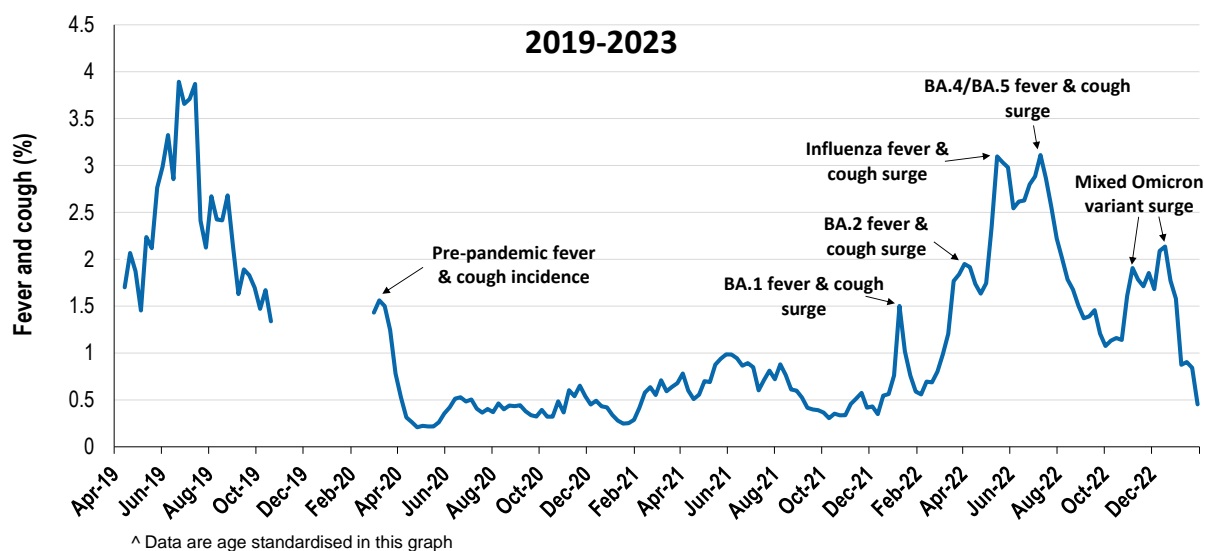
Respiratory illness levels continue to decrease

26,767 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

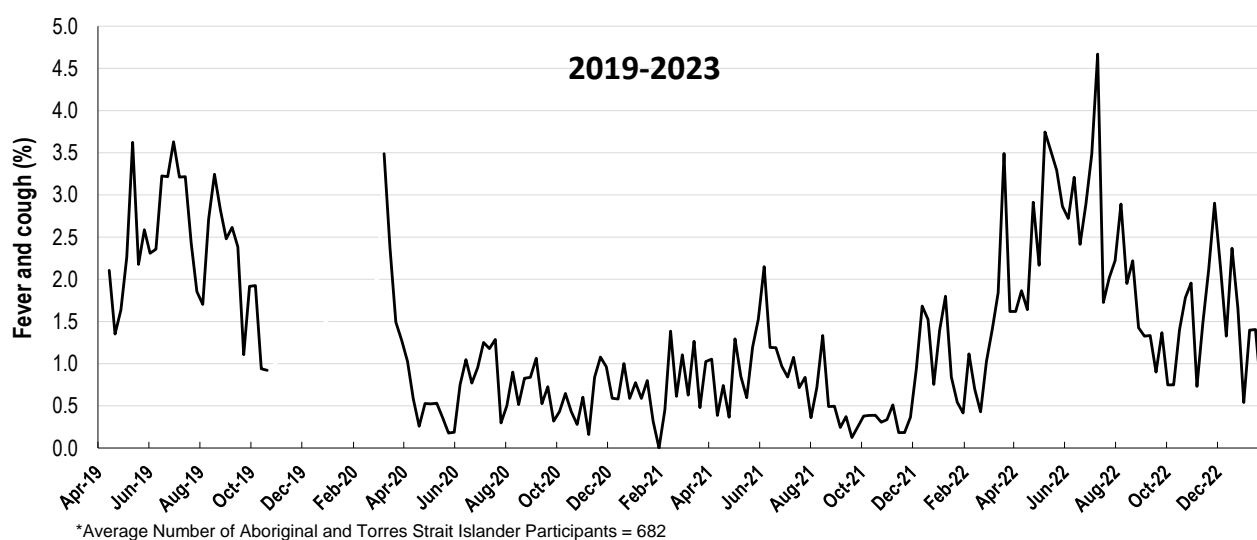
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

0.5% this week and 0.8% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

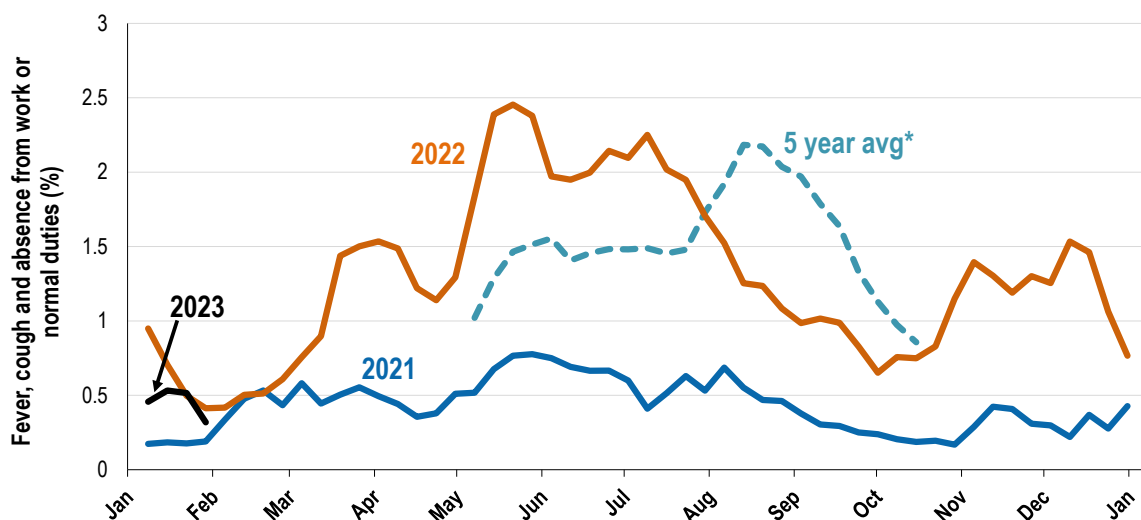
1% this week and 0.6% last week



Respiratory illness severity: <i>24.3% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 29 January 2023 number (%)	Week ending 22 January 2023 number (%)
Number of participants	26767 (100%)	26360 (100%)
Fever & cough	103 (0.4%)	152 (0.6%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	68 (0.3%)	100 (0.4%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	40 (0.1%)	72 (0.3%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	103 (100%)	152 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	25 (24.3%)	65 (42.8%)
Admitted to hospital	2 (1.9%)	0 (0%)
Tested for influenza	5 (4.9%)	12 (7.9%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	1 (0.7%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	14 (13.6%)	26 (17.1%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	6 (5.8%)	6 (3.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	77 (74.8%)	119 (78.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	37 (35.9%)	51 (33.6%)

*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

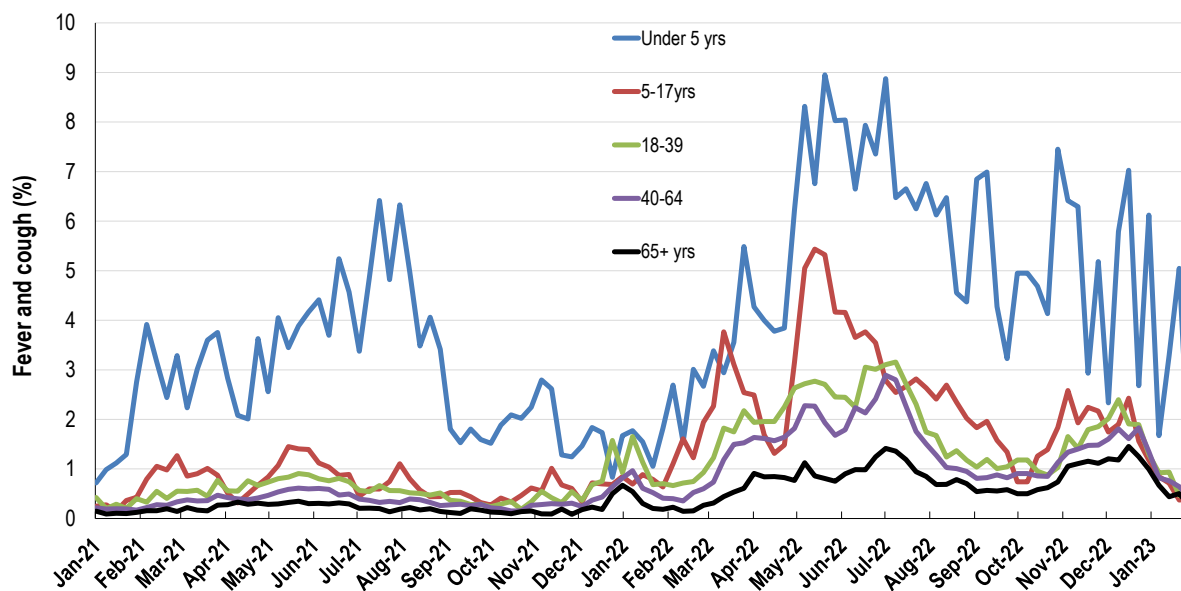
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



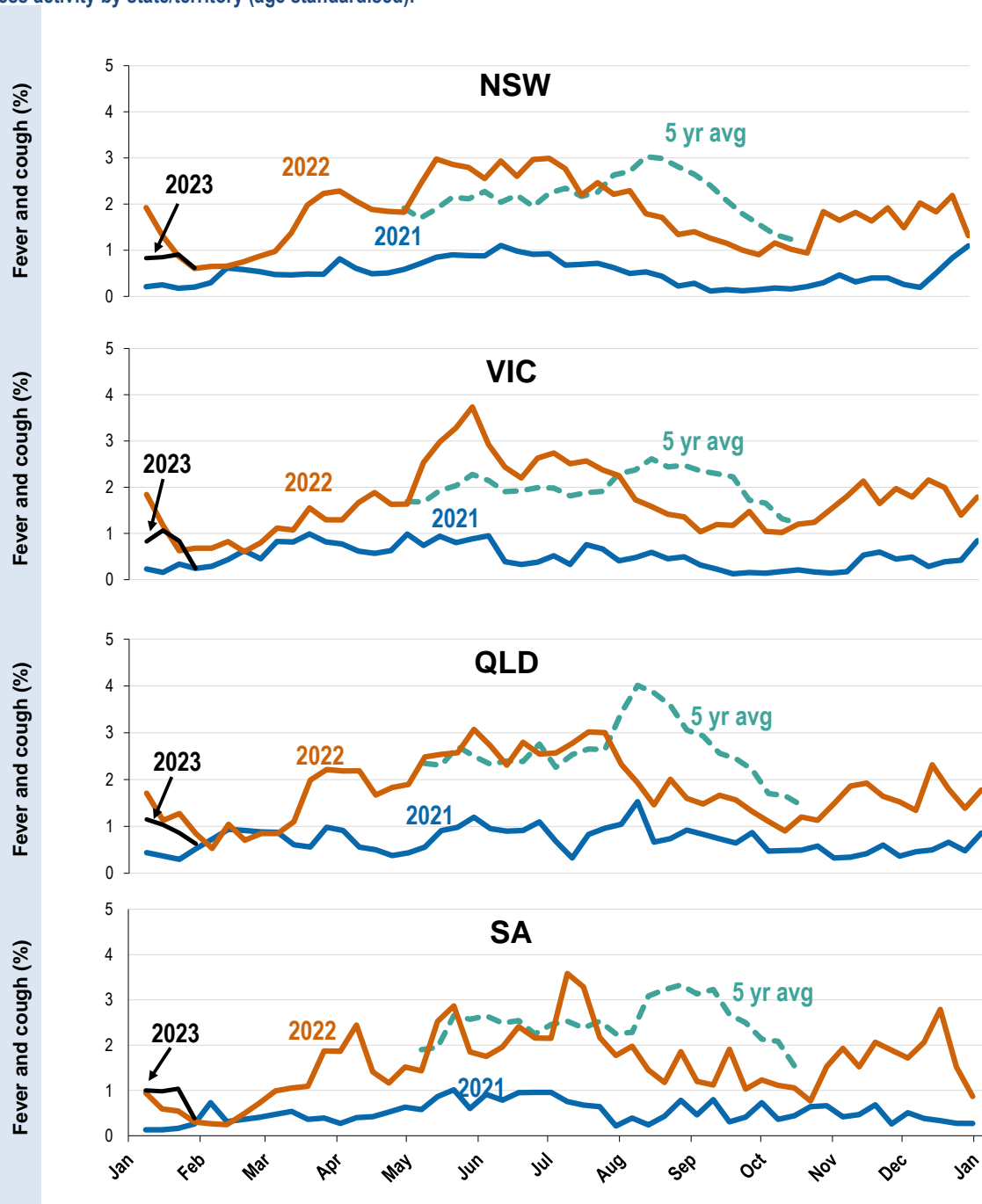
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

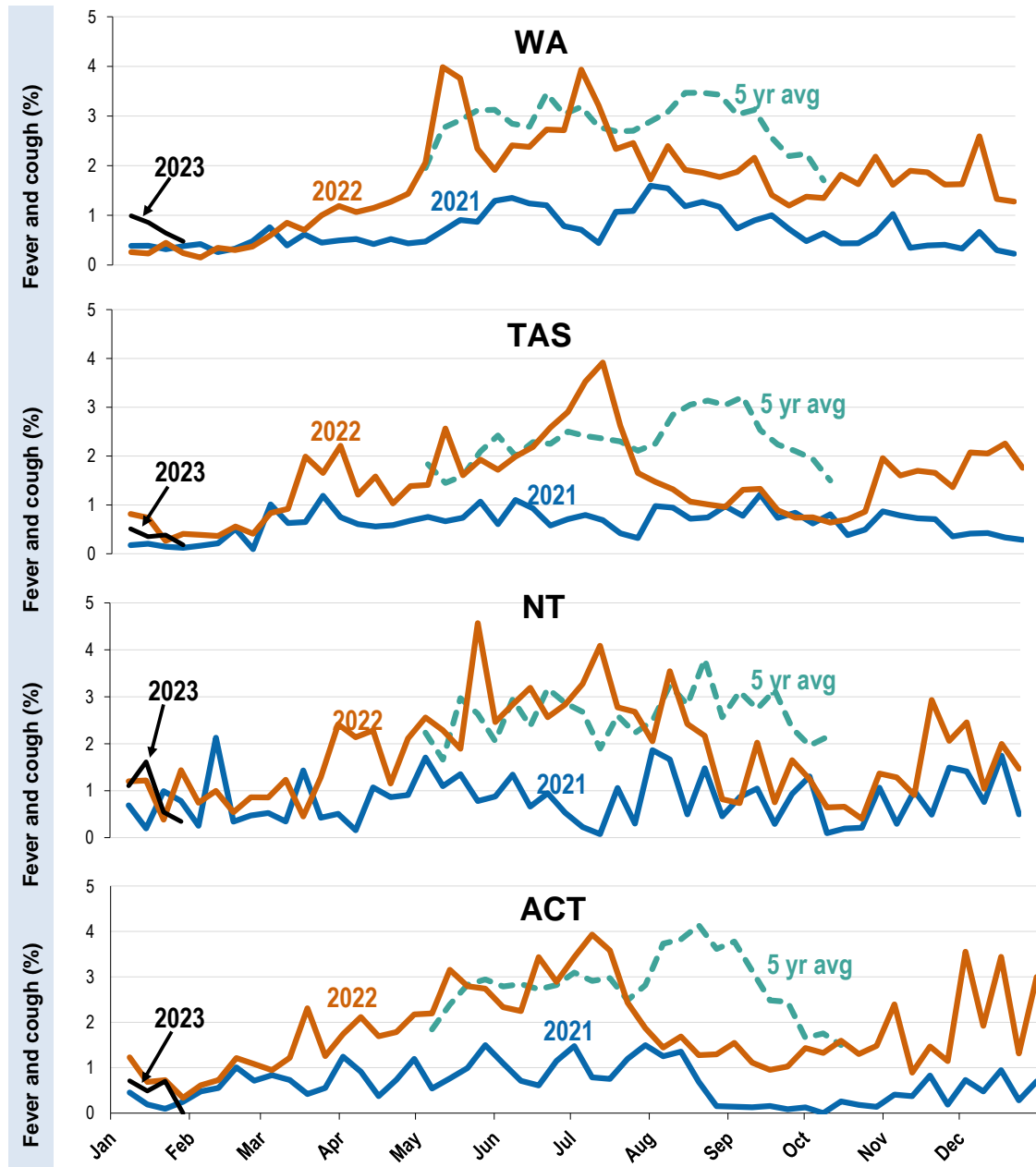


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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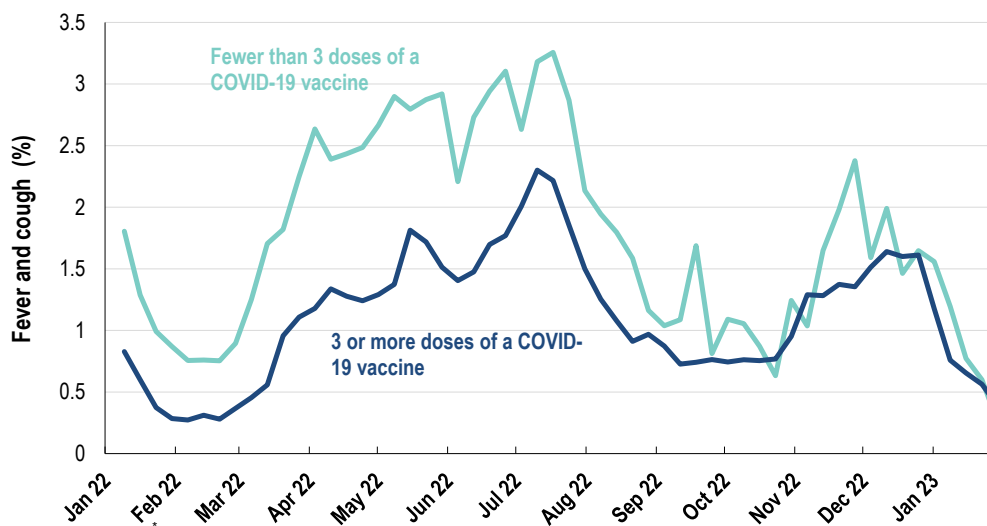
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Participation:
26,767 participants (26,360 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9624	36.0% 117.6
VIC	4975	18.6% 74.9
QLD	3334	12.5% 63.6
SA	2468	9.2% 139.2
WA	2639	9.9% 98.3
TAS	1752	6.5% 324.0
NT	565	2.1% 229.8
ACT	1410	5.3% 327.5
AUS	26767	100.0% 103.9

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine			
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	4 doses (%)
<5 years	0.9	0.5		
5-11 years	83.5	78.9	1.9	0.0
12-17 years	96.4	95.9	21.0	0.9
18-64 years	99.3	99.2	94.3	58.2
65+ years	99.4	99.3	97.9	91.7
Working with patients	99.6	99.4	97.5	67.0
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	94.6	93.0	77.6	46.6
Vaccinated overall (%)	98.0	97.7	89.5	66.2

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