

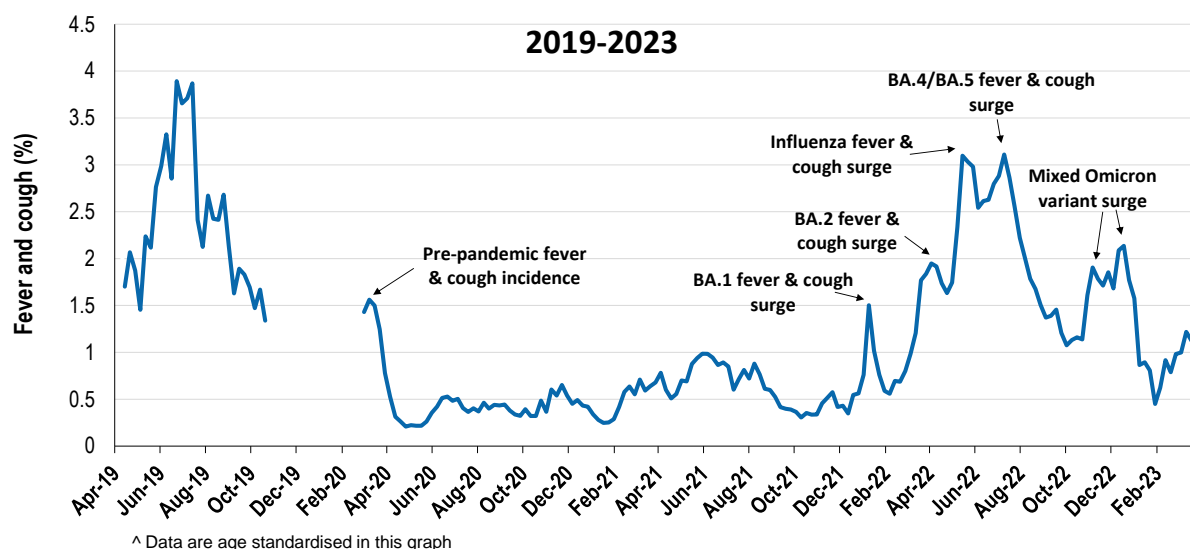
## Respiratory illness levels have increased in those aged 18-64 years

26,442 participants this week

### Respiratory illness activity\*:

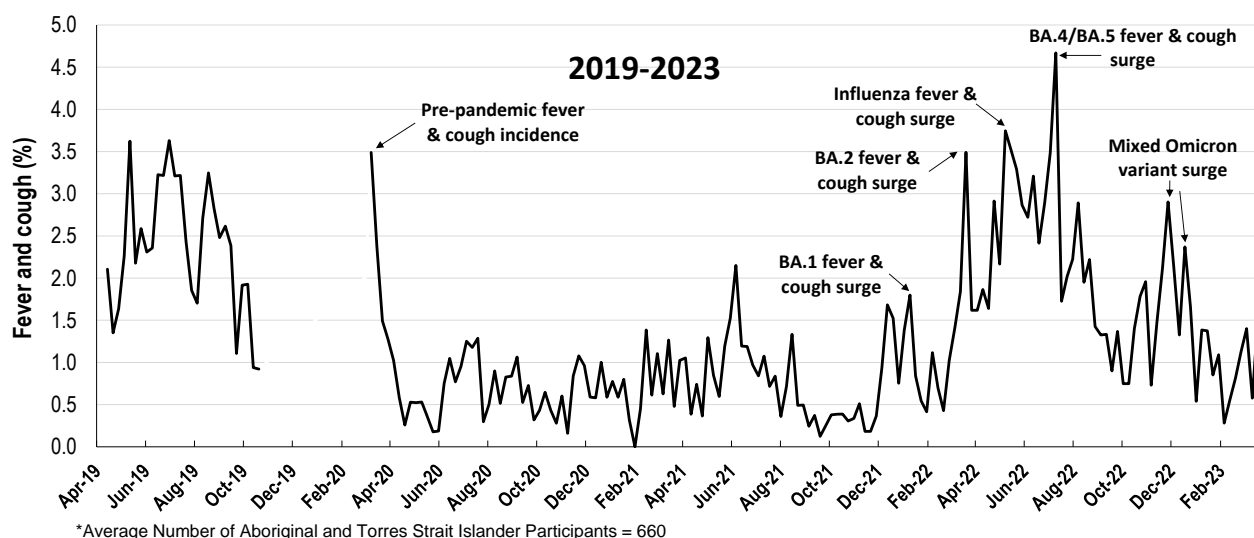
\*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1.2% this week and 1.1% last week



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

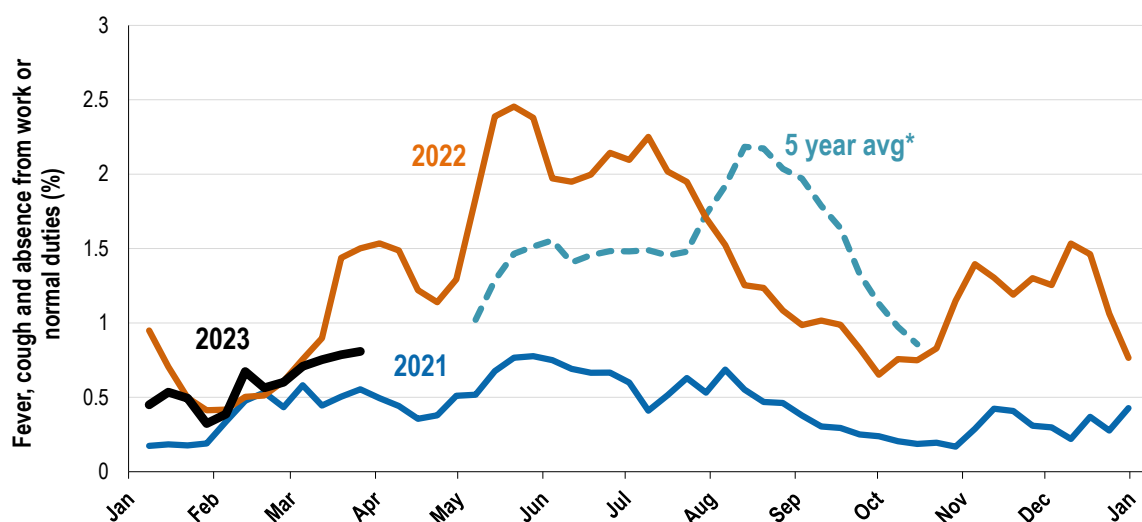
1% this week and 1.5% last week



Respiratory illness severity: <i>28.5% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 26 March 2023	Week ending 19 March 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
<b>Number of participants</b>	26442 (100%)	26832 (100%)
Fever & cough	228 (0.9%)	207 (0.8%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	144 (0.5%)	143 (0.5%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	92 (0.3%)	93 (0.3%)
<b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>	228 (100%)	207 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	65 (28.5%)	85 (41.1%)
Admitted to hospital	0 (0%)	3 (1.4%)
Tested for influenza	5 (2.2%)	13 (6.3%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	2 (0.9%)	5 (2.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	20 (8.8%)	26 (12.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	8 (3.5%)	7 (3.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	177 (77.6%)	173 (83.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	72 (31.6%)	77 (37.2%)

\*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

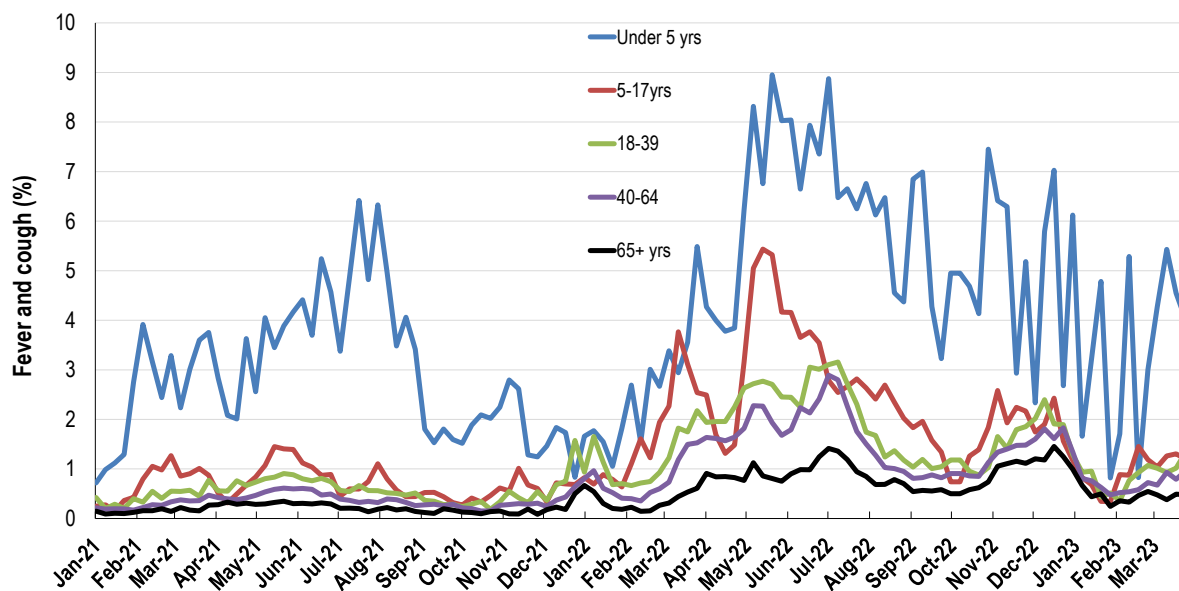
**Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):**



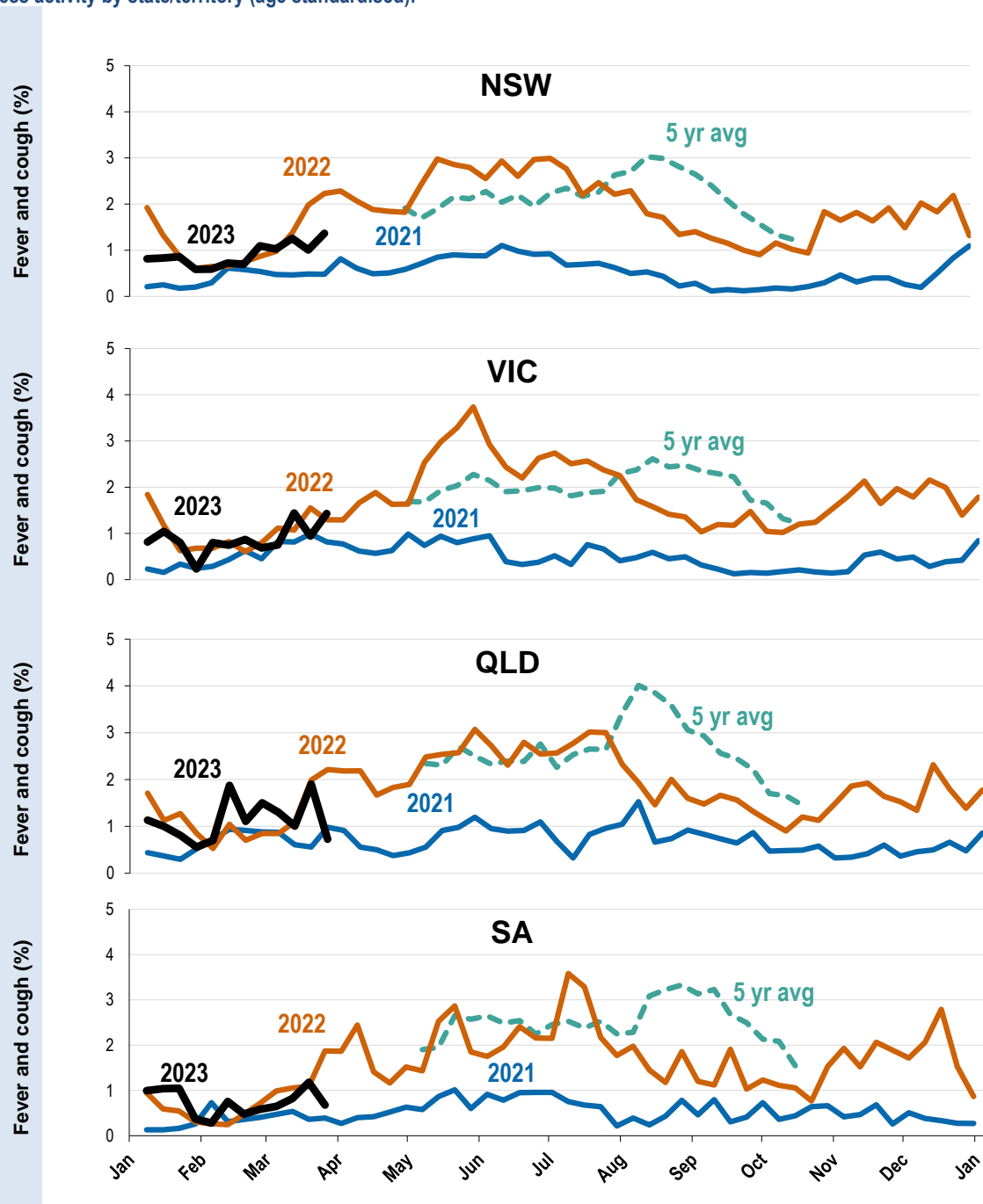
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

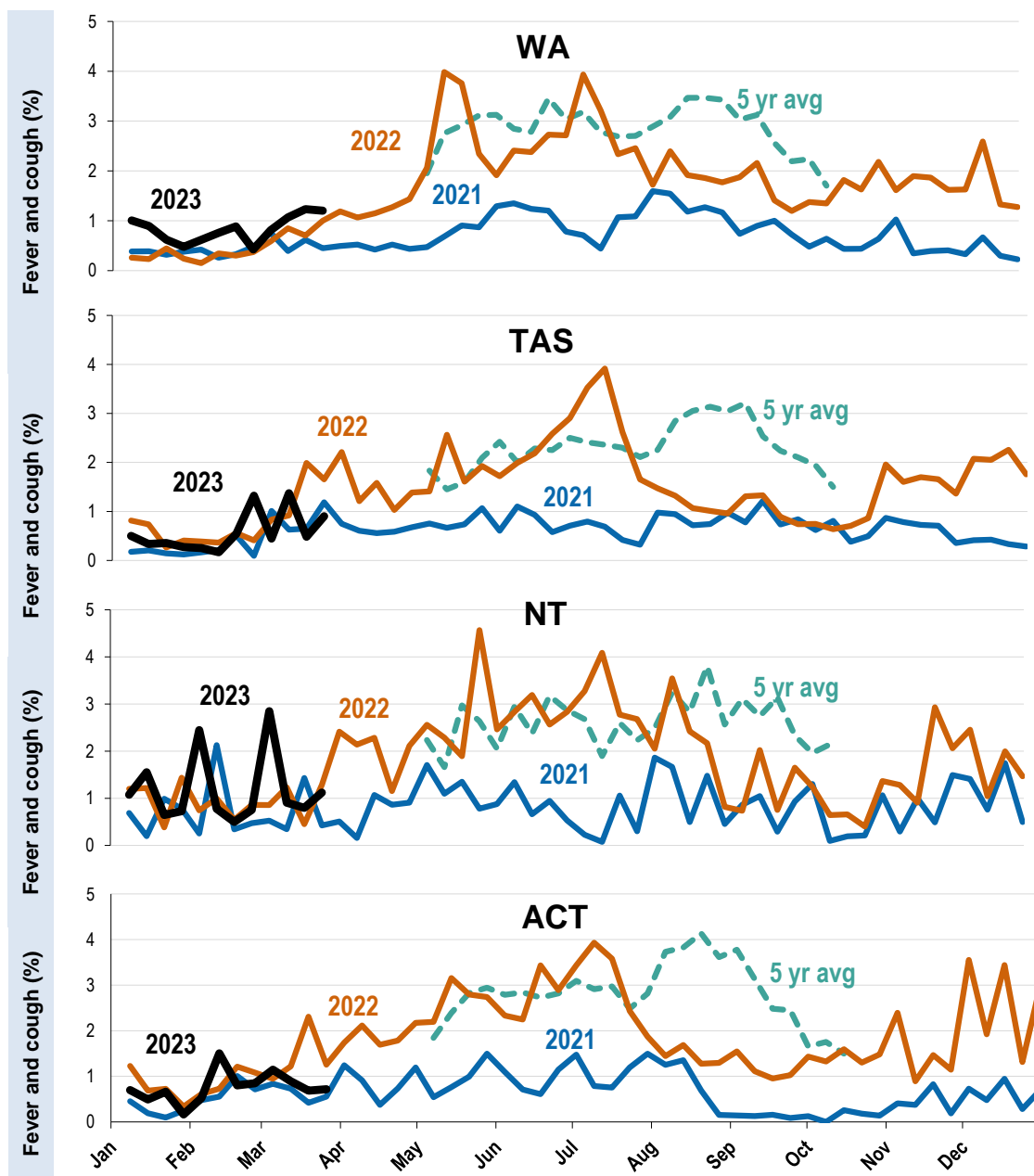


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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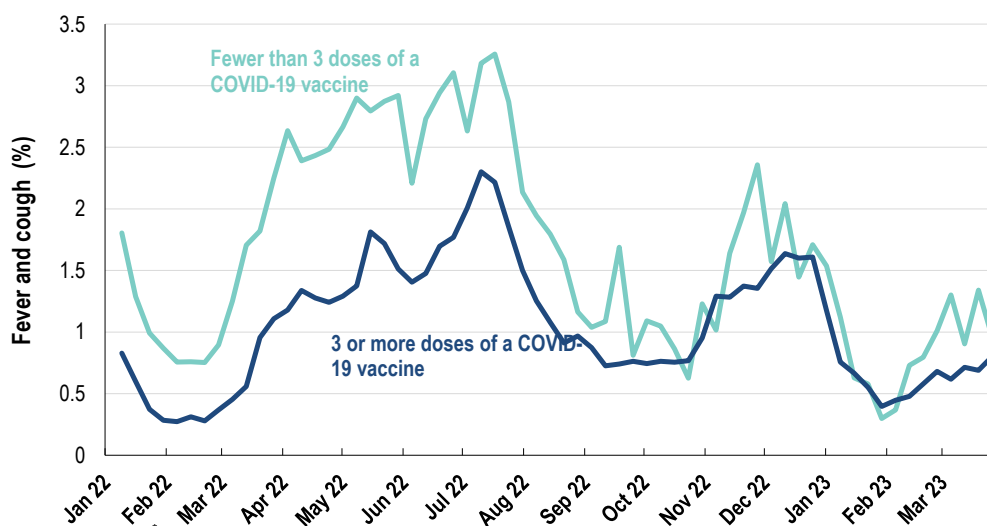
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**Participation:**
**26,442 participants (26,832 last week)**

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9511	36.0% <b>116.2</b>
VIC	4978	18.8% <b>74.9</b>
QLD	3204	12.1% <b>61.1</b>
SA	2403	9.1% <b>135.5</b>
WA	2604	9.8% <b>97.0</b>
TAS	1775	6.7% <b>328.2</b>
NT	576	2.2% <b>234.2</b>
ACT	1391	5.3% <b>323.1</b>
AUS	26442	100.0% <b>102.7</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	1.0			0.0
5-11 years	82.2	78.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
12-17 years	96.6	96.1	20.9	0.6	0.0
18-64 years	99.3	99.2	94.5	60.3	10.8
65+ years	99.4	99.3	98.0	92.4	32.8
Working with patients	99.5	99.5	97.7	68.9	14.3
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	95.5	94.2	76.6	46.4	7.2
<b>Vaccinated overall (%)</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>18.1</b>

**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