

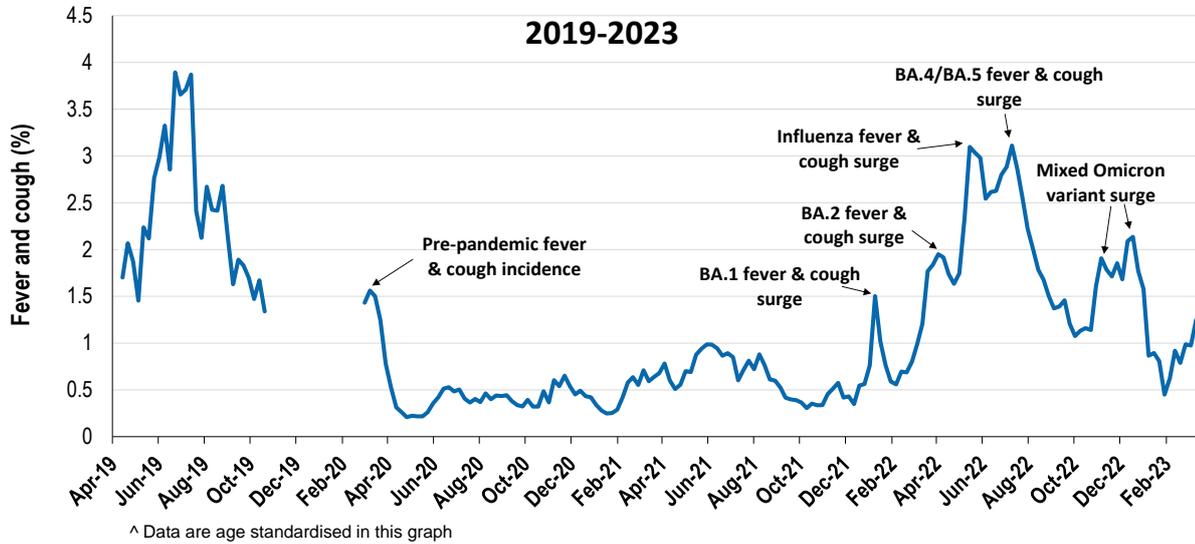
Respiratory illness levels have decreased in comparison to last week

26,832 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

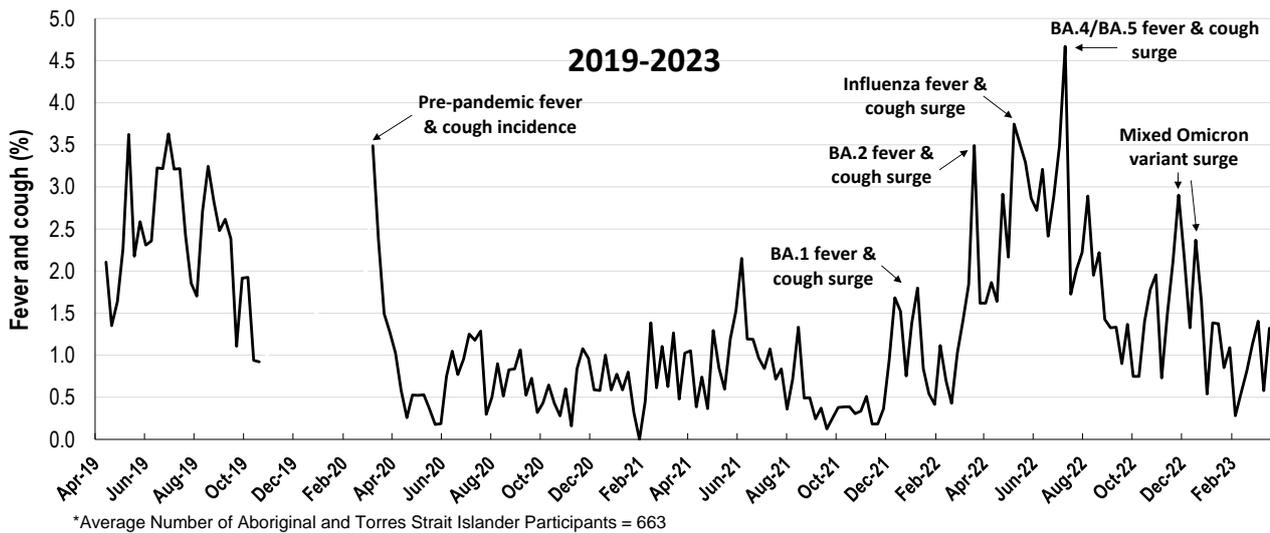
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1.1% this week and 1.2% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

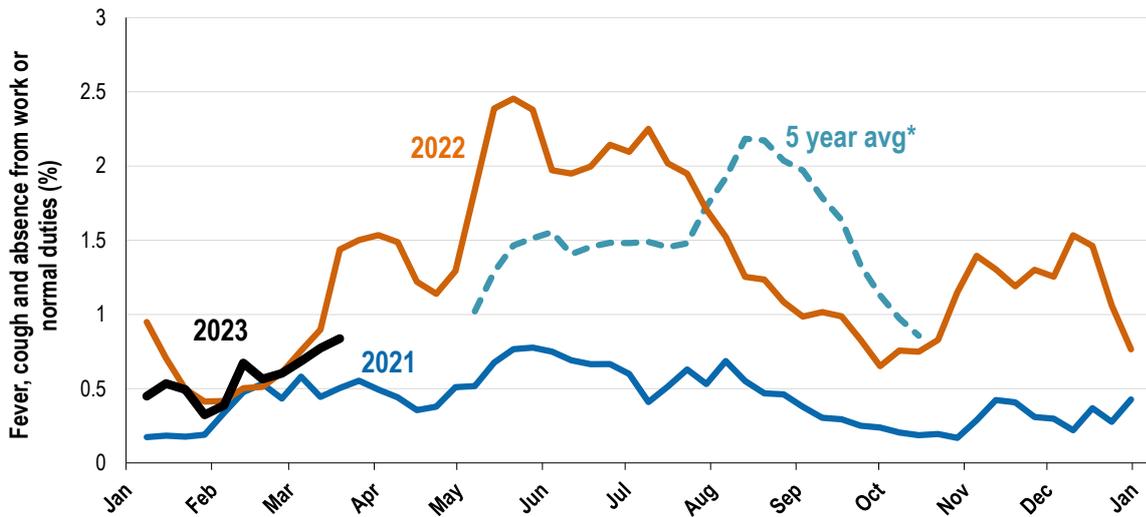
1.3% this week and 0.6% last week



Respiratory illness severity: 36.7% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 19 March 2023	Week ending 12 March 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	26832 (100%)	26666 (100%)
Fever & cough	207 (0.8%)	222 (0.8%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	148 (0.6%)	134 (0.5%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	96 (0.4%)	83 (0.3%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	207 (100%)	222 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	76 (36.7%)	79 (35.6%)
Admitted to hospital	3 (1.4%)	6 (2.7%)
Tested for influenza	12 (5.8%)	14 (6.3%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	5 (2.4%)	4 (1.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	25 (12.1%)	33 (14.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	7 (3.4%)	10 (4.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	170 (82.1%)	175 (78.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	74 (35.7%)	66 (29.7%)

*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

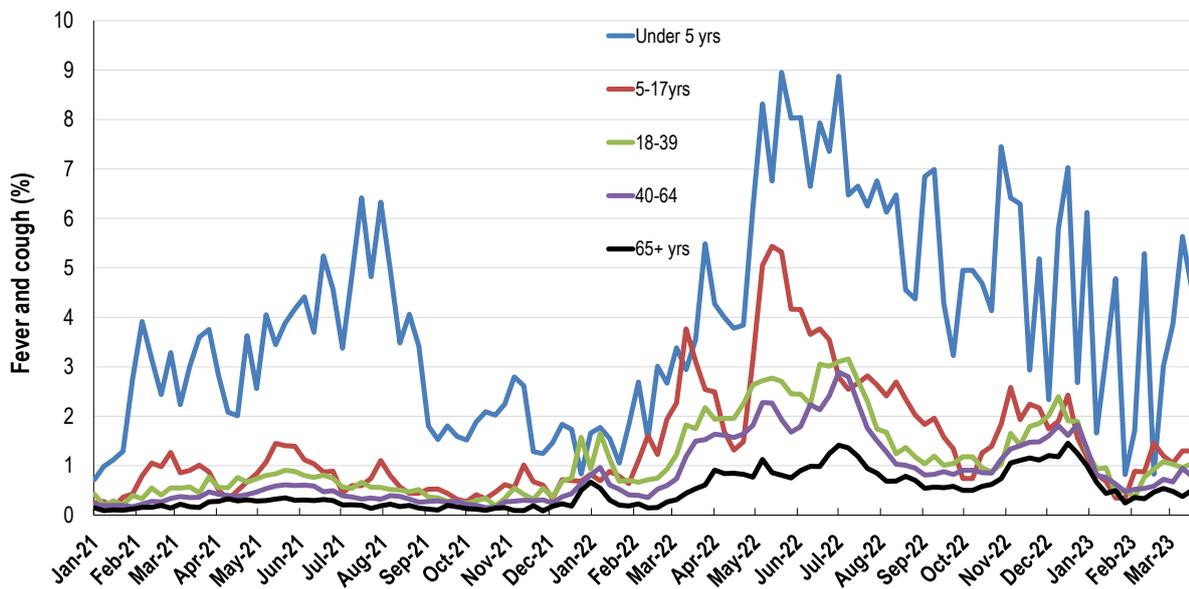
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



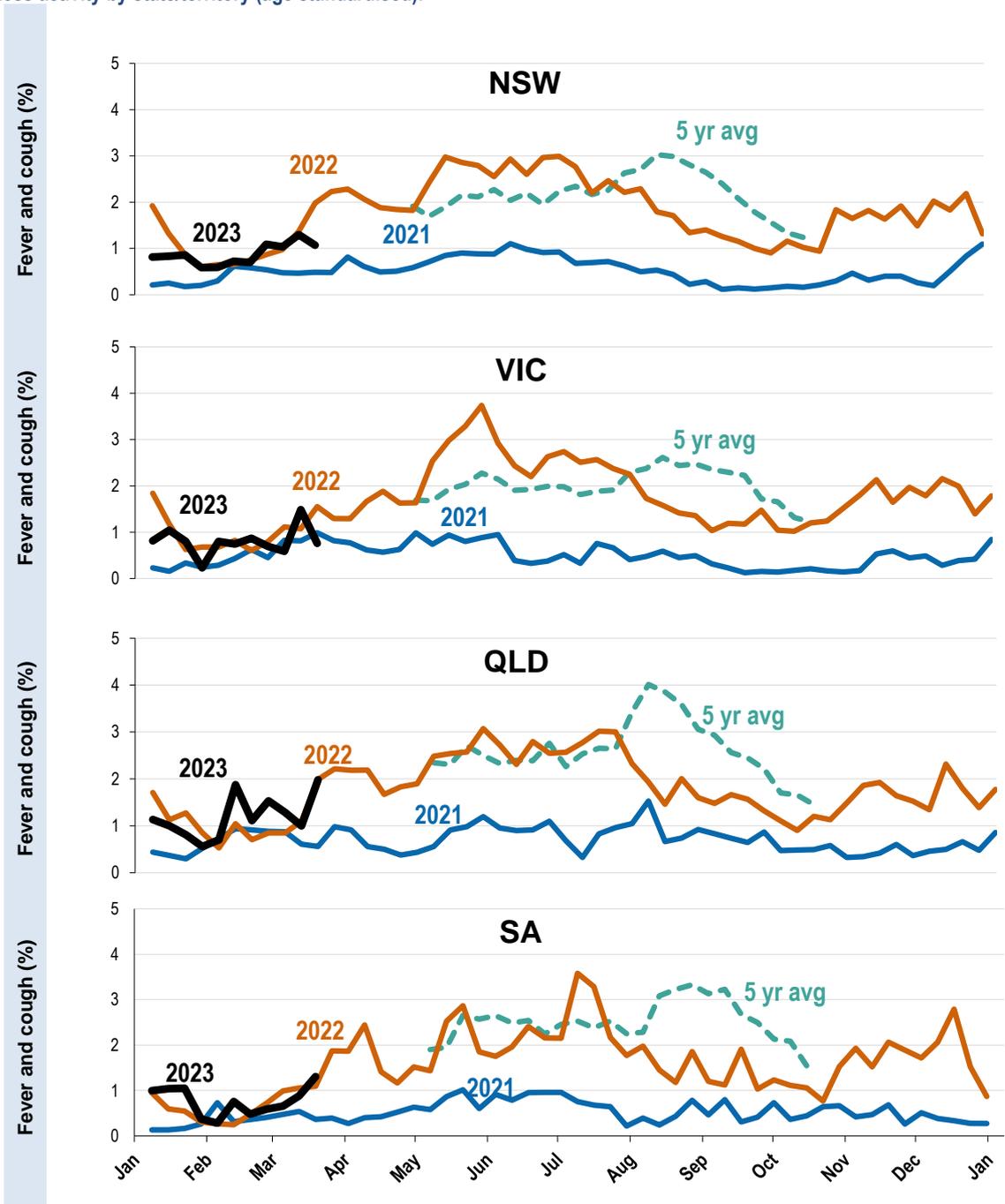
*5 year average is calculated using 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 data

^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

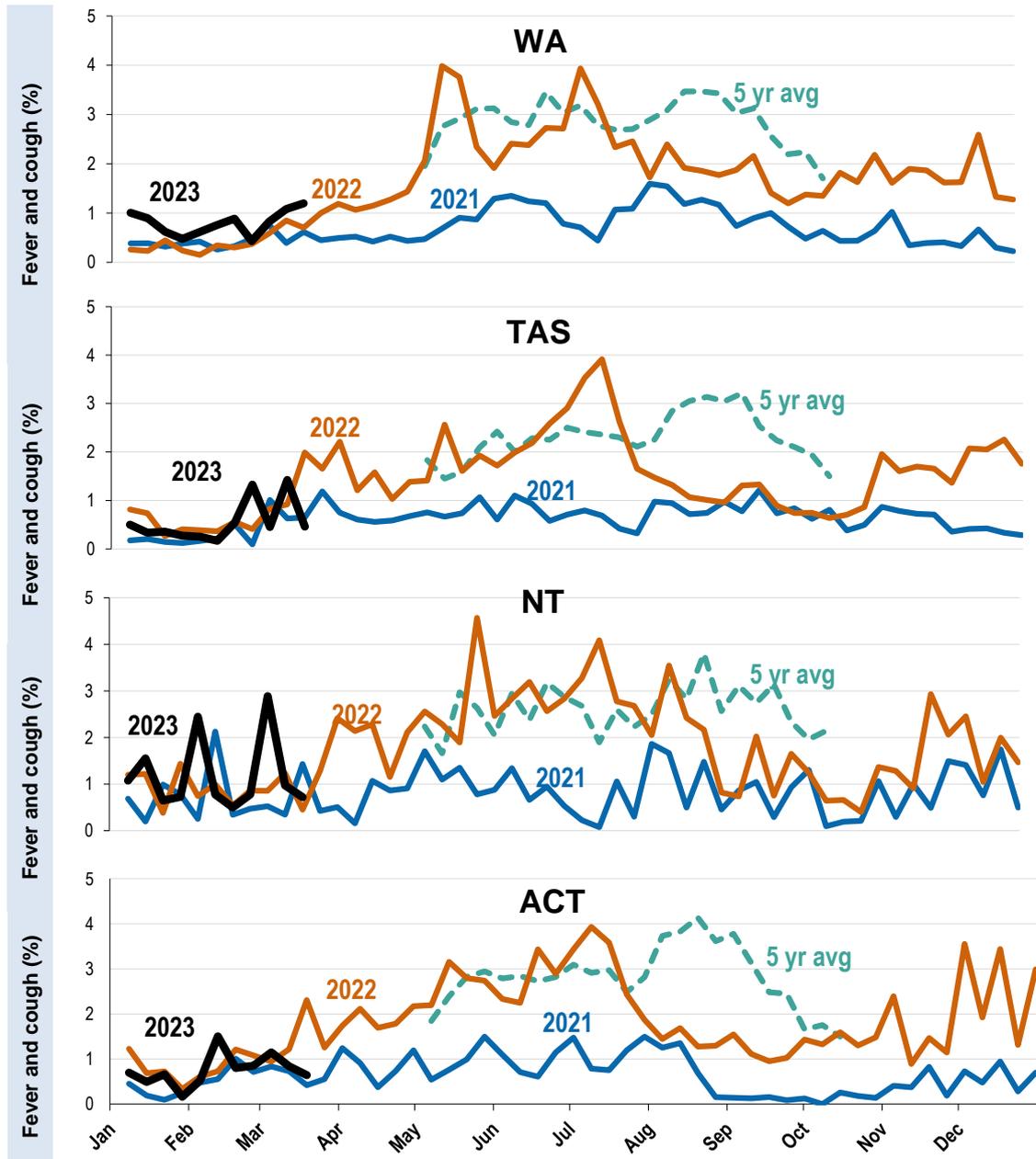


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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Participation:

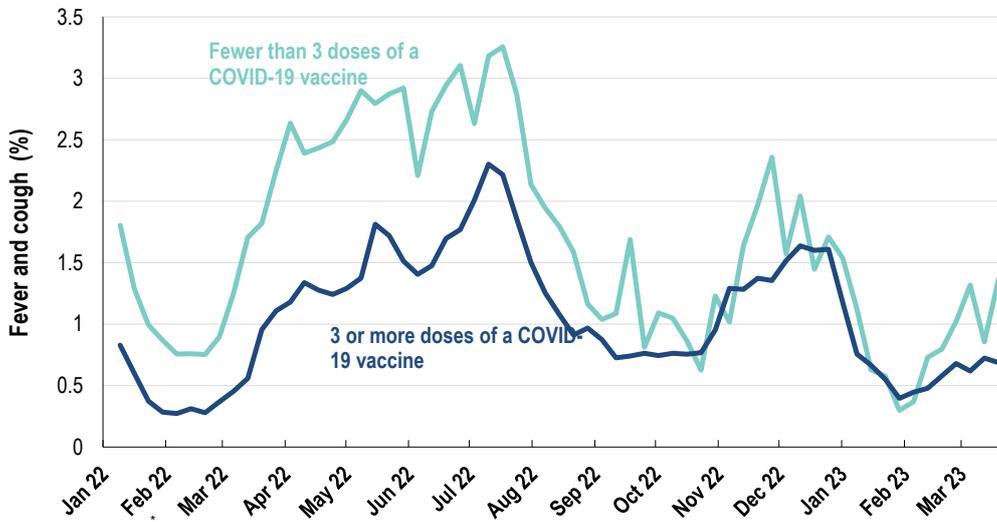
26,832 participants (26,666 last week)

State	Participants	%	Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9693	36.1%	118.4
VIC	5066	18.9%	76.3
QLD	3282	12.2%	62.6
SA	2413	9.0%	136.1
WA	2641	9.8%	98.4
TAS	1757	6.5%	324.9
NT	554	2.1%	225.3
ACT	1426	5.3%	331.2
AUS	26832	100.0%	104.2

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	1.0	1.0			0.0
5-11 years	82.0	78.1	2.2	0.0	0.0
12-17 years	96.3	95.5	21.8	0.9	0.0
18-64 years	99.3	99.1	94.5	60.1	9.1
65+ years	99.4	99.3	98.1	92.2	27.1
Working with patients	99.5	99.4	97.5	68.6	11.8
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	94.7	92.4	77.2	48.5	5.0
Vaccinated overall (%)	98.0	97.7	89.8	67.6	15.1

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