

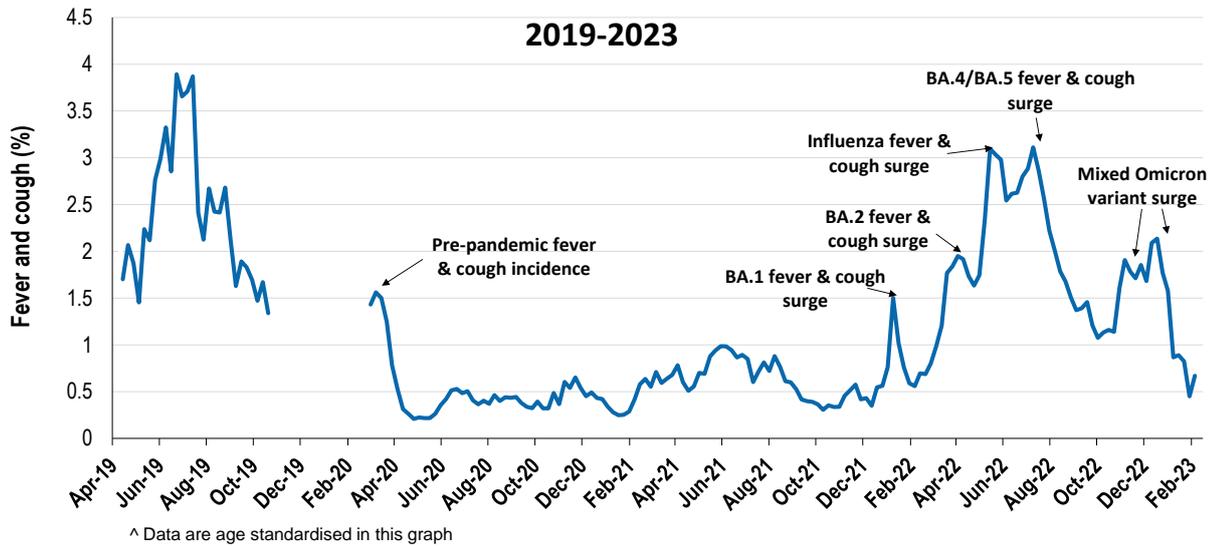
**Respiratory illness levels are increasing in all age groups excluding 18-39 year olds**

**26,652 participants this week**

**Respiratory illness activity\*:**

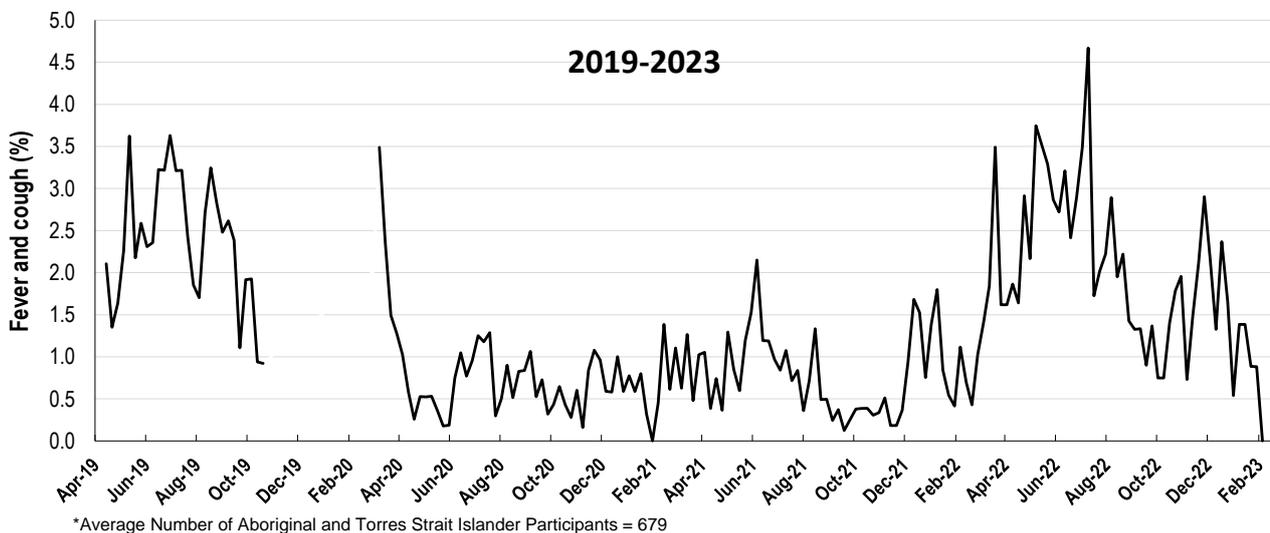
\*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

**0.7% this week and 0.4% last week**



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

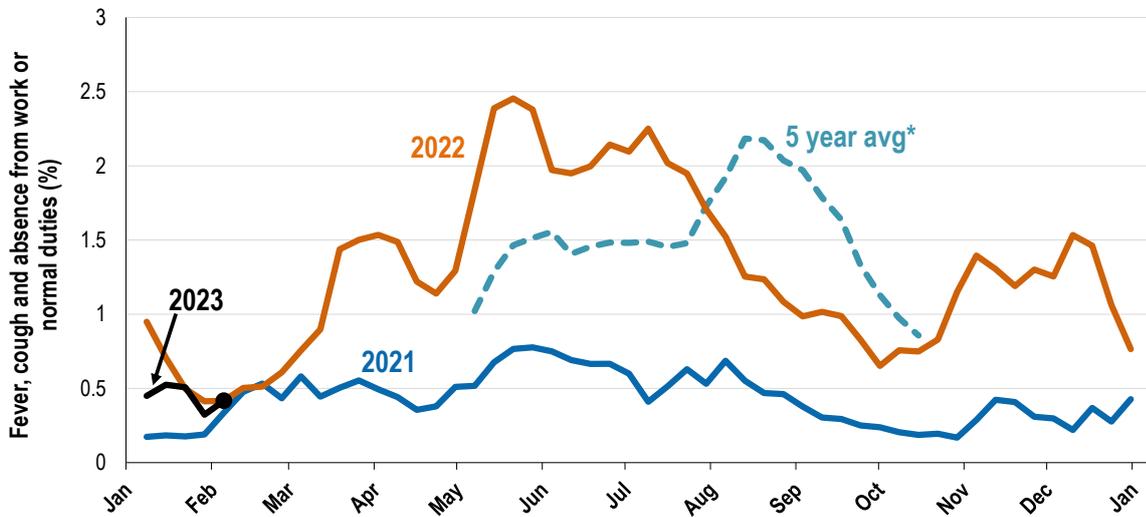
**0% this week and 0.9% last week**



<b>Respiratory illness severity:</b> <i>29% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 05 February 2023	Week ending 29 January 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
<b>Number of participants</b>	26652 (100%)	26767 (100%)
Fever & cough	131 (0.5%)	103 (0.4%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	76 (0.3%)	68 (0.3%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	48 (0.2%)	40 (0.1%)
<b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>	131 (100%)	103 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	38 (29%)	29 (28.2%)
Admitted to hospital	3 (2.3%)	2 (1.9%)
Tested for influenza	10 (7.6%)	7 (6.8%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	1 (0.8%)	1 (1%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	23 (17.6%)	16 (15.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	7 (5.3%)	6 (5.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	104 (79.4%)	80 (77.7%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	41 (31.3%)	37 (35.9%)

\*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

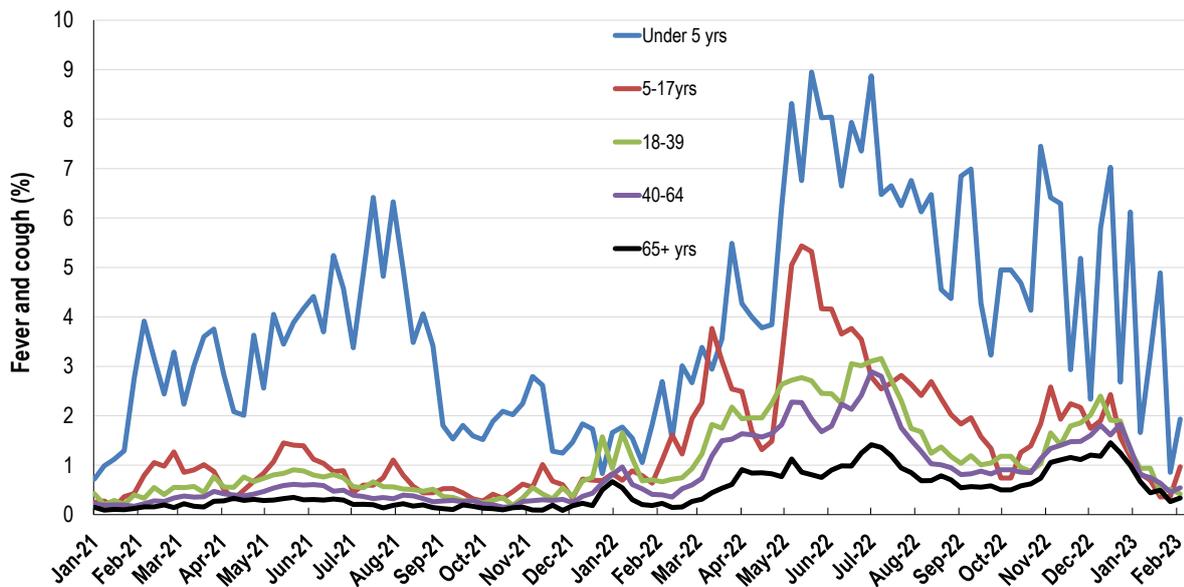
**Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):**



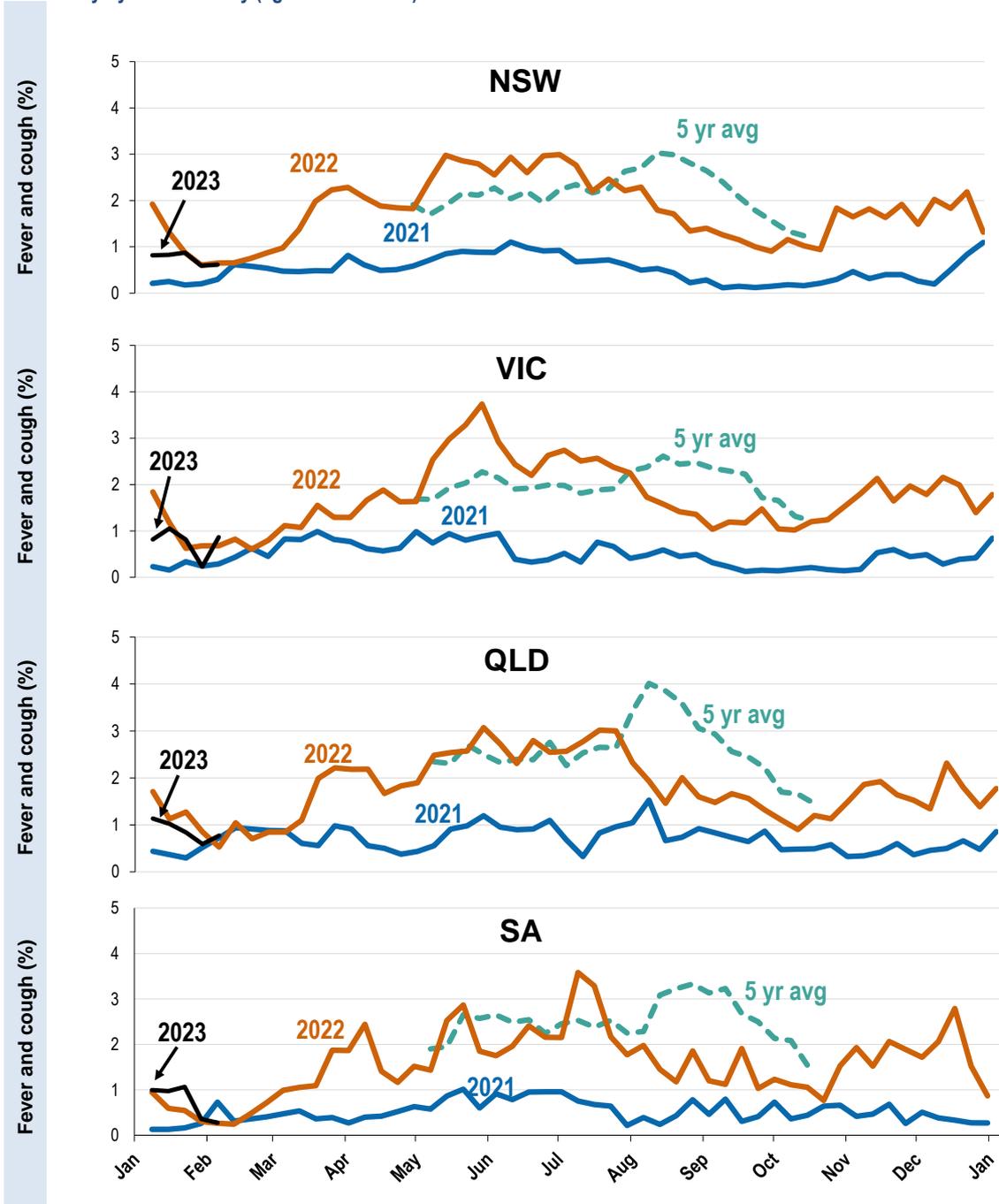
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

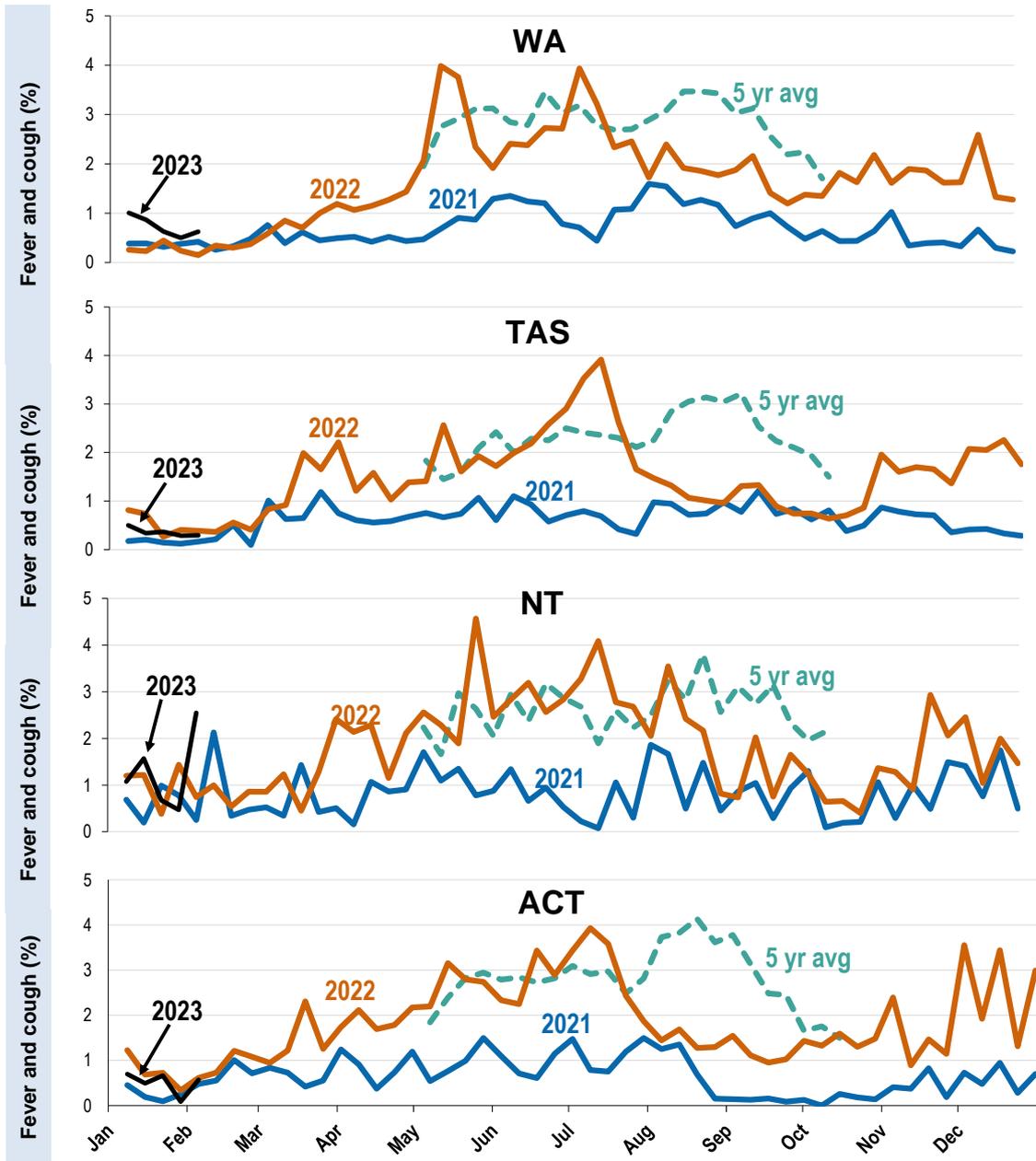


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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**Participation:**

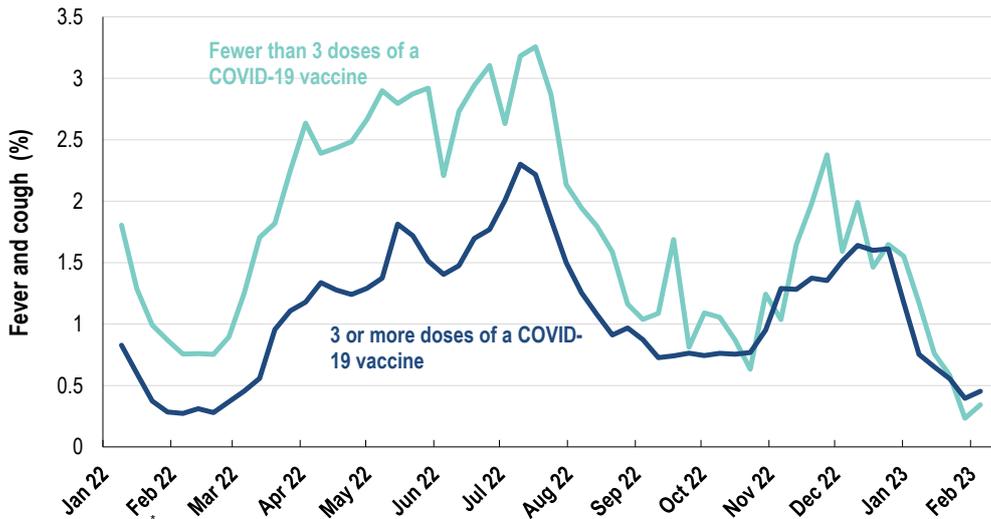
26,652 participants (26,767 last week)

State	Participants	%	Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9587	36.0%	117.1
VIC	4916	18.4%	74.0
QLD	3257	12.2%	62.2
SA	2455	9.2%	138.5
WA	2669	10.0%	99.4
TAS	1795	6.7%	331.9
NT	547	2.1%	222.4
ACT	1426	5.4%	331.2
AUS	26652	100.0%	103.5

**Vaccination rates:**

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine			
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	4 doses (%)
<5 years	1.0	0.5		
5-11 years	83.3	78.6	2.2	0.0
12-17 years	96.5	95.8	21.2	0.9
18-64 years	99.3	99.2	94.5	58.4
65+ years	99.4	99.3	98.0	91.5
Working with patients	99.6	99.5	97.4	66.5
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	94.7	93.4	78.2	47.2
<b>Vaccinated overall (%)</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>66.4</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