

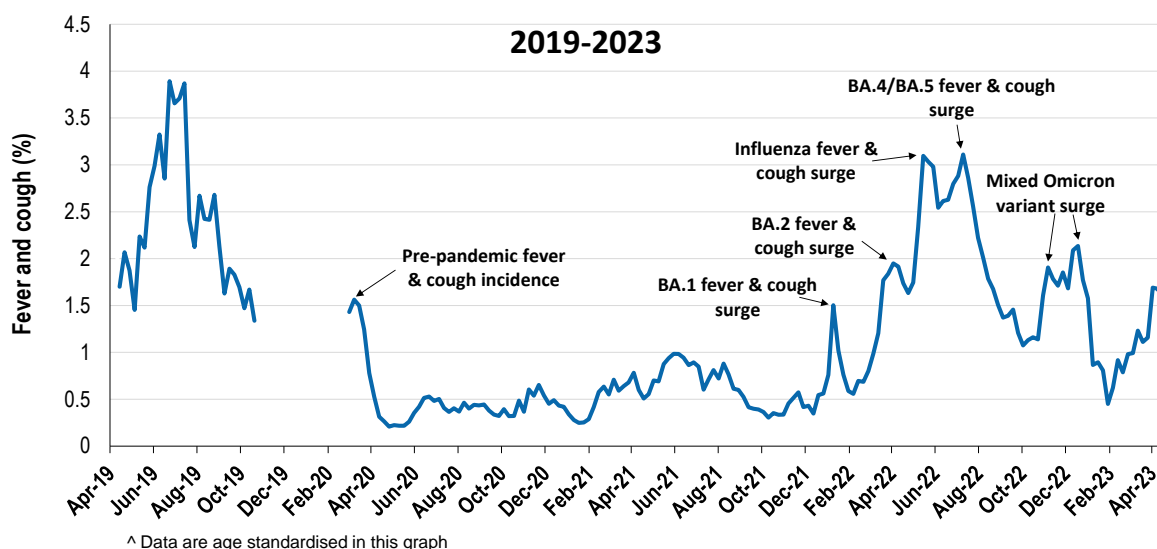
Respiratory illness levels have decreased in comparison to last week, with an increase observed in those 40 years and older

53,320 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

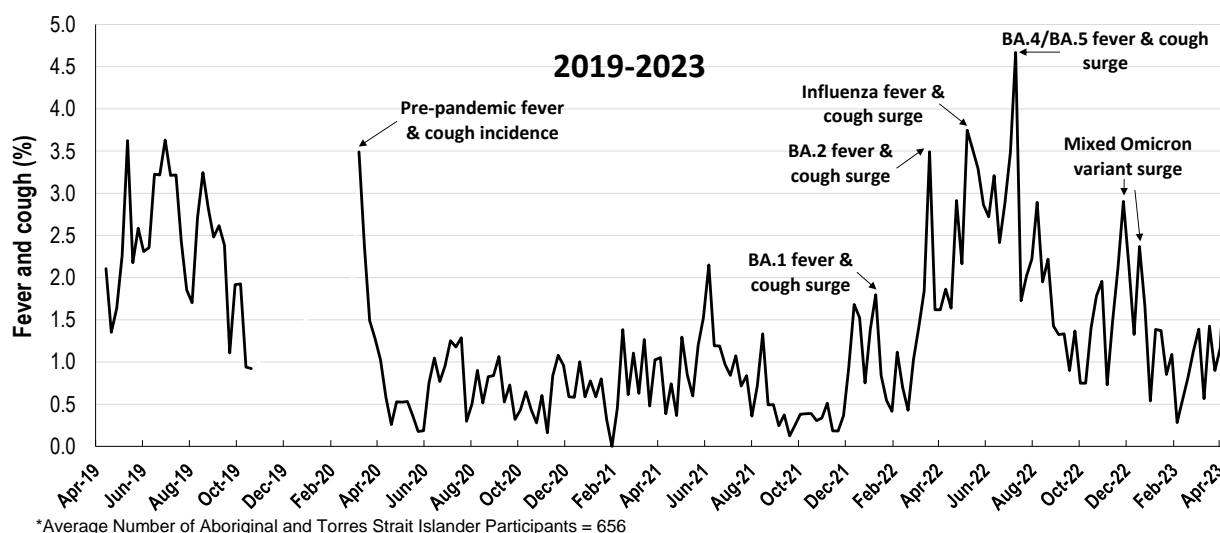
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1.5% this week and 1.7% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

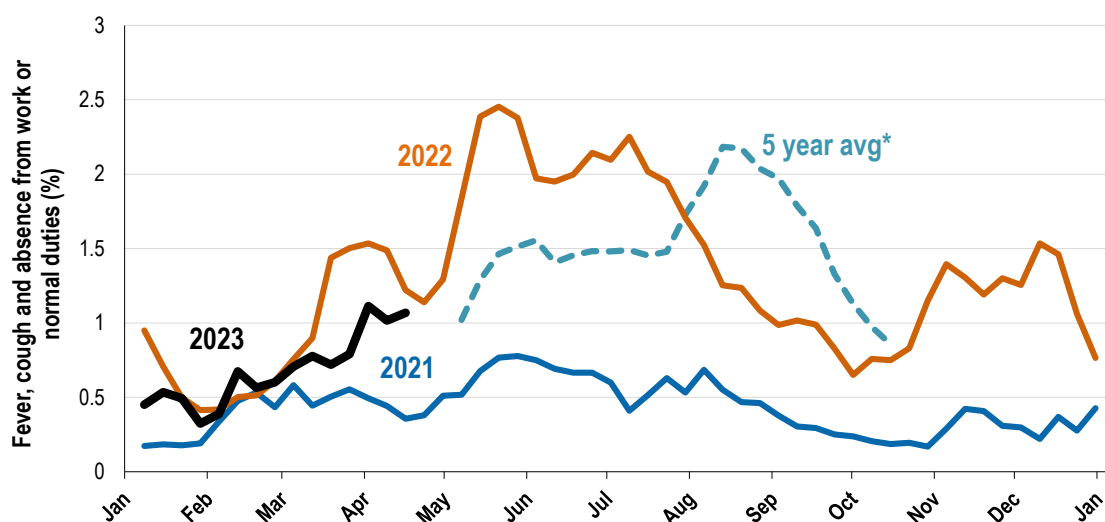
0.9% this week and 2.3% last week



Respiratory illness severity: 26.1% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 16 April 2023	Week ending 09 April 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	53320 (100%)	52372 (100%)
Fever & cough	632 (1.2%)	591 (1.1%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	408 (0.8%)	347 (0.7%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	263 (0.5%)	220 (0.4%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	632 (100%)	591 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	165 (26.1%)	173 (29.3%)
Admitted to hospital	0 (0%)	6 (1%)
Tested for influenza	32 (5.1%)	40 (6.8%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	7 (1.1%)	5 (0.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	78 (12.3%)	67 (11.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	26 (4.1%)	20 (3.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	495 (78.3%)	480 (81.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	200 (31.6%)	212 (35.9%)

*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

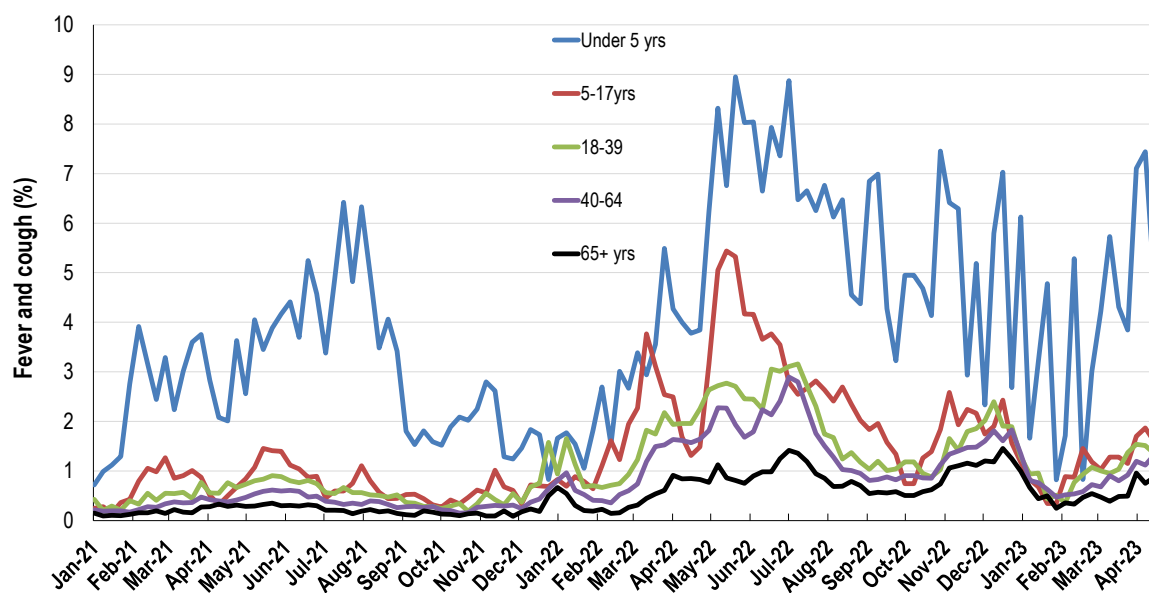
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



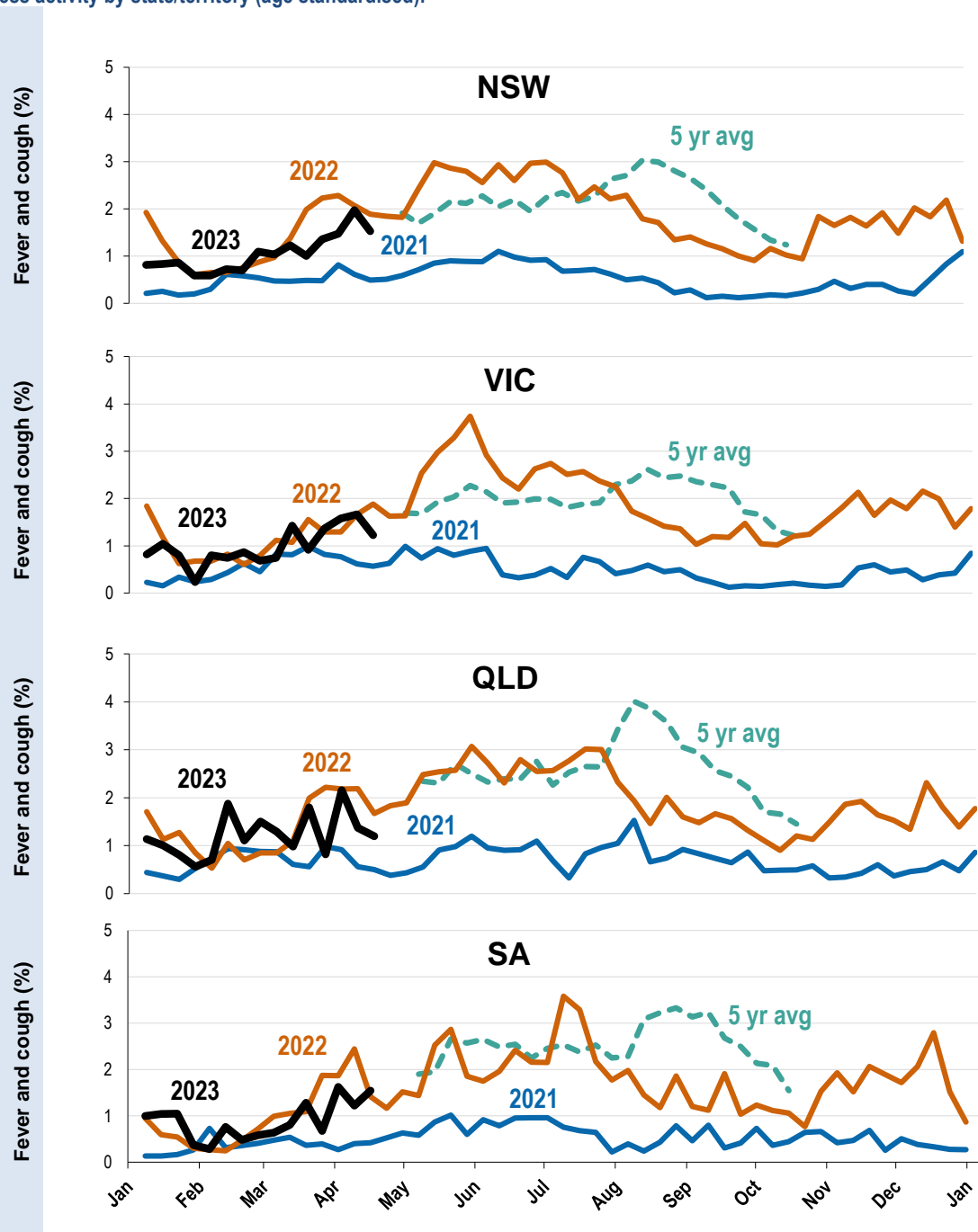
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

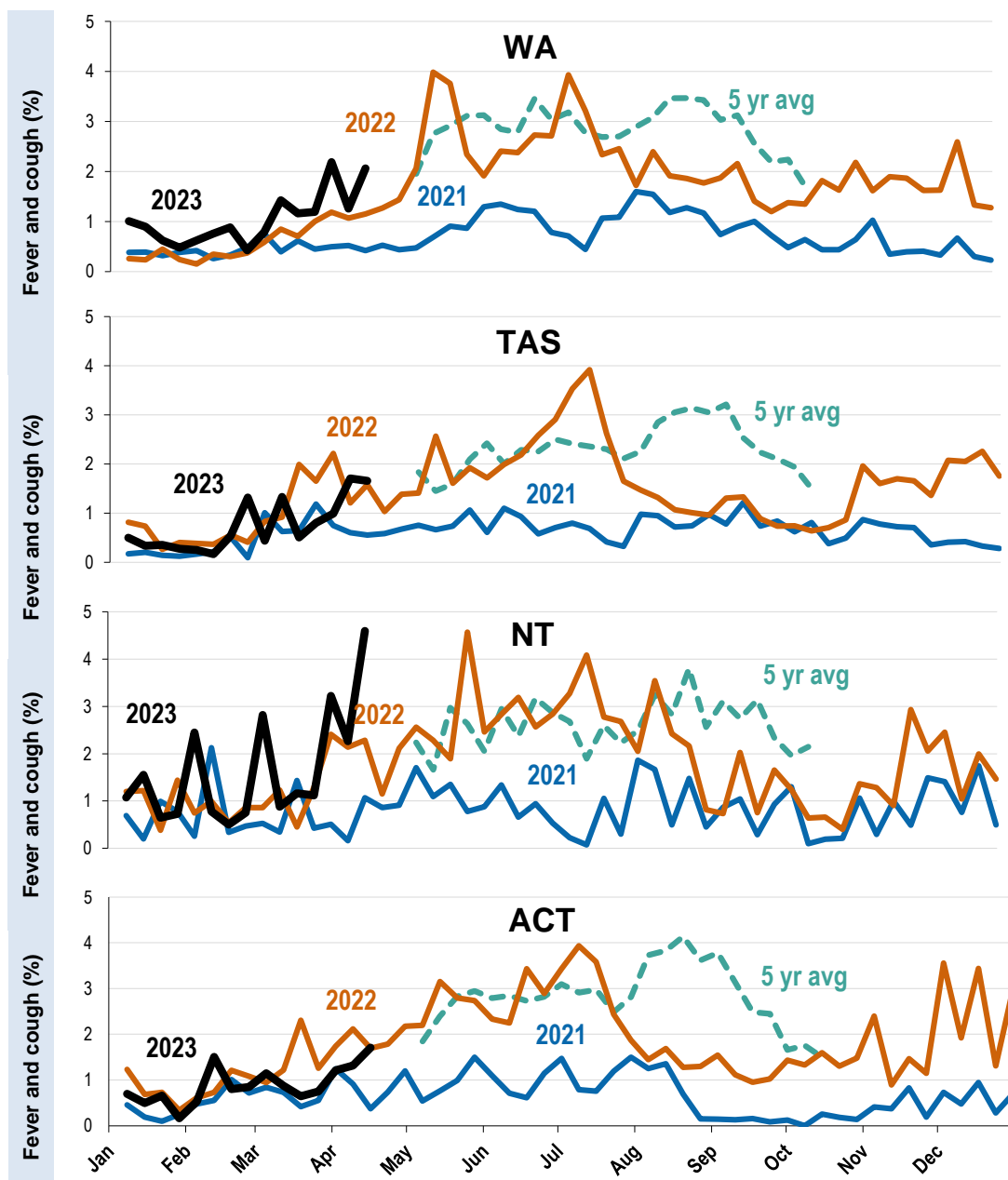


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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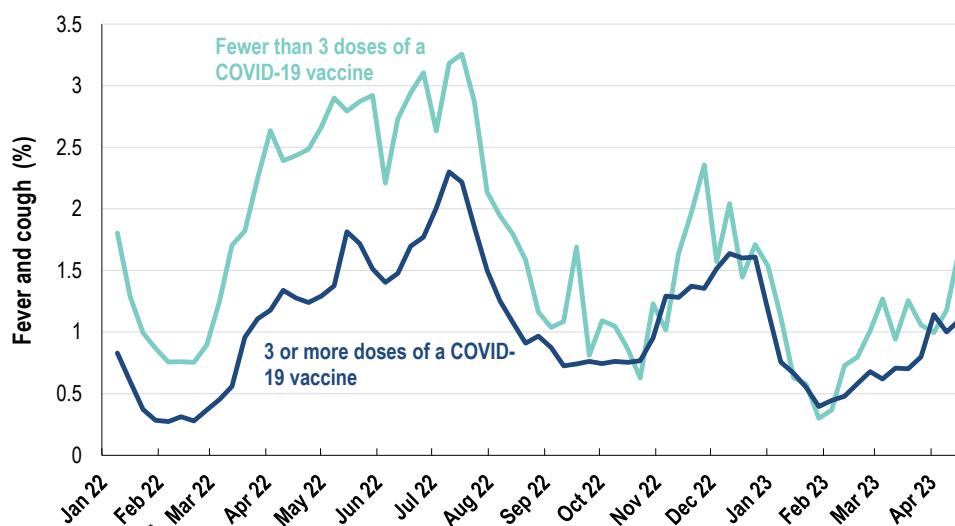
Participation:

53,320 participants (52,372 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	18870	35.4% 230.5
VIC	10652	20.0% 160.3
QLD	6648	12.5% 126.9
SA	4682	8.8% 264.1
WA	5051	9.5% 188.1
TAS	3416	6.4% 631.7
NT	817	1.5% 332.2
ACT	3184	6.0% 739.6
AUS	53320	100.0% 207.1

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine					Influenza (%)
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	At least 3 doses (%)	At least 4 doses (%)	5 doses (%)	
<5 years	1.2	0.8			0.0	0.8
5-11 years	83.2	79.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.9
12-17 years	97.2	96.4	20.0	1.1	0.0	1.6
18-64 years	99.4	99.3	95.0	62.3	16.5	5.7
65+ years	99.5	99.5	98.3	93.2	44.6	8.2
Working with patients	99.6	99.6	97.9	71.1	21.1	6.5
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	95.4	94.1	77.6	53.2	13.9	5.4
Vaccinated overall (%)	98.0	97.8	90.2	70.7	27.1	6.4

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