

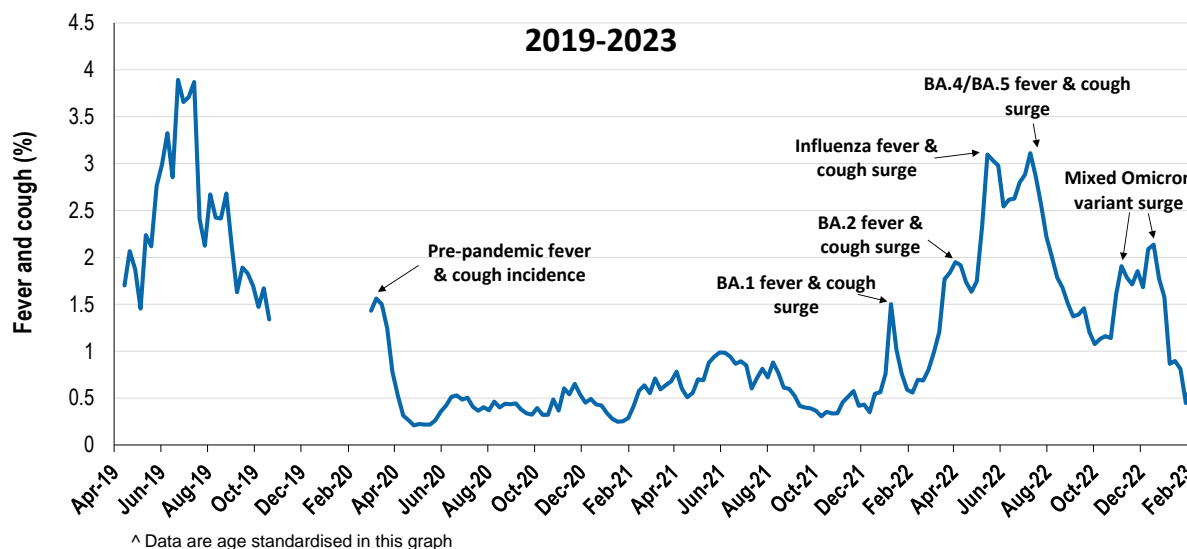
## Respiratory illness levels continue to increase, particularly in children aged under 5

26,625 participants this week

### Respiratory illness activity\*:

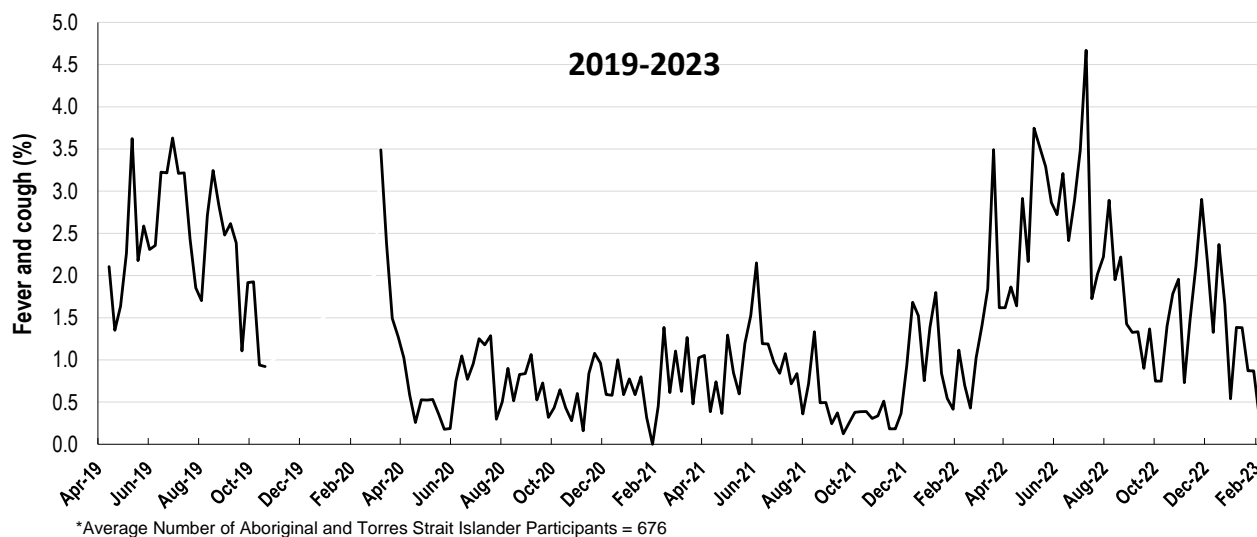
\*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1% this week and 0.7% last week



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

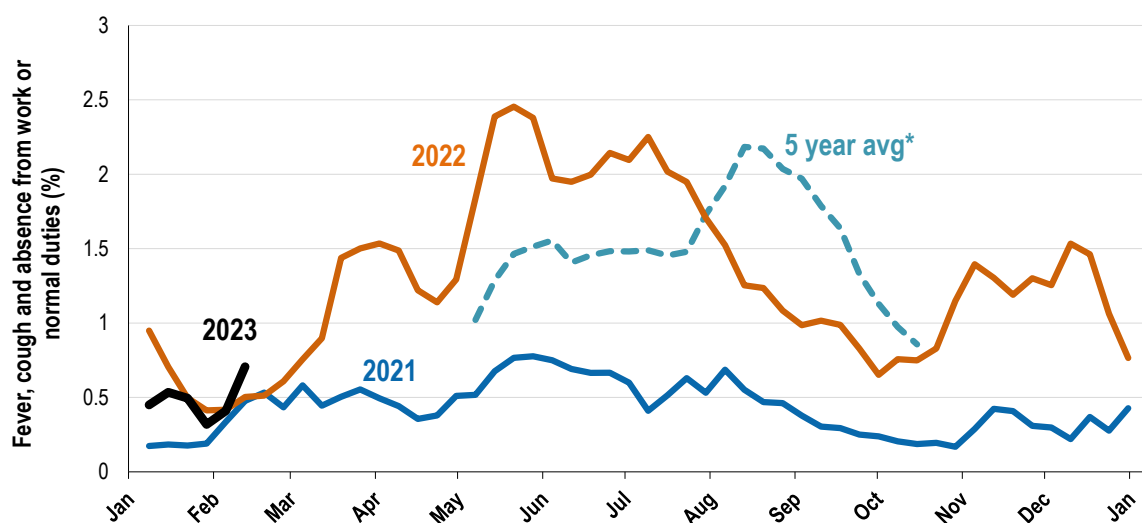
0.7% this week and 0.3% last week



Respiratory illness severity: <i>29.5% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 12 February 2023	Week ending 05 February 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
<b>Number of participants</b>	26625 (100%)	26652 (100%)
Fever & cough	149 (0.6%)	131 (0.5%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	99 (0.4%)	75 (0.3%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	68 (0.3%)	47 (0.2%)
<b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>	149 (100%)	131 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	44 (29.5%)	44 (33.6%)
Admitted to hospital	1 (0.7%)	4 (3.1%)
Tested for influenza	5 (3.4%)	11 (8.4%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	1 (0.7%)	2 (1.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	19 (12.8%)	24 (18.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	6 (4%)	8 (6.1%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	110 (73.8%)	109 (83.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	43 (28.9%)	45 (34.4%)

\*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

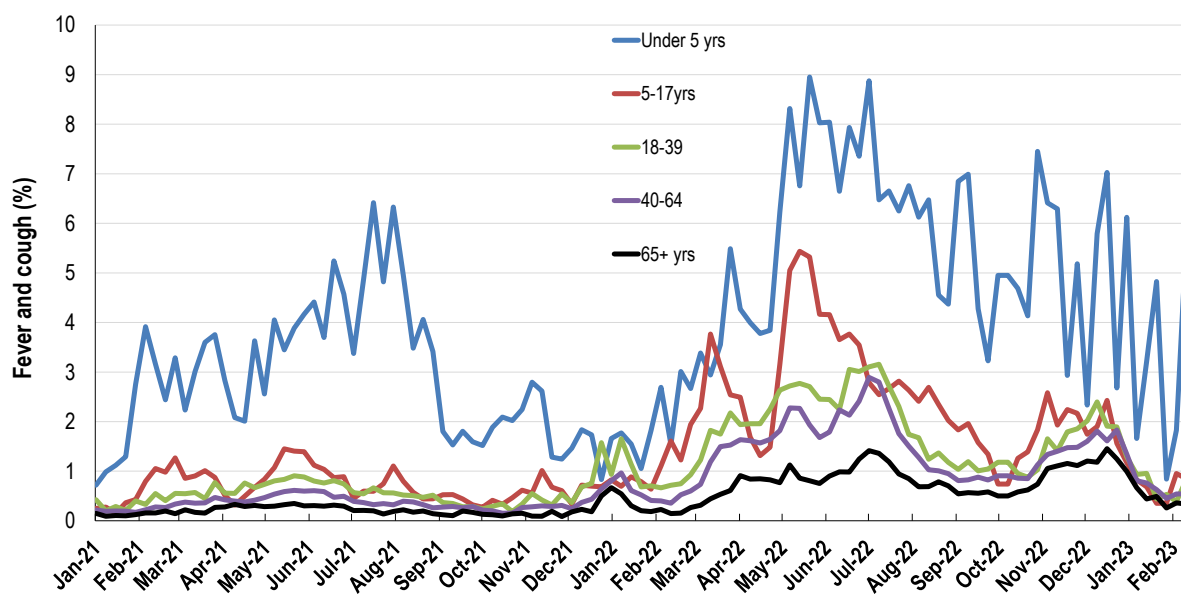
**Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):**



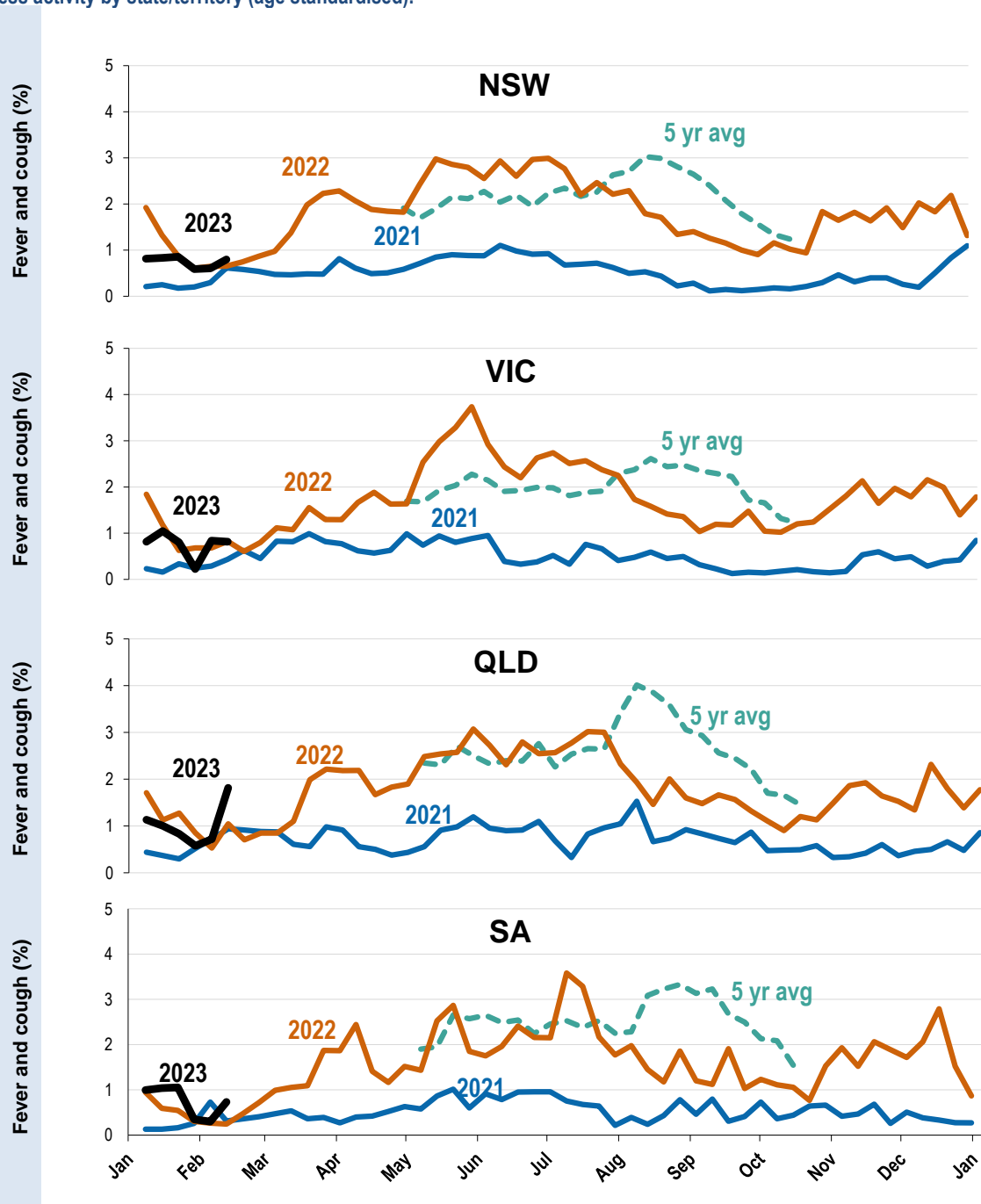
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

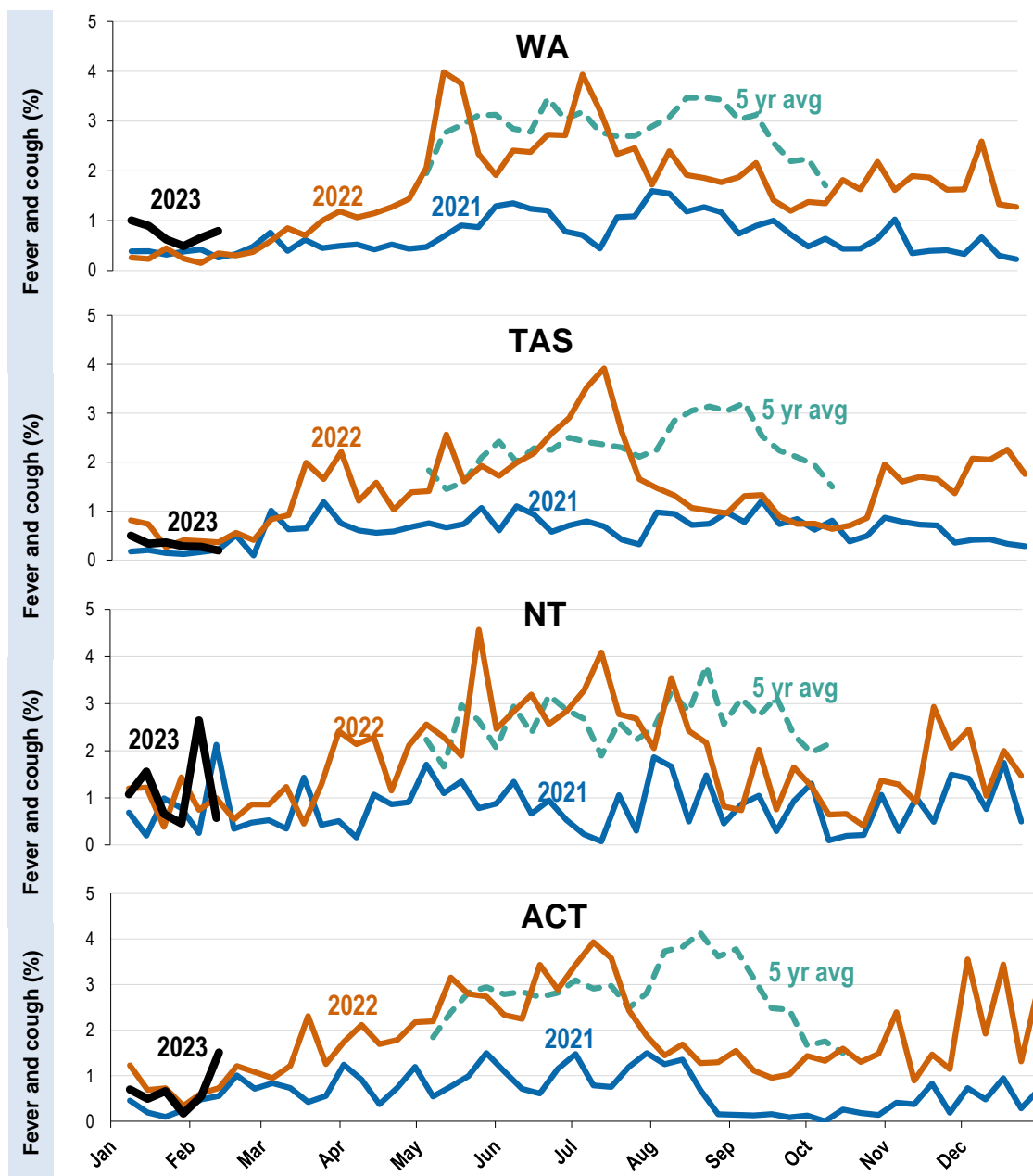


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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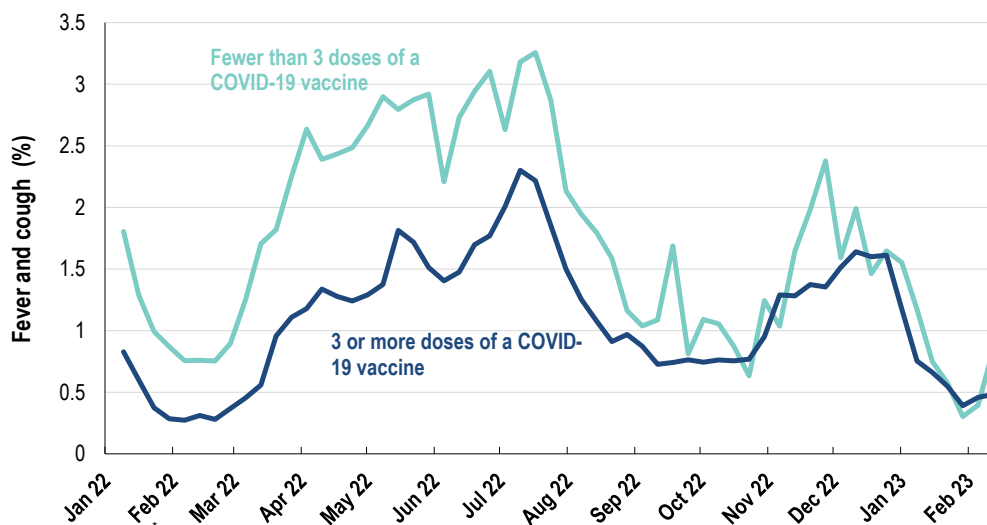
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**Participation:**
**26,625 participants (26,652 last week)**

State	Participants	%	Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9566	35.9%	116.8
VIC	4998	18.8%	75.2
QLD	3237	12.2%	61.8
SA	2472	9.3%	139.4
WA	2605	9.8%	97.0
TAS	1749	6.6%	323.4
NT	569	2.1%	231.4
ACT	1429	5.4%	331.9
AUS	26625	100.0%	103.4

**Vaccination rates:**

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine			
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	4 doses (%)
<5 years	1.6	0.5		
5-11 years	83.1	78.1	2.2	0.0
12-17 years	96.0	95.3	20.3	1.0
18-64 years	99.2	99.1	94.4	58.3
65+ years	99.3	99.2	98.0	91.7
Working with patients	99.3	99.1	97.2	66.8
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	95.3	93.7	76.4	47.2
<b>Vaccinated overall (%)</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>66.3</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

