

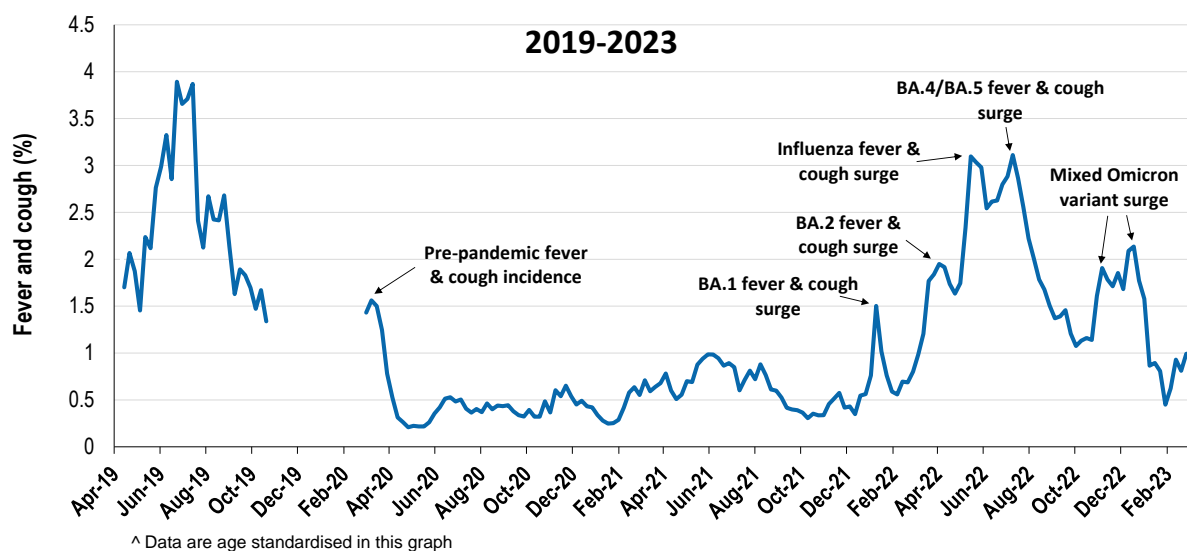
Respiratory illness levels have stabilised

26,867 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

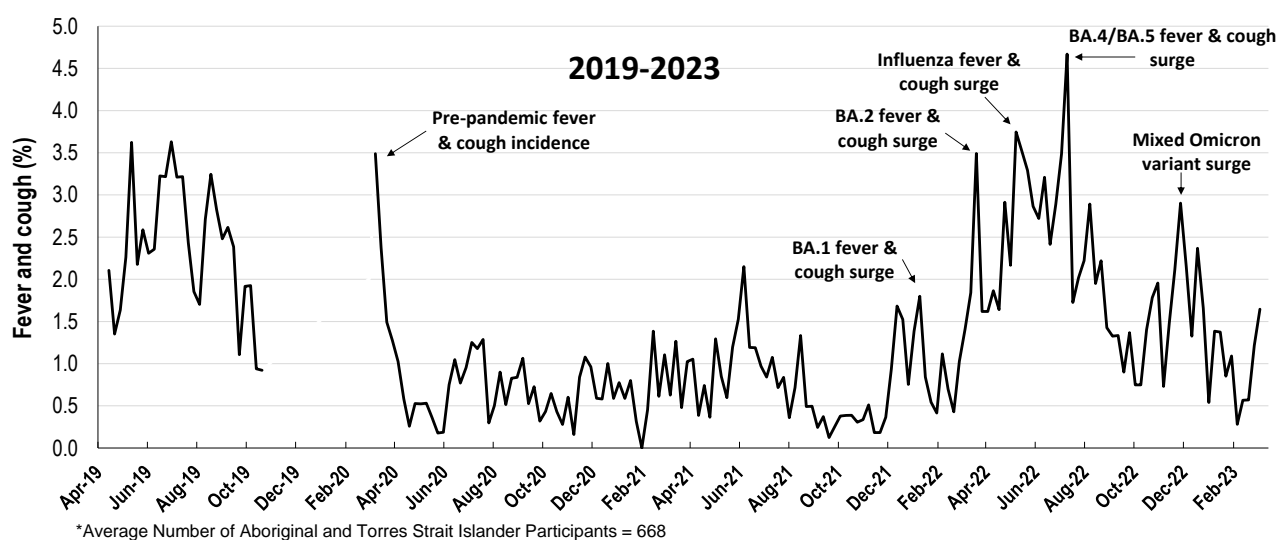
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1% this week and 1% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

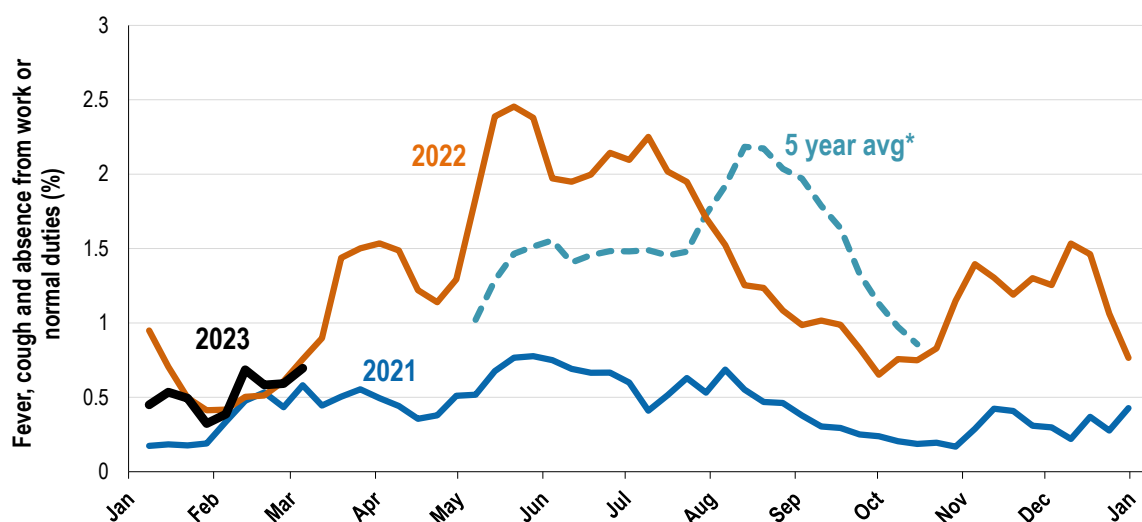
1.6% this week and 1.2% last week



Respiratory illness severity: <i>27% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 05 March 2023	Week ending 26 February 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	26867 (100%)	26552 (100%)
Fever & cough	189 (0.7%)	203 (0.8%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	124 (0.5%)	129 (0.5%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	78 (0.3%)	78 (0.3%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	189 (100%)	203 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	51 (27%)	68 (33.5%)
Admitted to hospital	0 (0%)	3 (1.5%)
Tested for influenza	12 (6.3%)	13 (6.4%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	1 (0.5%)	6 (3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	24 (12.7%)	33 (16.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	6 (3.2%)	16 (7.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	148 (78.3%)	161 (79.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	58 (30.7%)	70 (34.5%)

*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

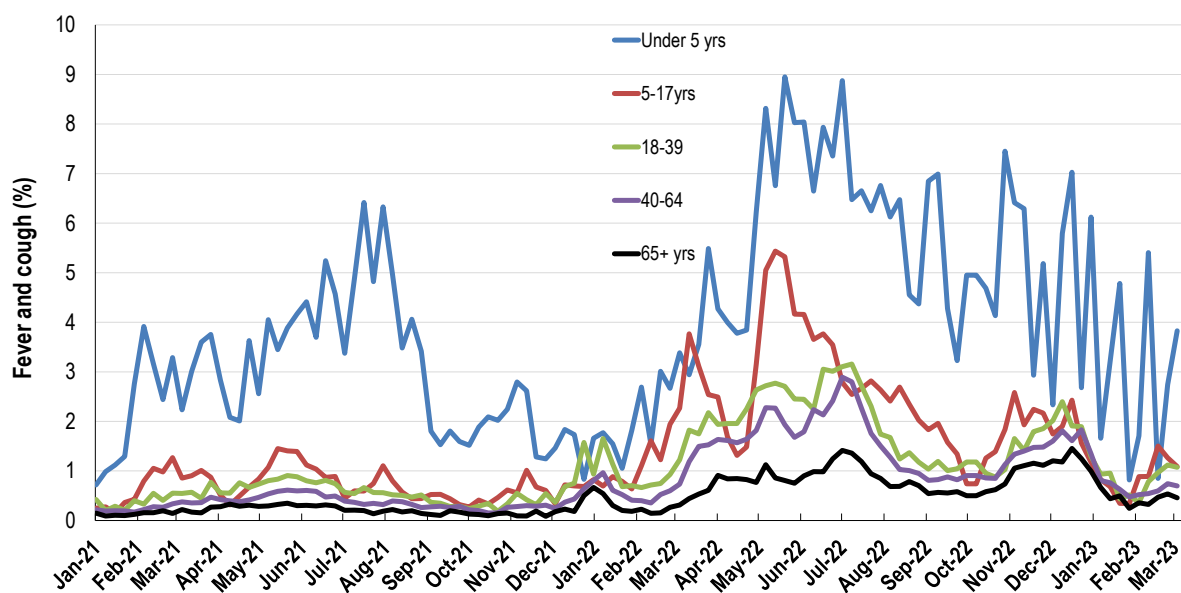
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



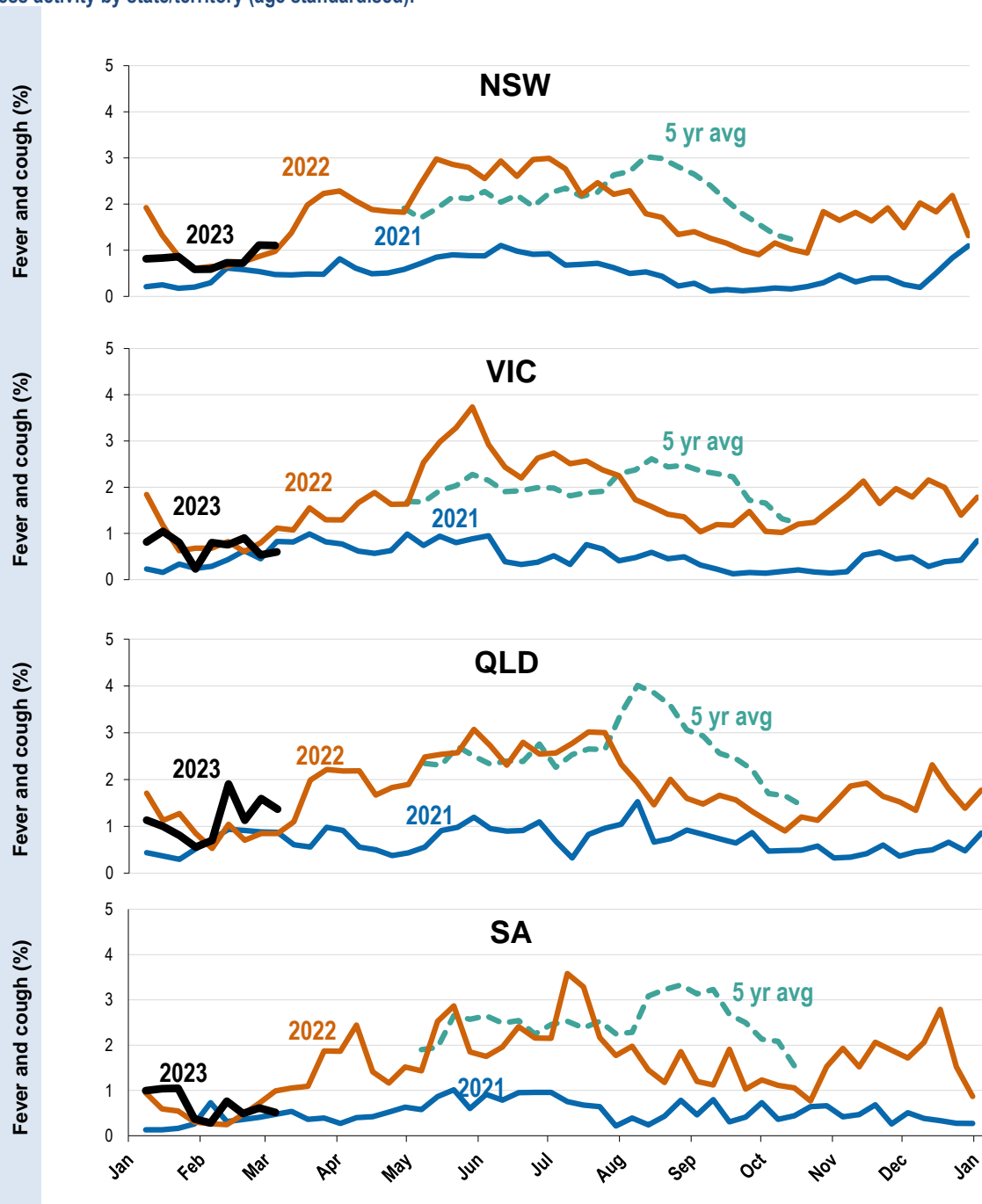
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

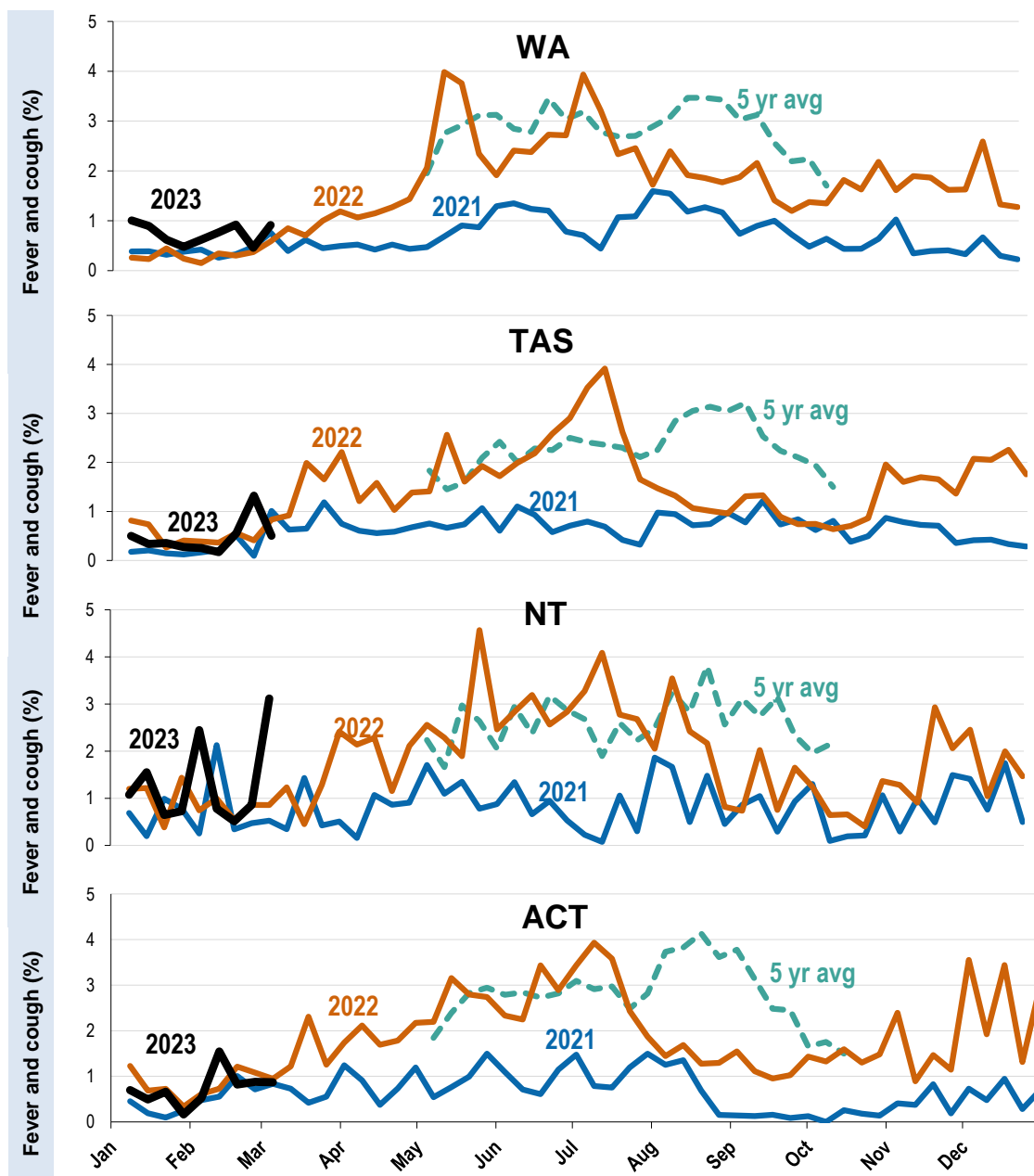


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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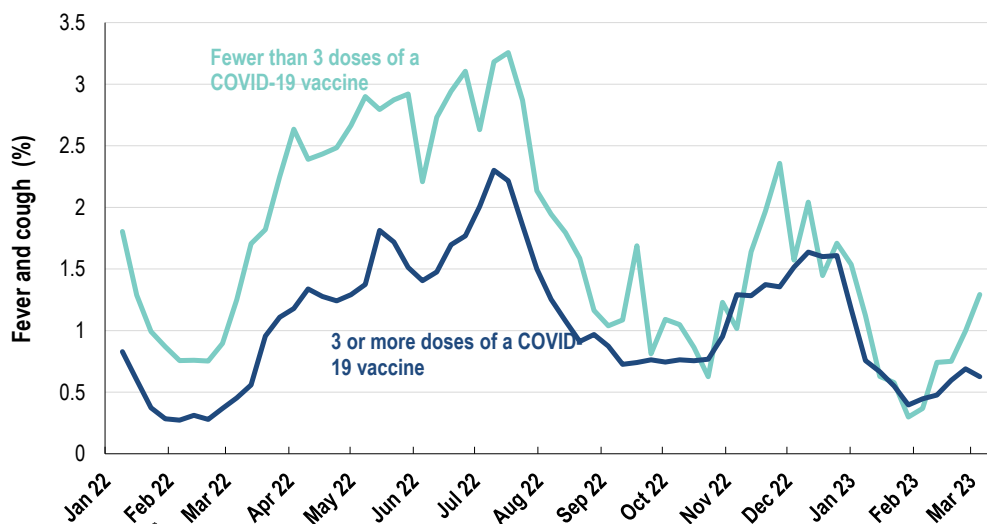
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Participation:
26,867 participants (26,552 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9732	36.2% 118.9
VIC	5053	18.8% 76.1
QLD	3275	12.2% 62.5
SA	2432	9.1% 137.2
WA	2567	9.6% 95.6
TAS	1776	6.6% 328.4
NT	571	2.1% 232.2
ACT	1461	5.4% 339.4
AUS	26867	100.0% 104.3

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	1.4	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5-11 years	82.7	78.2	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
12-17 years	96.5	96.0	19.3	0.8	0.0	0.0
18-64 years	99.3	99.1	94.2	59.4	5.6	
65+ years	99.4	99.3	98.0	92.0	16.4	
Working with patients	99.5	99.4	97.4	68.6	6.8	
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	95.7	94.1	77.0	46.1	3.3	
Vaccinated overall (%)	98.0	97.7	89.5	67.3	9.2	

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