

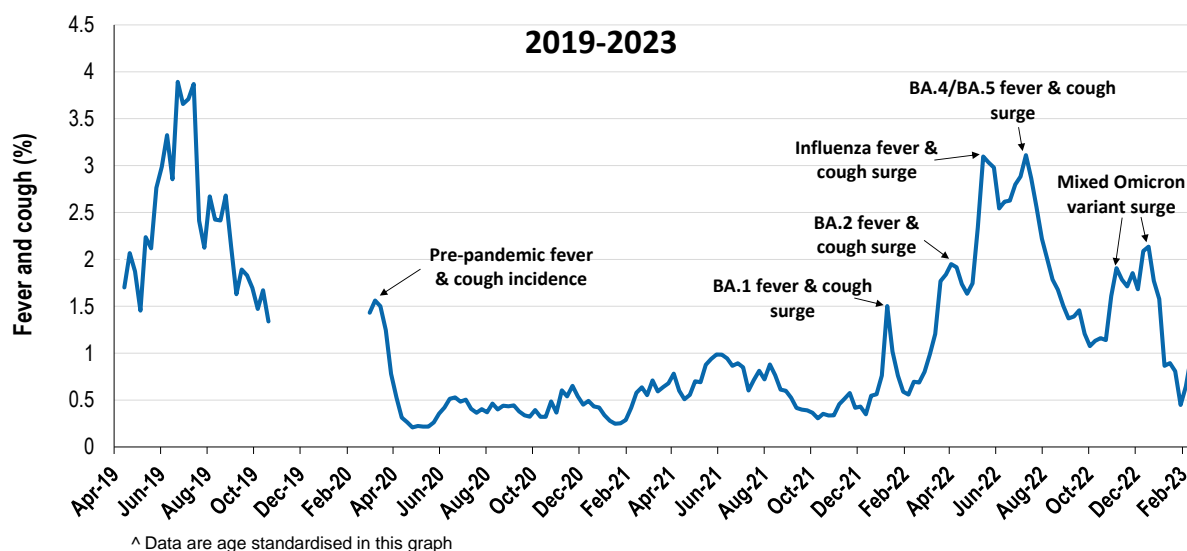
Respiratory illness levels have decreased in comparison to last week

26,669 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

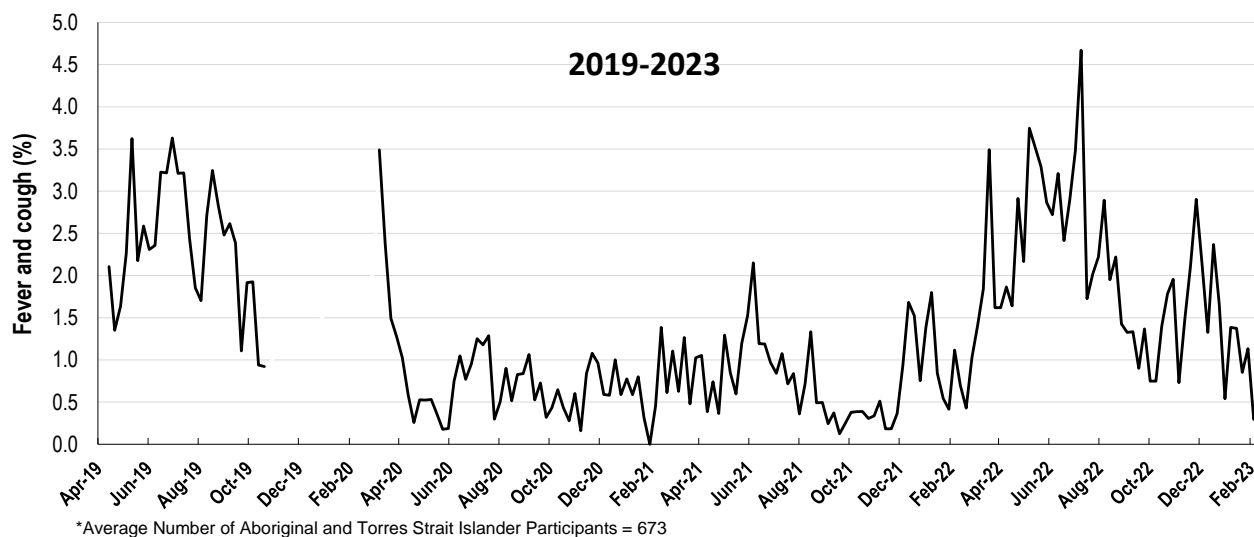
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

0.8% this week and 1% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

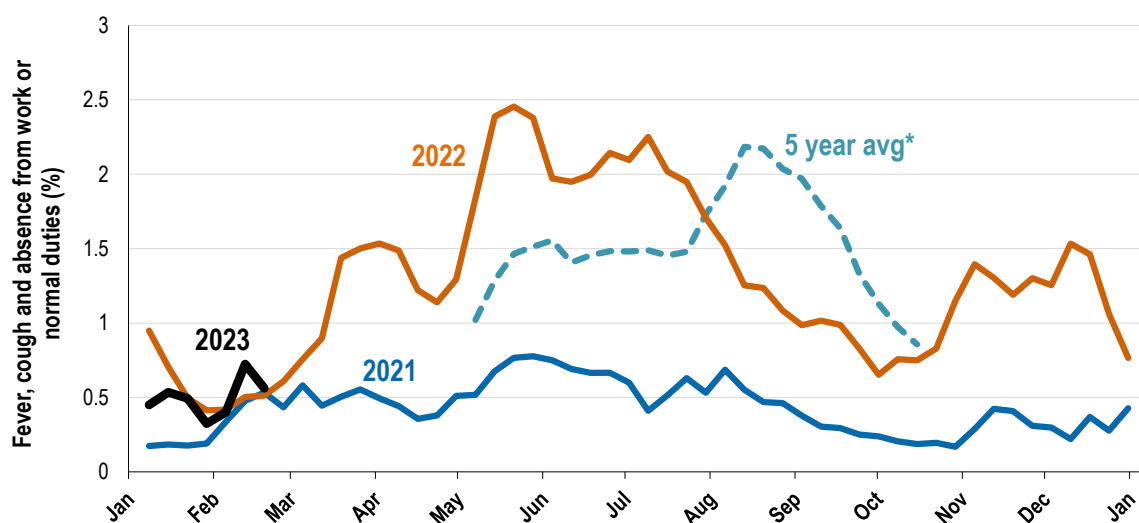
0.6% this week and 0.6% last week



Respiratory illness severity: <i>28.5% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 19 February 2023	Week ending 12 February 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	26669 (100%)	26625 (100%)
Fever & cough	172 (0.6%)	149 (0.6%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	117 (0.4%)	99 (0.4%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	74 (0.3%)	68 (0.3%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	172 (100%)	149 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	49 (28.5%)	47 (31.5%)
Admitted to hospital	2 (1.2%)	1 (0.7%)
Tested for influenza	4 (2.3%)	7 (4.7%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	2 (1.2%)	2 (1.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	16 (9.3%)	22 (14.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	11 (6.4%)	7 (4.7%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	150 (87.2%)	116 (77.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	64 (37.2%)	49 (32.9%)

*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

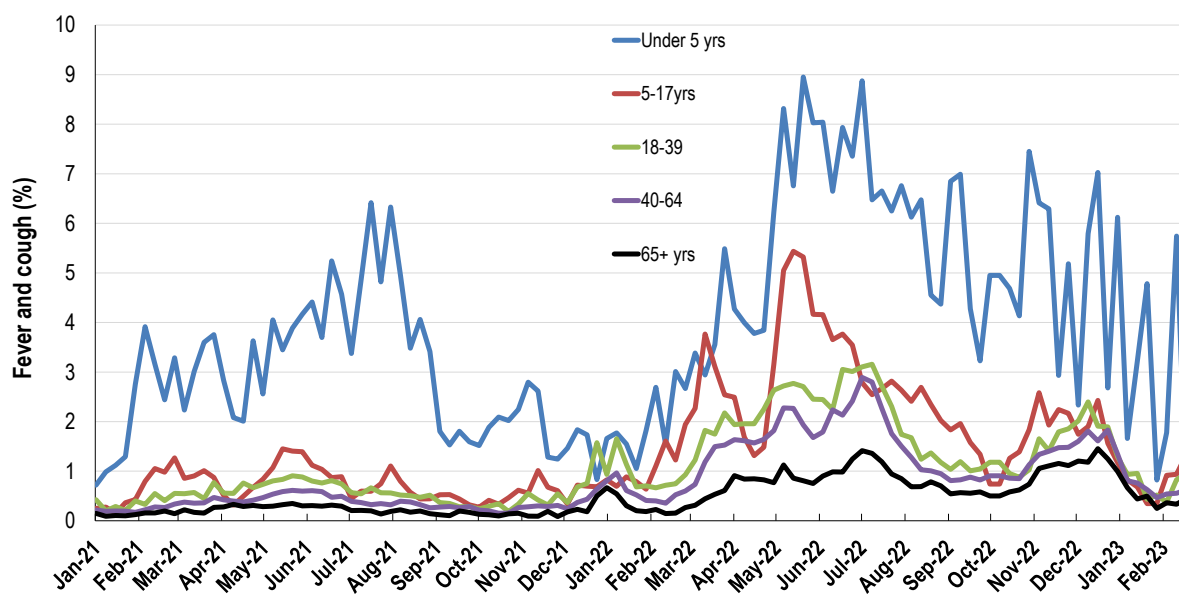
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



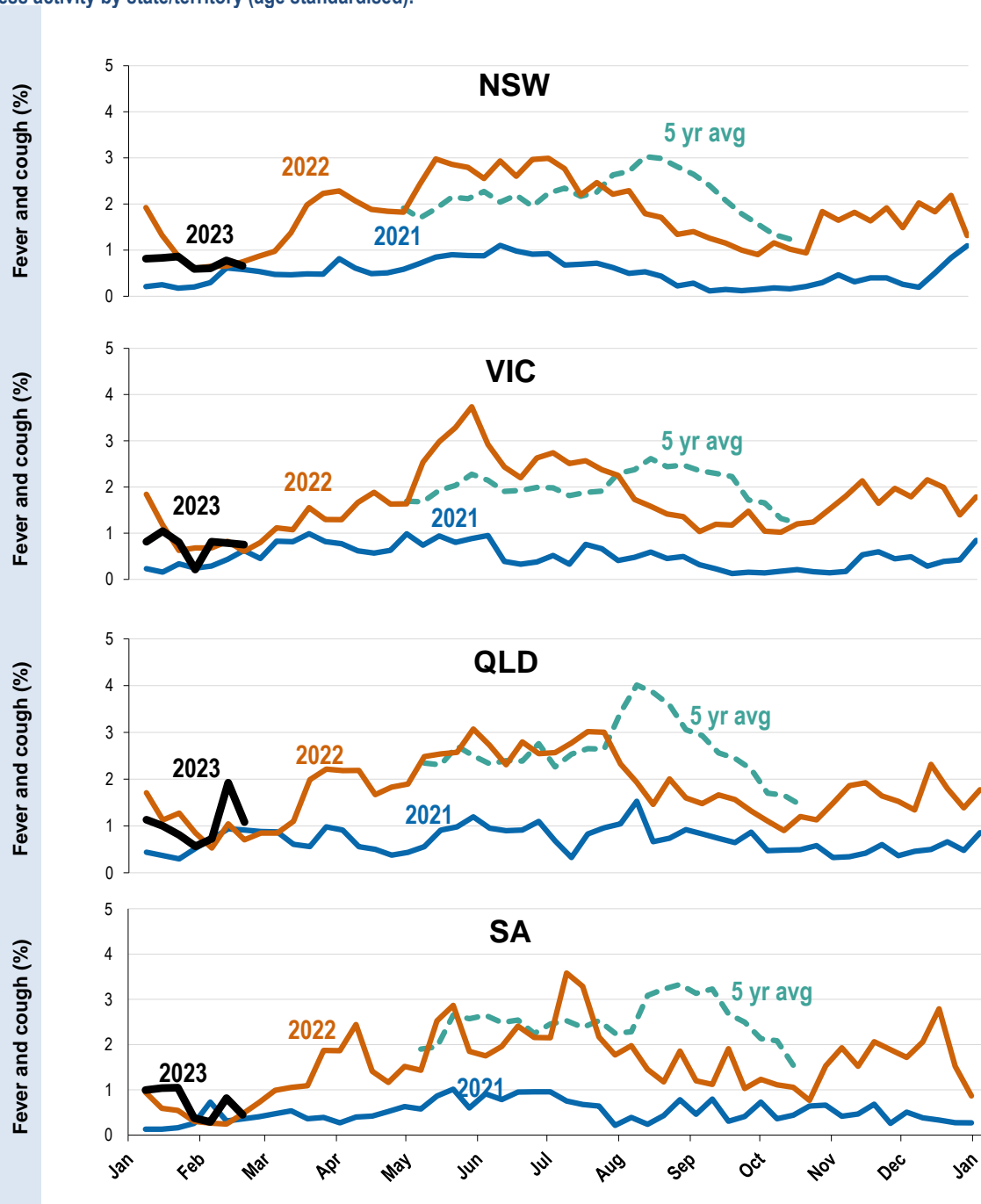
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

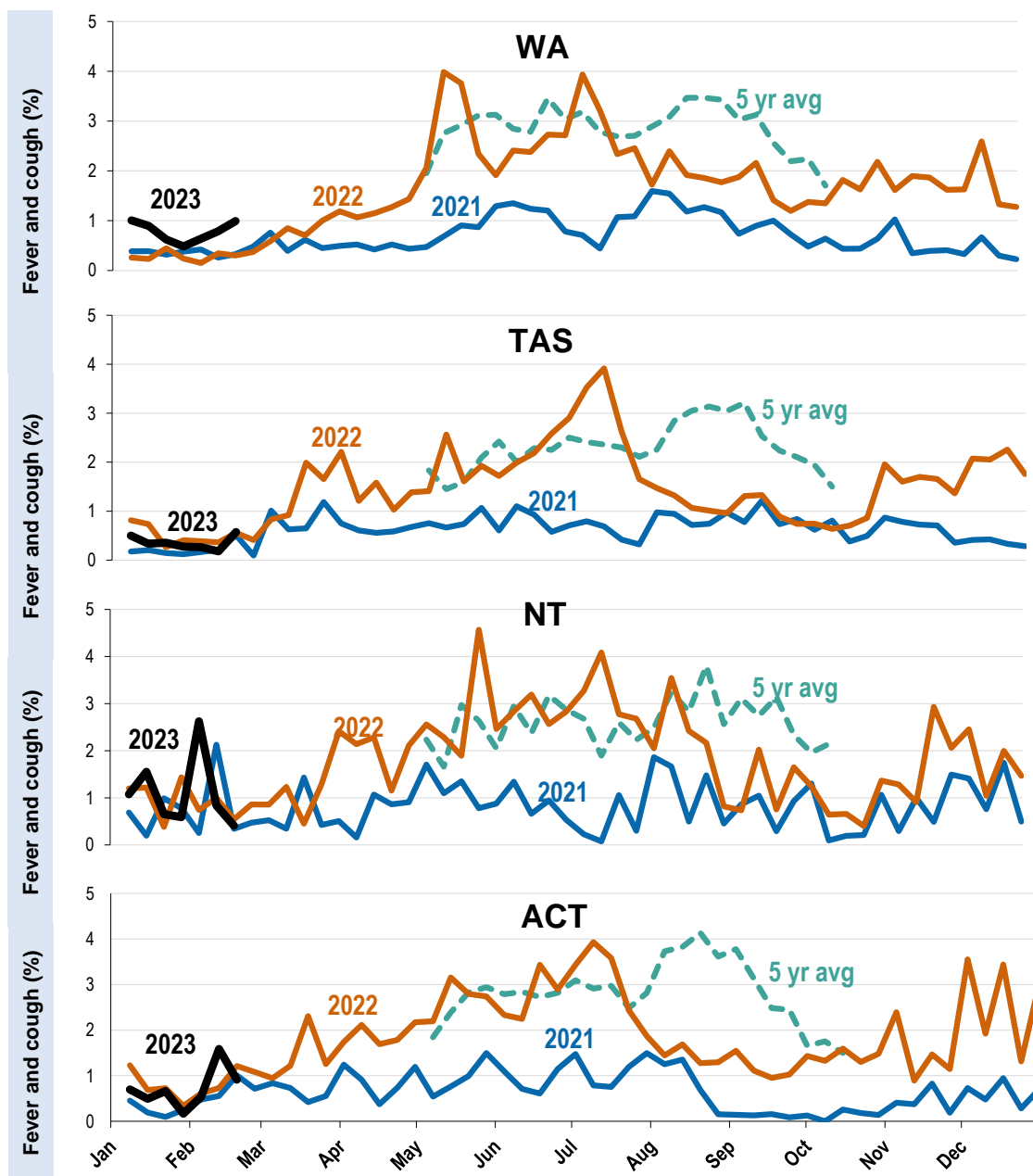


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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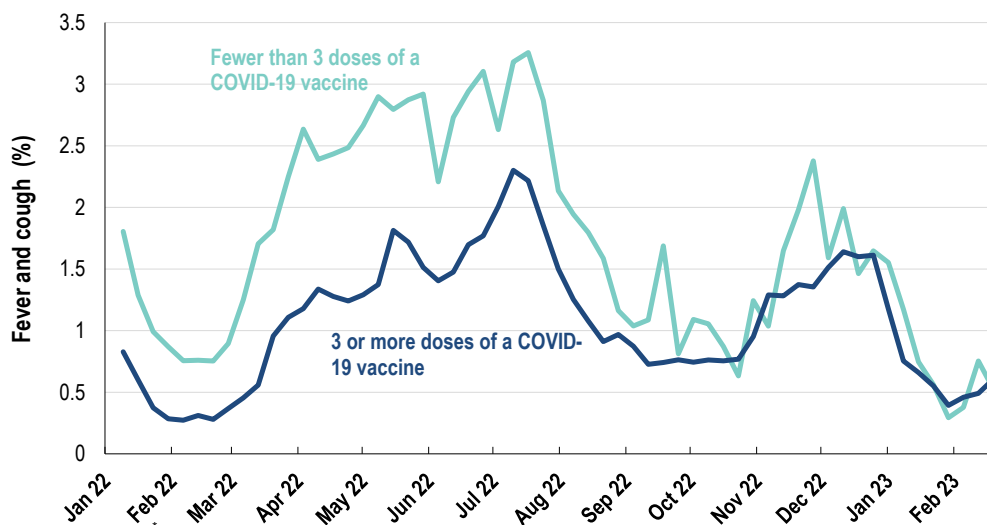
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Participation:
26,669 participants (26,625 last week)

State	Participants	%	Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9602	36.0%	117.3
VIC	4927	18.5%	74.2
QLD	3296	12.4%	62.9
SA	2457	9.2%	138.6
WA	2621	9.8%	97.6
TAS	1786	6.7%	330.3
NT	564	2.1%	229.4
ACT	1416	5.3%	328.9
AUS	26669	100.0%	103.6

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine			
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	4 doses (%)
<5 years	1.0	1.0		
5-11 years	84.1	79.6	2.0	0.0
12-17 years	96.0	94.5	22.1	1.0
18-64 years	97.6	97.3	92.6	56.8
65+ years	94.6	94.5	93.2	87.2
Working with patients	97.1	96.7	95.0	64.6
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	93.9	91.9	75.2	47.7
Vaccinated overall (%)	95.3	94.9	86.8	63.7

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

