

Respiratory illness levels have increased in comparison to last week

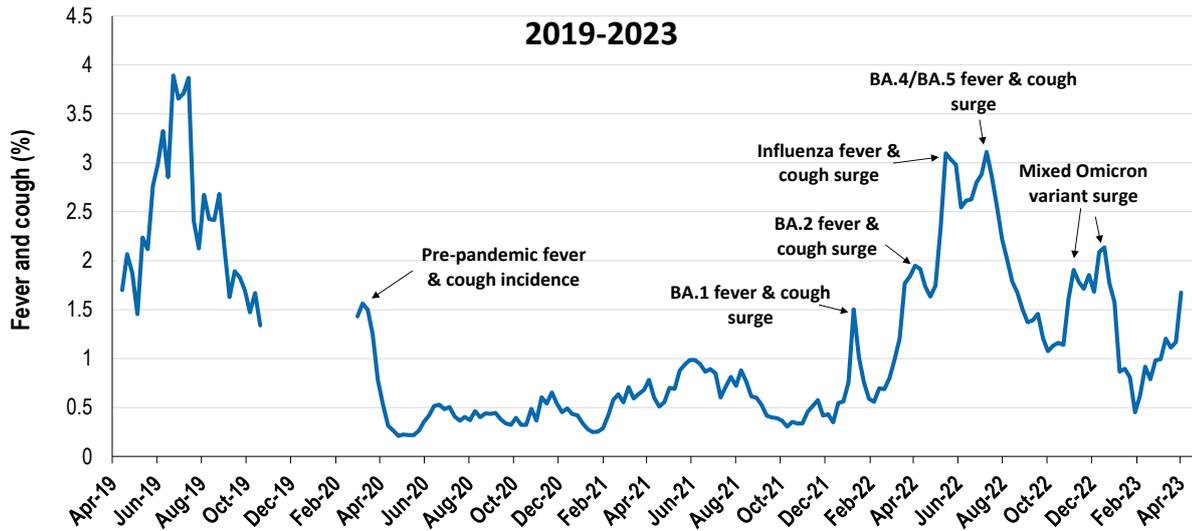
52,277 participants this week

NOTE: The increase in respiratory illness levels this week may be an artificial increase due to the return of many FluTrackers this week after a break over the summer

Respiratory illness activity*:

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

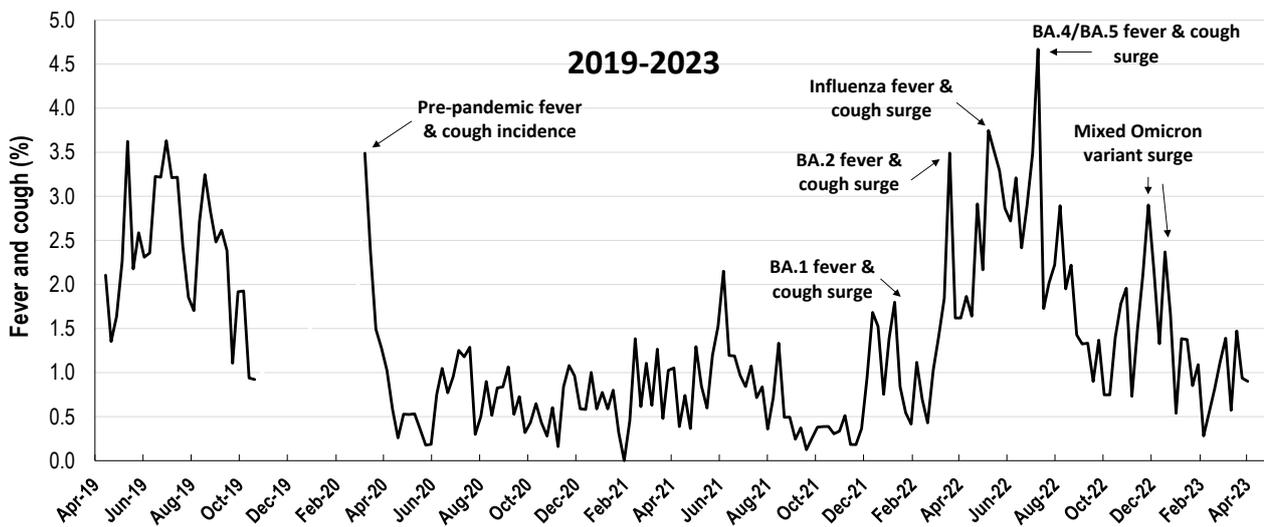
1.7% this week and 1.2% last week



^ Data are age standardised in this graph

Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

0.9% this week and 0.9% last week

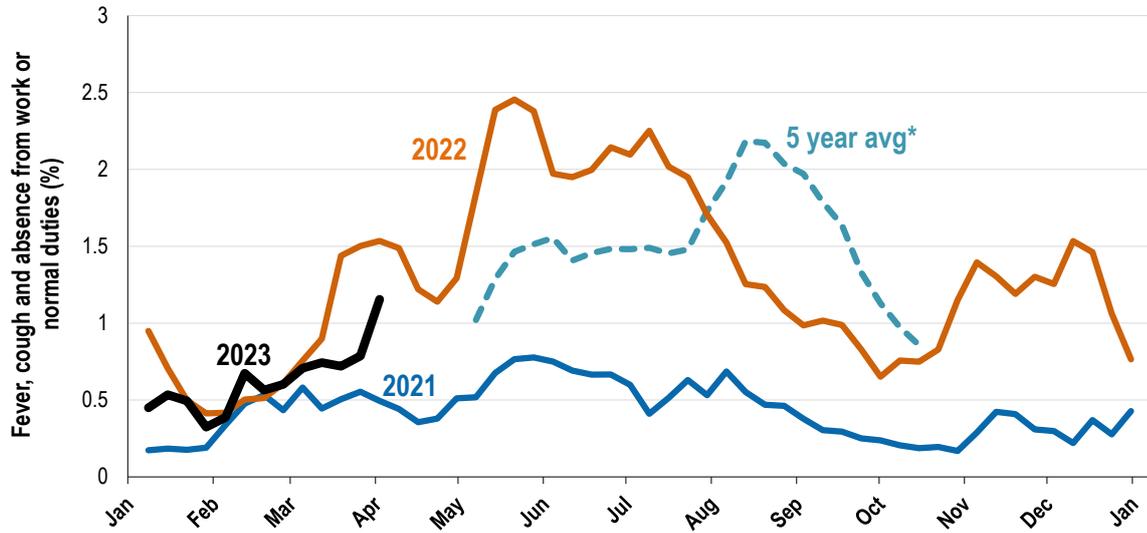


*Average Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Participants = 658

Respiratory illness severity: <i>33.3% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 02 April 2023	Week ending 26 March 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	52277 (100%)	26442 (100%)
Fever & cough	636 (1.2%)	228 (0.9%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	436 (0.8%)	141 (0.5%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	285 (0.5%)	91 (0.3%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	636 (100%)	228 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	212 (33.3%)	73 (32%)
Admitted to hospital	3 (0.5%)	2 (0.9%)
Tested for influenza	43 (6.8%)	7 (3.1%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	10 (1.6%)	3 (1.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	75 (11.8%)	25 (11%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	27 (4.2%)	9 (3.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	497 (78.1%)	186 (81.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	217 (34.1%)	79 (34.6%)

*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

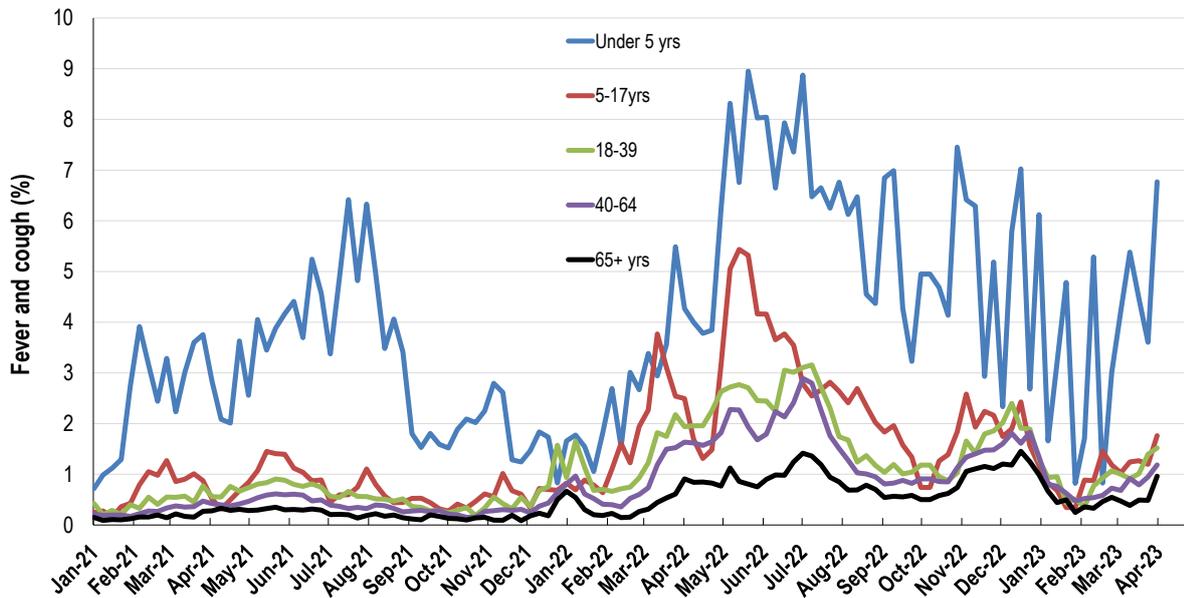
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



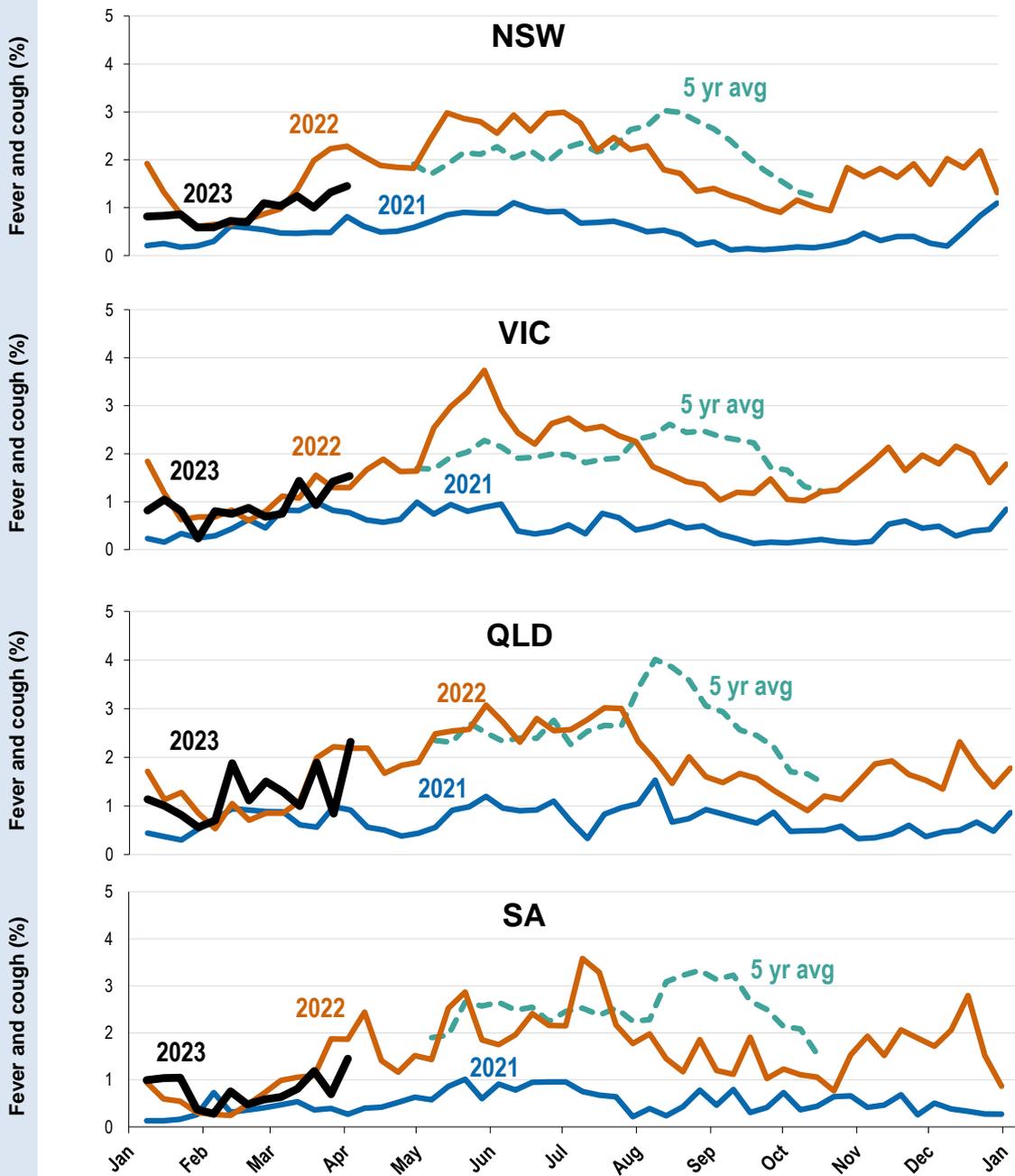
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Respiratory illness activity by age group, 2021-2023 (Australia):

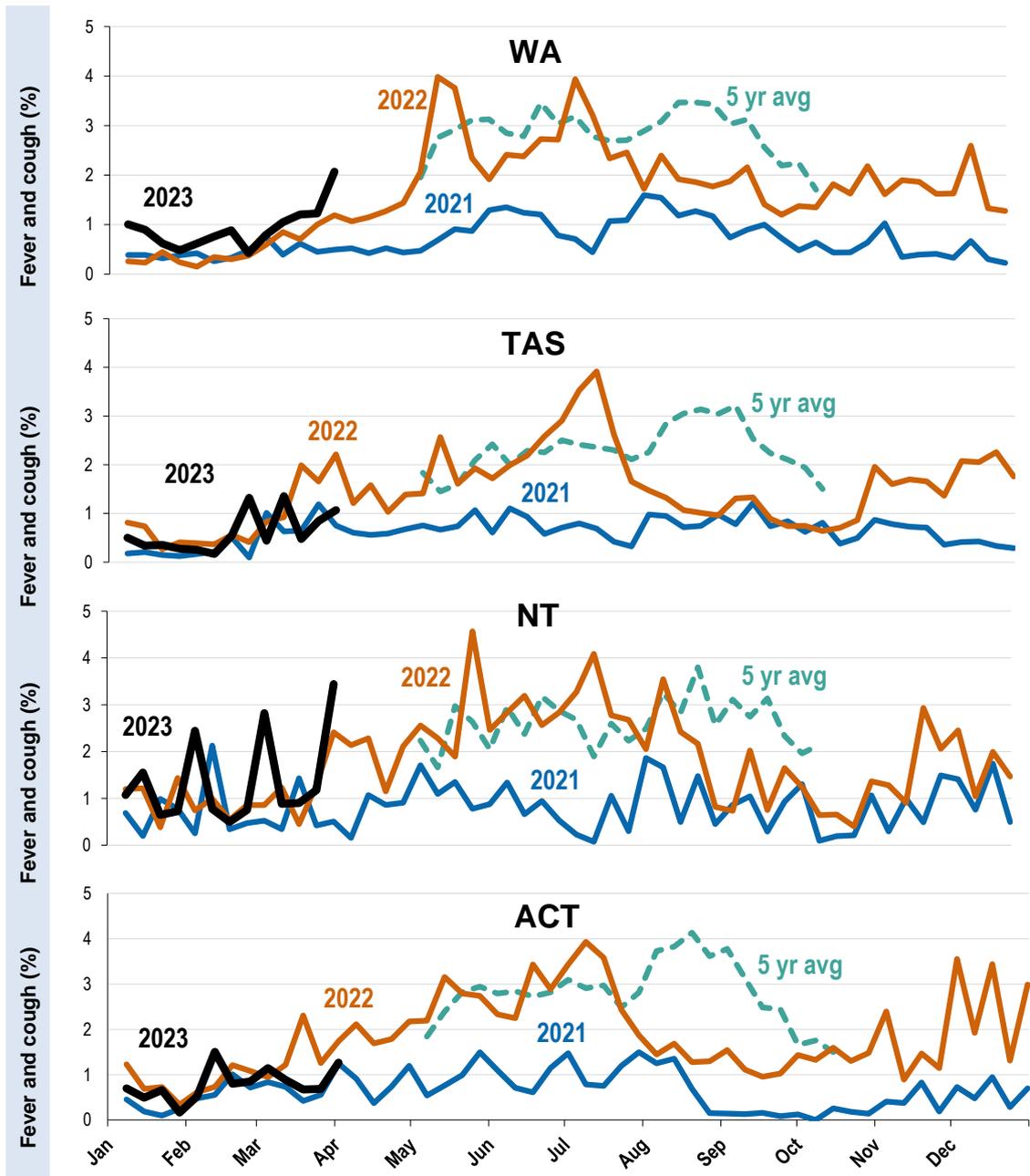


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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Participation:

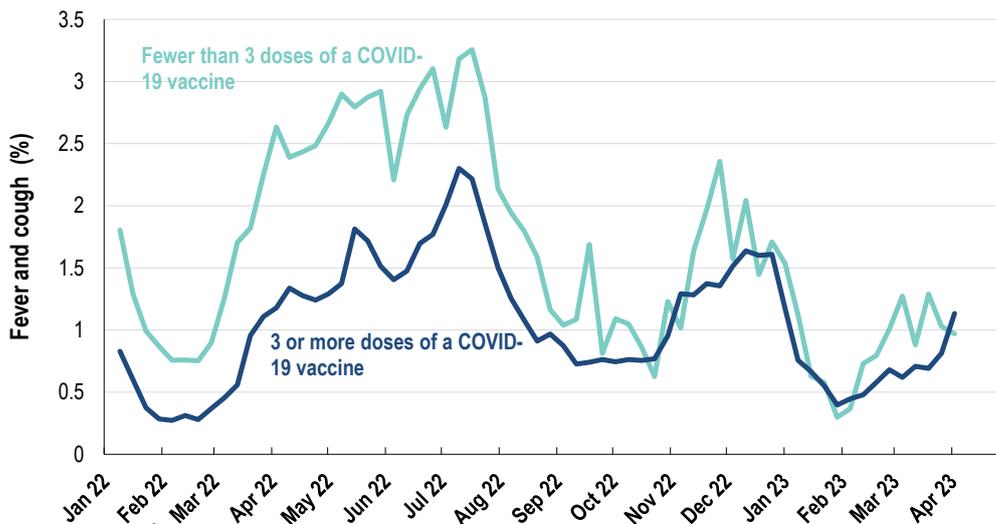
52,277 participants (26,442 last week)

State	Participants	%	Rate/100,000 population
NSW	18541	35.5%	226.5
VIC	10460	20.0%	157.5
QLD	6356	12.2%	121.3
SA	4639	8.9%	261.7
WA	5089	9.7%	189.5
TAS	3336	6.4%	616.9
NT	791	1.5%	321.7
ACT	3065	5.9%	712.0
AUS	52277	100.0%	203.0

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	1.3	0.7			0.0
5-11 years	83.9	79.4	1.8	0.0	0.0
12-17 years	97.2	96.2	20.0	1.0	0.0
18-64 years	99.3	99.1	94.9	61.0	12.3
65+ years	99.5	99.4	98.2	92.8	35.8
Working with patients	99.5	99.4	97.7	70.3	16.4
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	95.7	94.1	75.9	49.3	11.3
Vaccinated overall (%)	98.0	97.6	89.8	69.6	21.1

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