

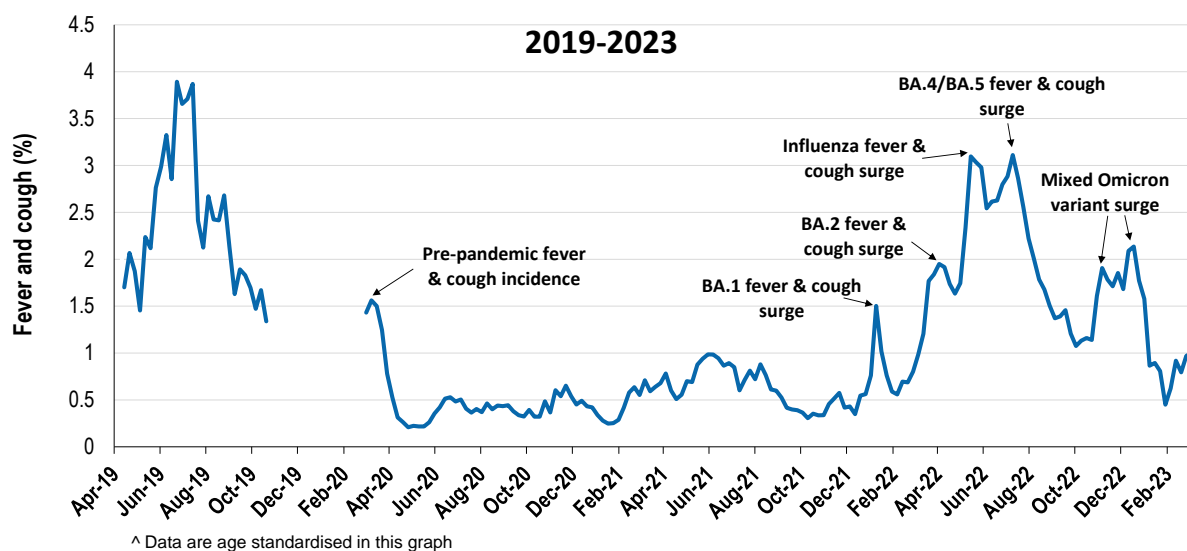
Respiratory illness levels have increased in comparison to last week

26,666 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

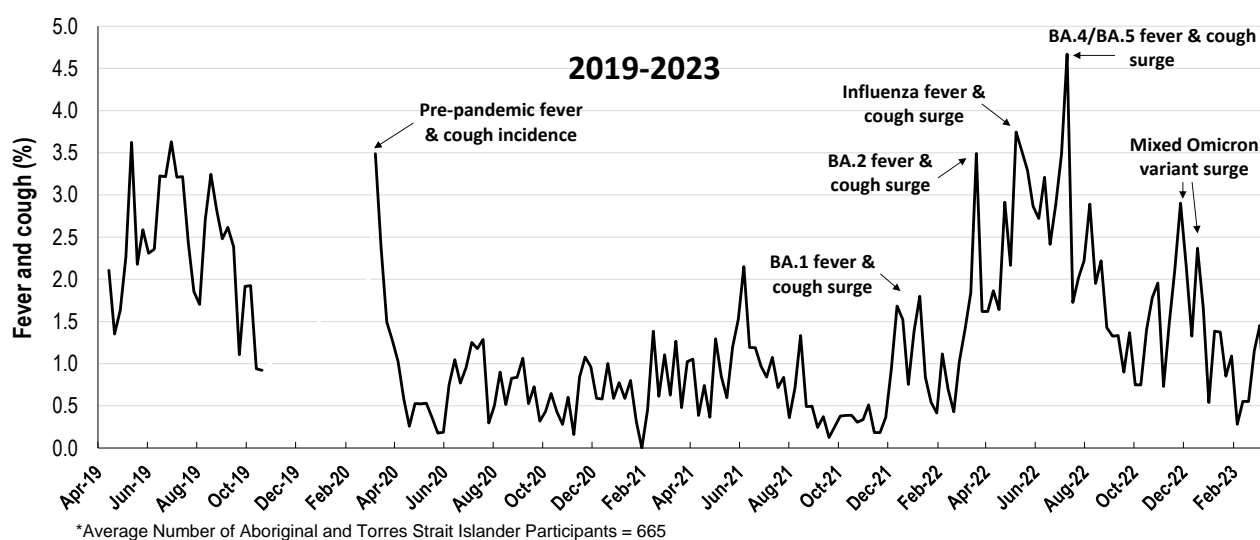
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1.3% this week and 1% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

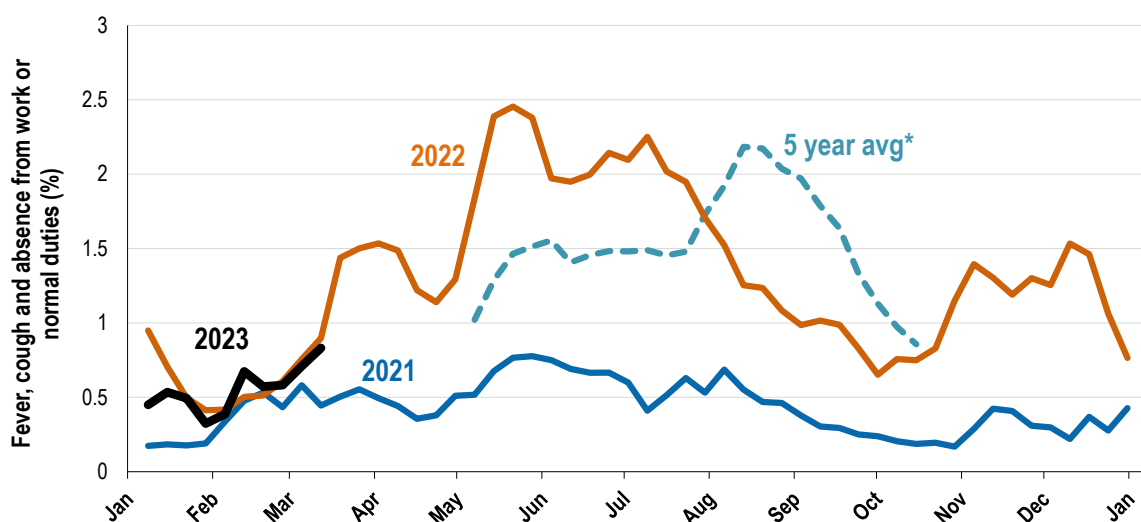
0.3% this week and 1.5% last week



Respiratory illness severity: 32.1% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 12 March 2023	Week ending 05 March 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	26666 (100%)	26867 (100%)
Fever & cough	224 (0.8%)	189 (0.7%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	140 (0.5%)	123 (0.5%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	84 (0.3%)	78 (0.3%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	224 (100%)	189 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	72 (32.1%)	53 (28%)
Admitted to hospital	5 (2.2%)	0 (0%)
Tested for influenza	11 (4.9%)	14 (7.4%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	3 (1.3%)	2 (1.1%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	28 (12.5%)	26 (13.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	9 (4%)	6 (3.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	170 (75.9%)	150 (79.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	62 (27.7%)	60 (31.7%)

*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

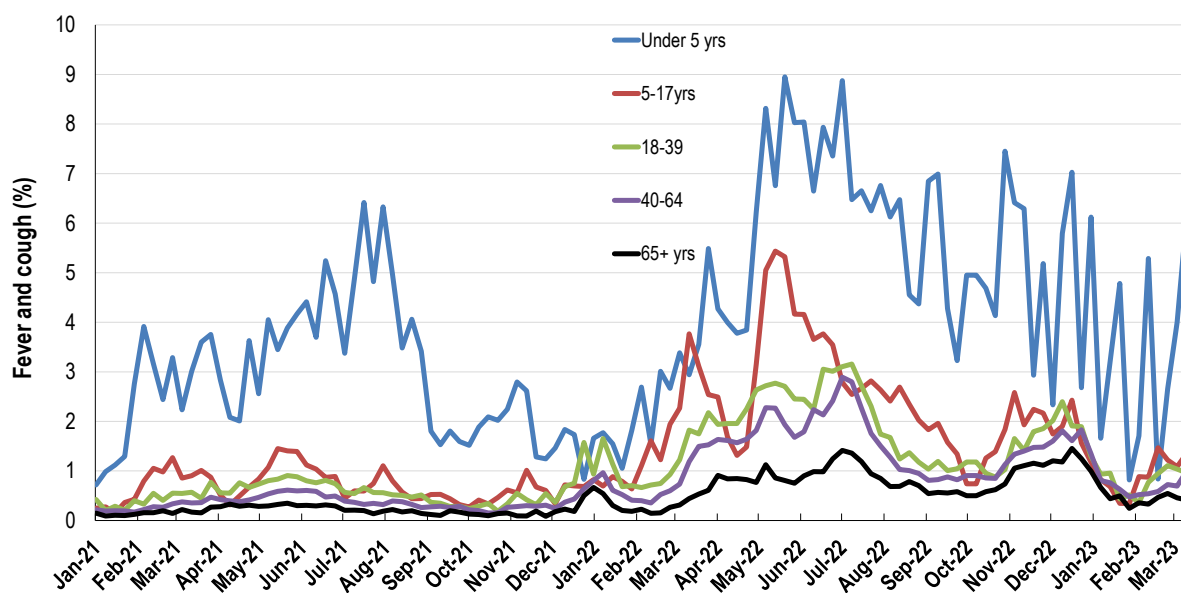
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



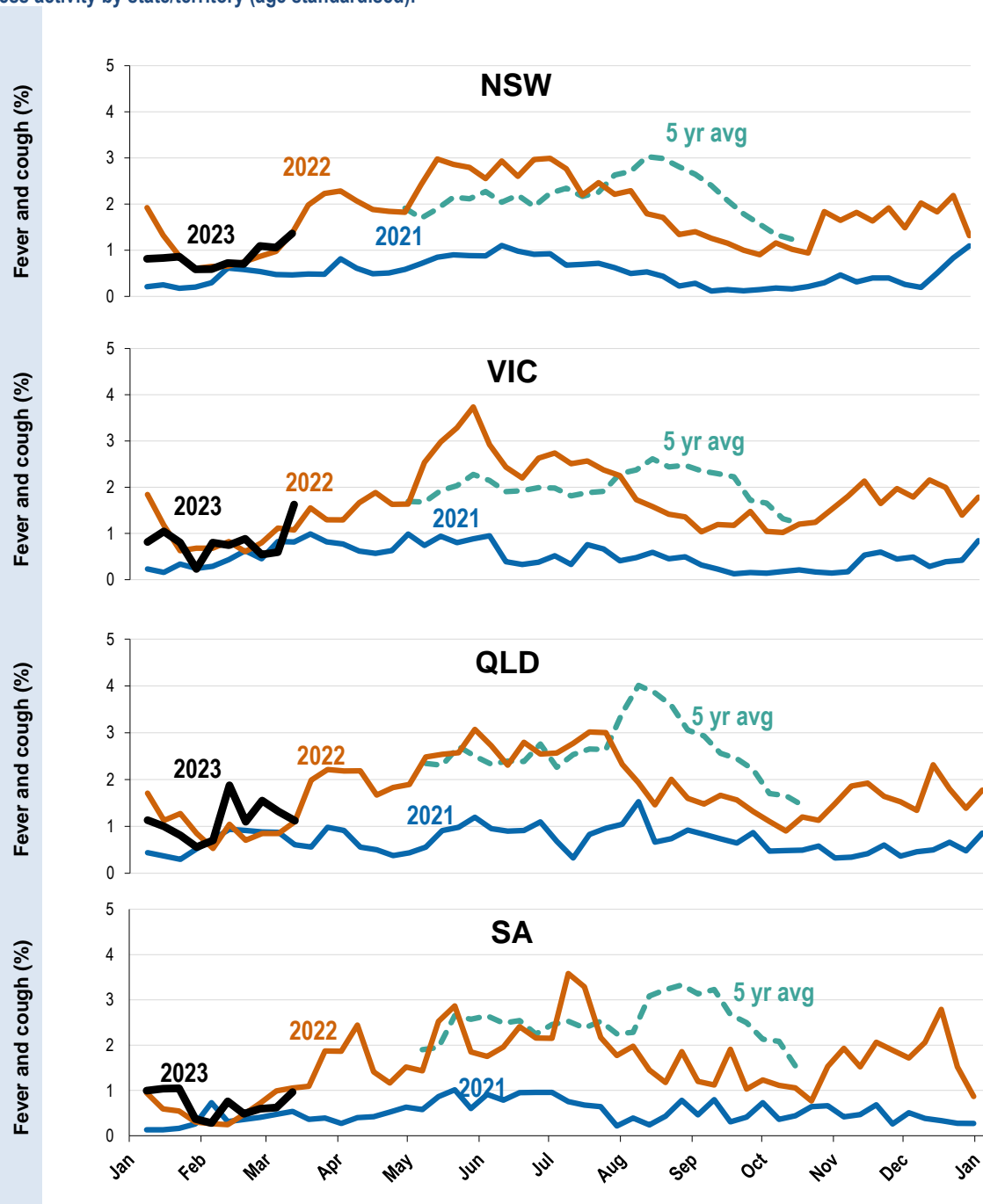
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

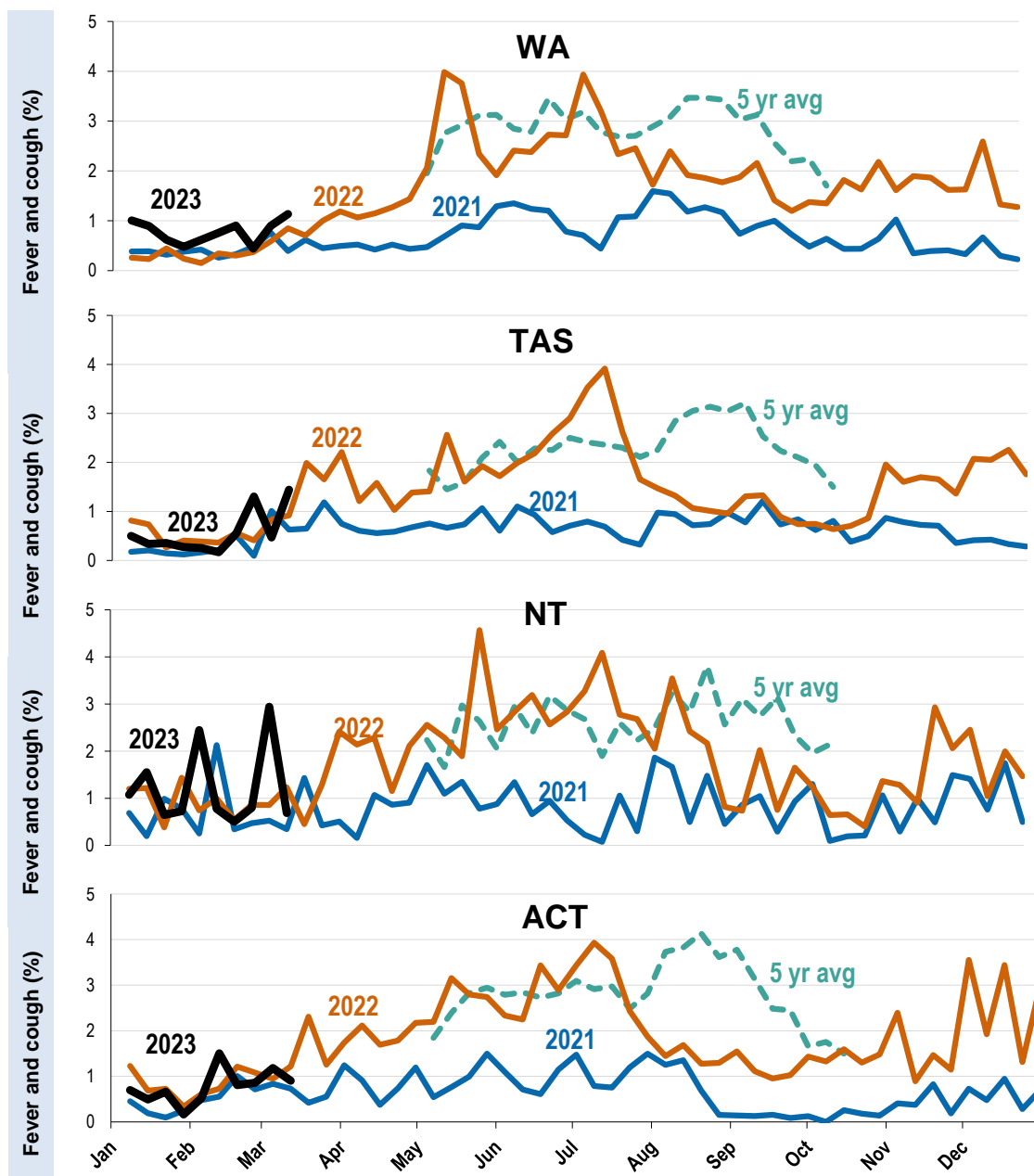


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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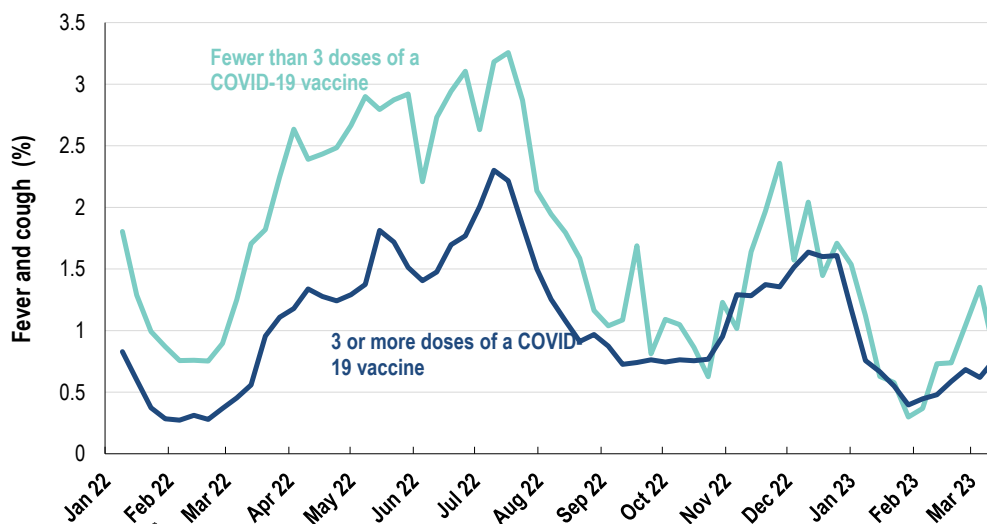
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Participation:
26,666 participants (26,867 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9780	36.7% 119.5
VIC	4935	18.5% 74.3
QLD	3244	12.2% 61.9
SA	2373	8.9% 133.9
WA	2616	9.8% 97.4
TAS	1723	6.5% 318.6
NT	569	2.1% 231.4
ACT	1426	5.3% 331.2
AUS	26666	100.0% 103.6

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	1.0			0.0
5-11 years	81.7	77.4	2.3	0.0	0.0
12-17 years	96.1	95.6	20.2	0.8	0.0
18-64 years	99.3	99.1	94.3	59.5	7.2
65+ years	99.4	99.4	98.1	92.1	21.7
Working with patients	99.6	99.5	97.5	68.5	9.2
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	93.8	92.6	75.9	45.8	4.0
Vaccinated overall (%)	98.0	97.7	89.6	67.3	12.0

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