

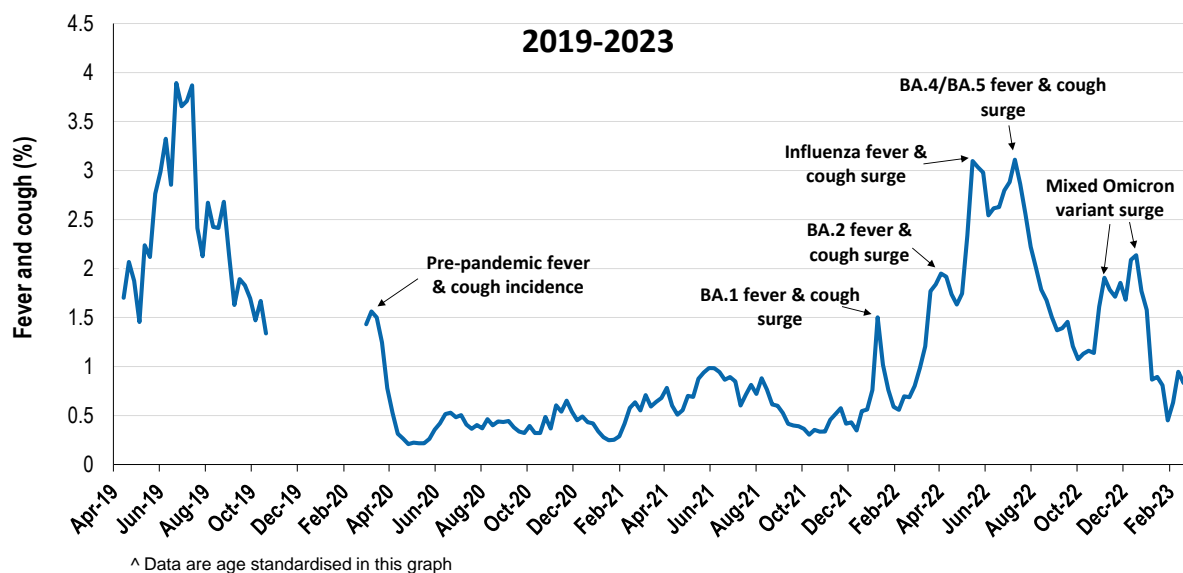
## Respiratory illness levels have increased in comparison to last week

26,552 participants this week

### Respiratory illness activity\*:

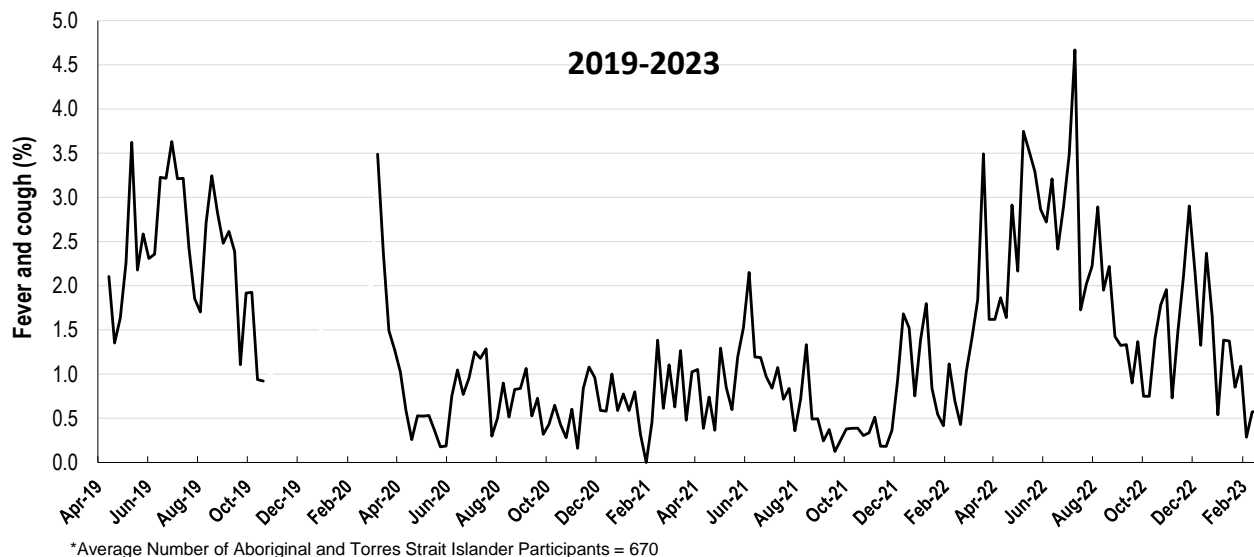
\*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1% this week and 0.8% last week



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

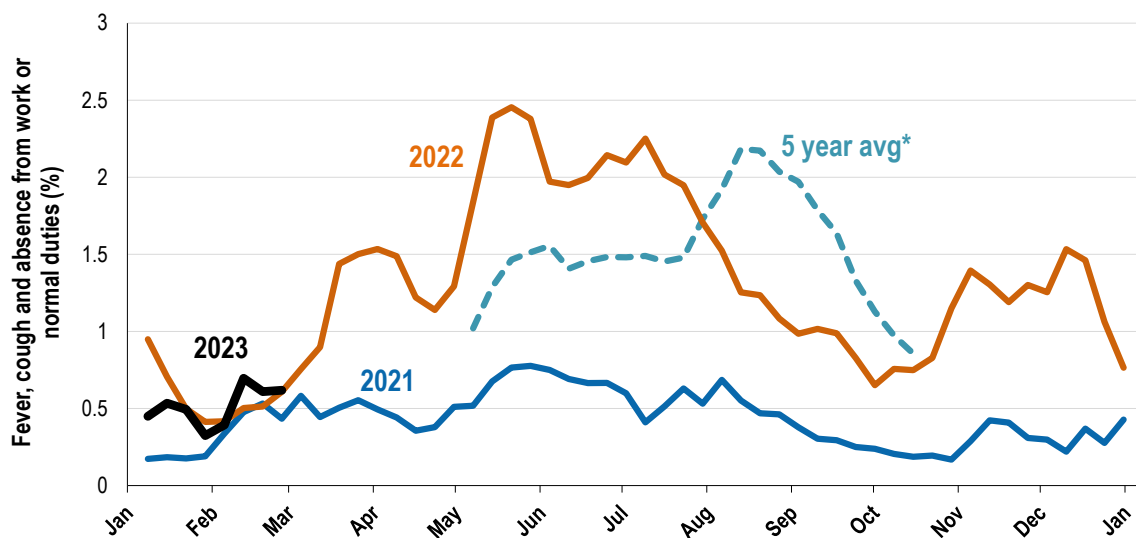
1% this week and 0.6% last week



Respiratory illness severity: 29.6% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 26 February 2023	Week ending 19 February 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
<b>Number of participants</b>	26552 (100%)	26669 (100%)
Fever & cough	203 (0.8%)	173 (0.6%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	132 (0.5%)	117 (0.4%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	79 (0.3%)	74 (0.3%)
<b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>	203 (100%)	173 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	60 (29.6%)	57 (32.9%)
Admitted to hospital	3 (1.5%)	2 (1.2%)
Tested for influenza	11 (5.4%)	5 (2.9%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	5 (2.5%)	2 (1.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	31 (15.3%)	17 (9.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	16 (7.9%)	11 (6.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	158 (77.8%)	153 (88.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	67 (33%)	68 (39.3%)

\*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

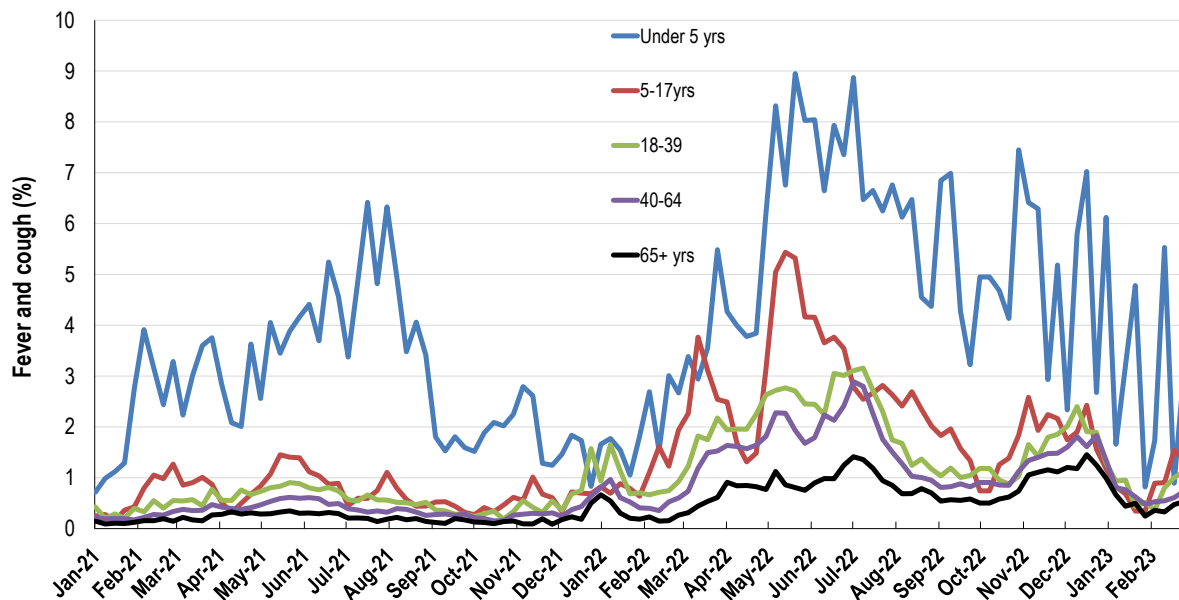
**Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):**



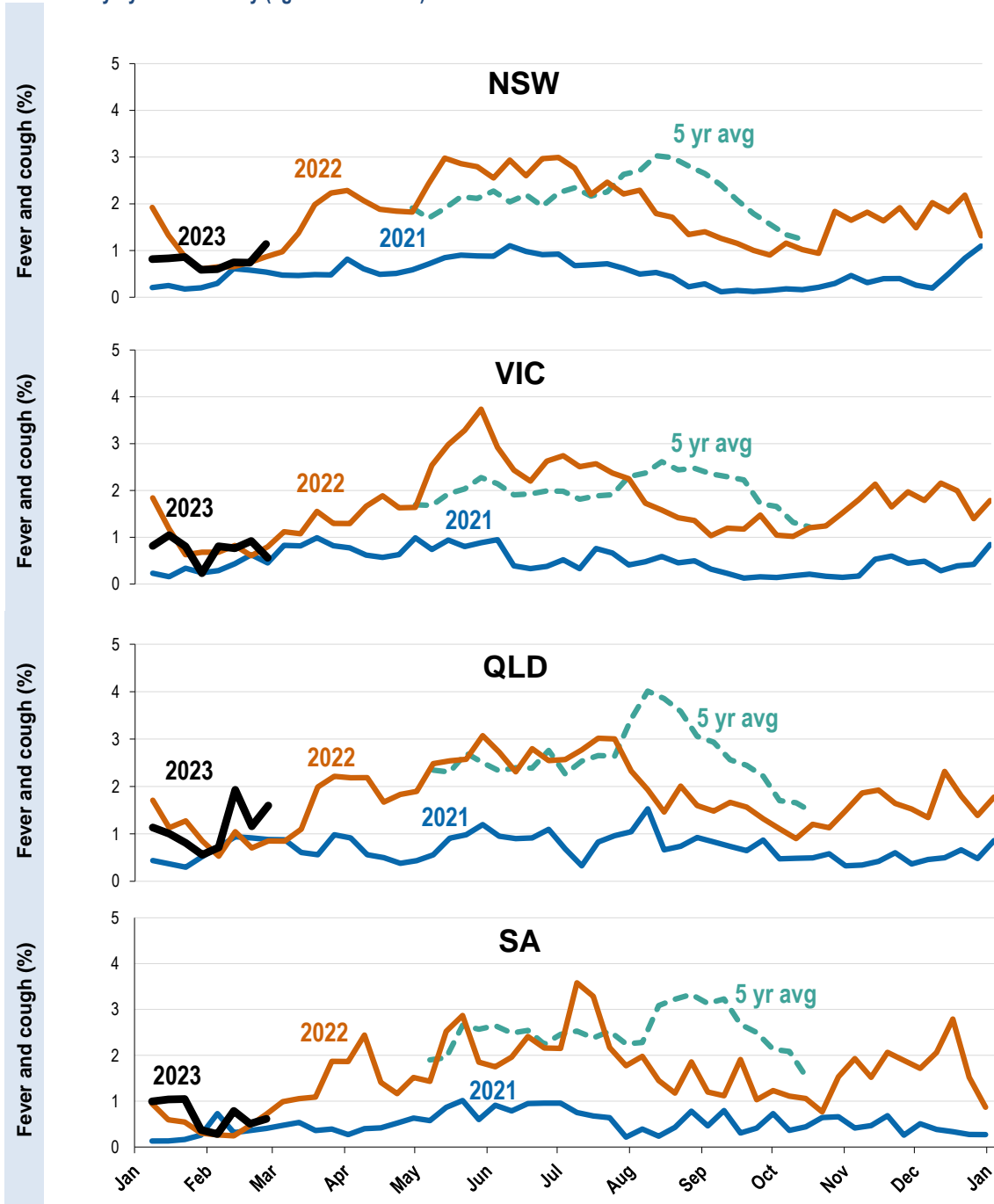
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

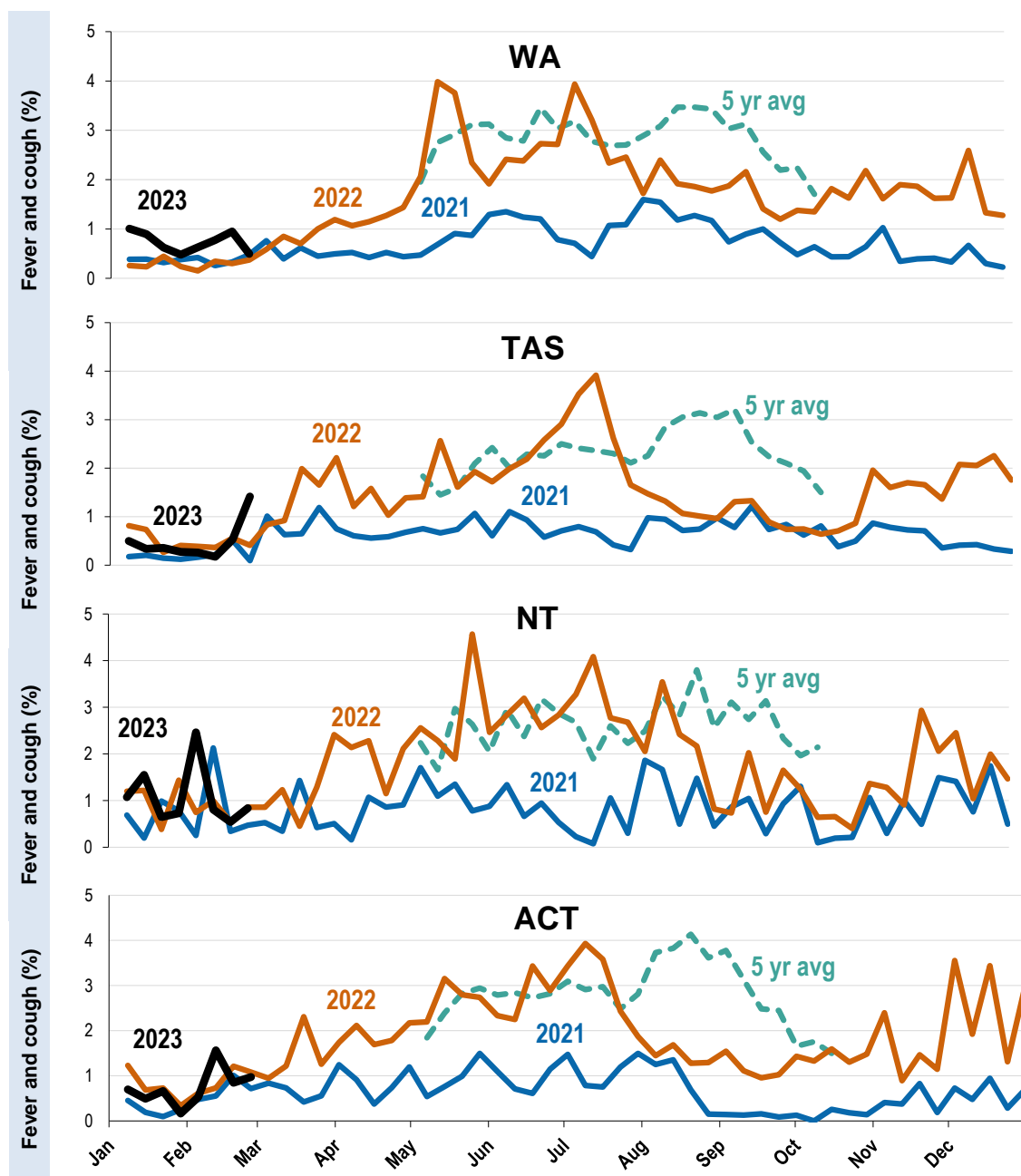


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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**Participation:**

26,552 participants (26,669 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9513	35.8% <b>116.2</b>
VIC	4993	18.8% <b>75.2</b>
QLD	3256	12.3% <b>62.1</b>
SA	2467	9.3% <b>139.2</b>
WA	2613	9.8% <b>97.3</b>
TAS	1788	6.7% <b>330.6</b>
NT	513	1.9% <b>208.6</b>
ACT	1409	5.3% <b>327.3</b>
AUS	26552	100.0% <b>103.1</b>

**Vaccination rates:**

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine				
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	At least 3 doses (%)	At least 4 doses (%)	5 doses (%)
<5 years	1.5	0.5			0.0
5-11 years	84.0	79.2	2.0	0.0	0.0
12-17 years	96.3	95.5	21.6	0.7	0.0
18-64 years	99.3	99.2	94.3	59.3	3.9
65+ years	99.4	99.3	98.0	92.1	11.8
Working with patients	99.5	99.4	97.6	68.4	4.6
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	96.7	94.7	78.3	49.3	2.0
<b>Vaccinated overall (%)</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>6.5</b>

**Respiratory illness activity by self-reported COVID-19 vaccination status, 2022-2023 (Australia):**
