

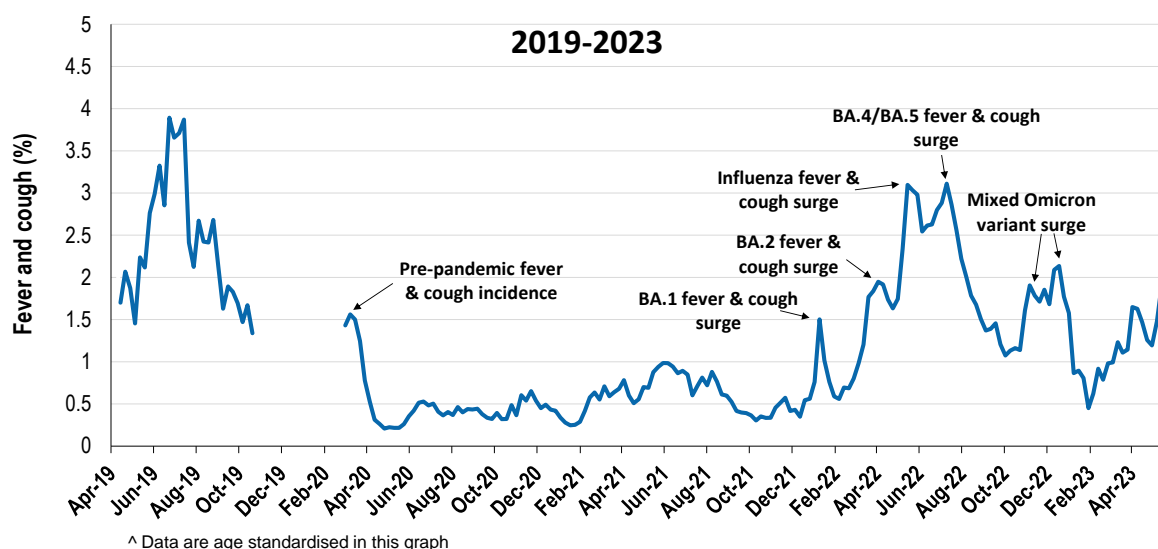
Respiratory illness levels have increased in comparison to last week

55,423 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

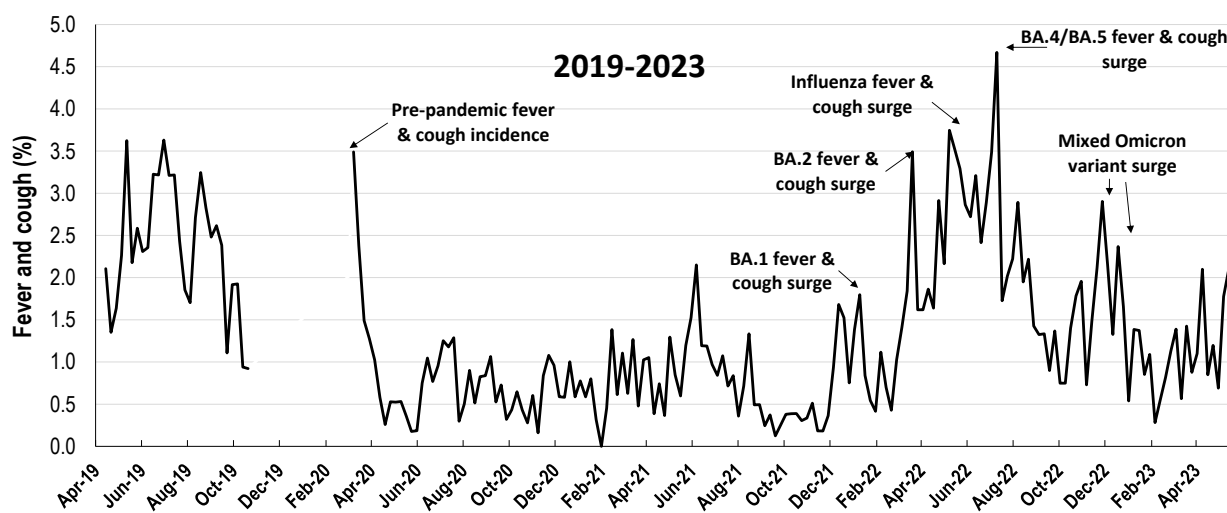
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1.9% this week and 1.5% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

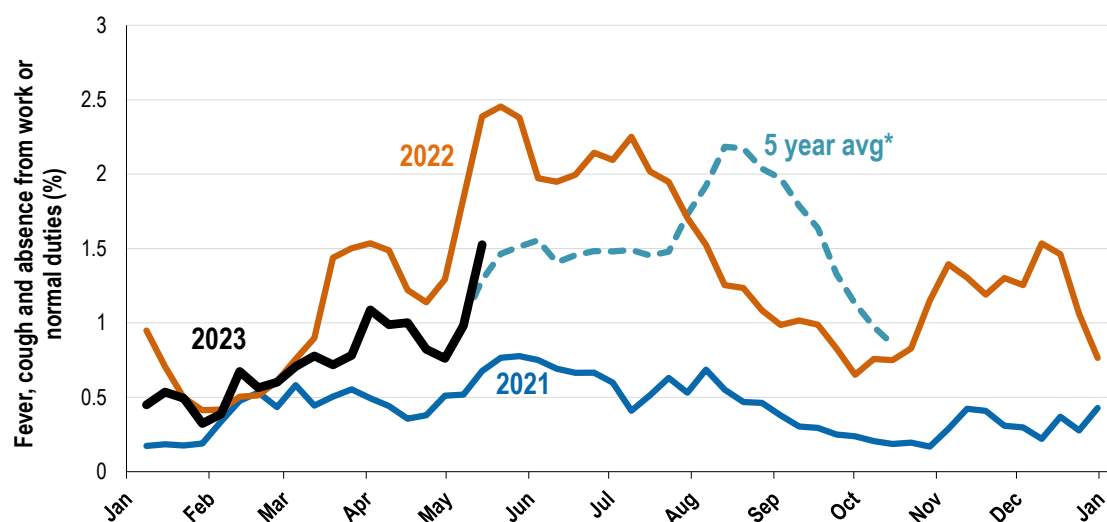
2.1% this week and 1.8% last week



Respiratory illness severity: <i>28.6% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 14 May 2023	Week ending 07 May 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	55423 (100%)	53841 (100%)
Fever & cough	741 (1.3%)	540 (1%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	568 (1%)	345 (0.6%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	357 (0.6%)	219 (0.4%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	741 (100%)	540 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	212 (28.6%)	154 (28.5%)
Admitted to hospital	14 (1.9%)	8 (1.5%)
Tested for influenza	33 (4.5%)	33 (6.1%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	8 (1.1%)	6 (1.1%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	63 (8.5%)	59 (10.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	18 (2.4%)	19 (3.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	591 (79.8%)	438 (81.1%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	257 (34.7%)	214 (39.6%)

*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

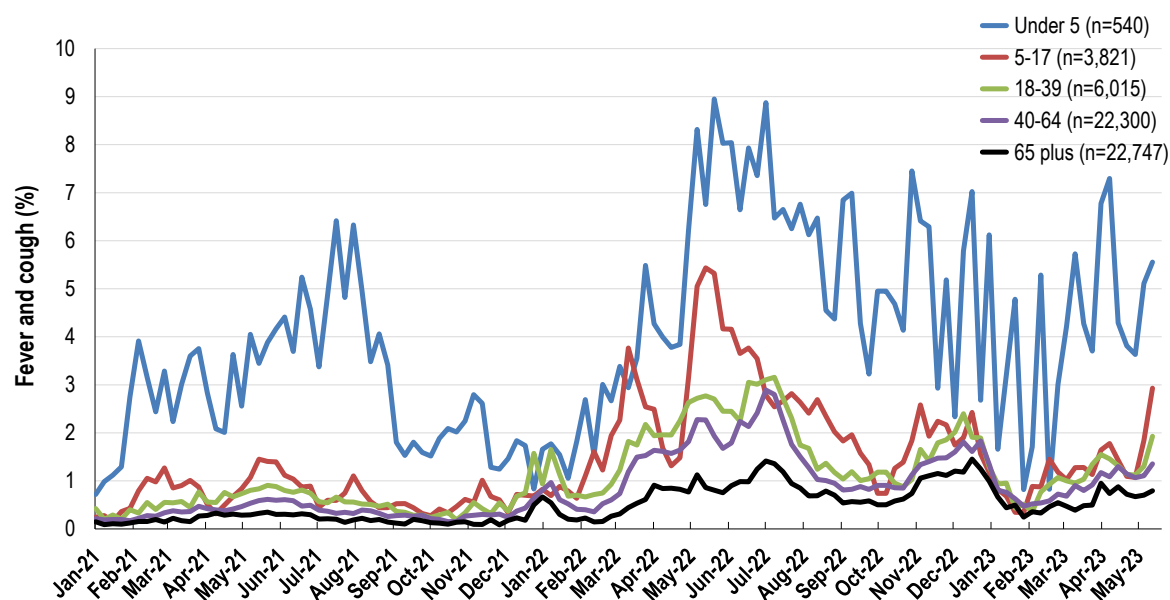
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



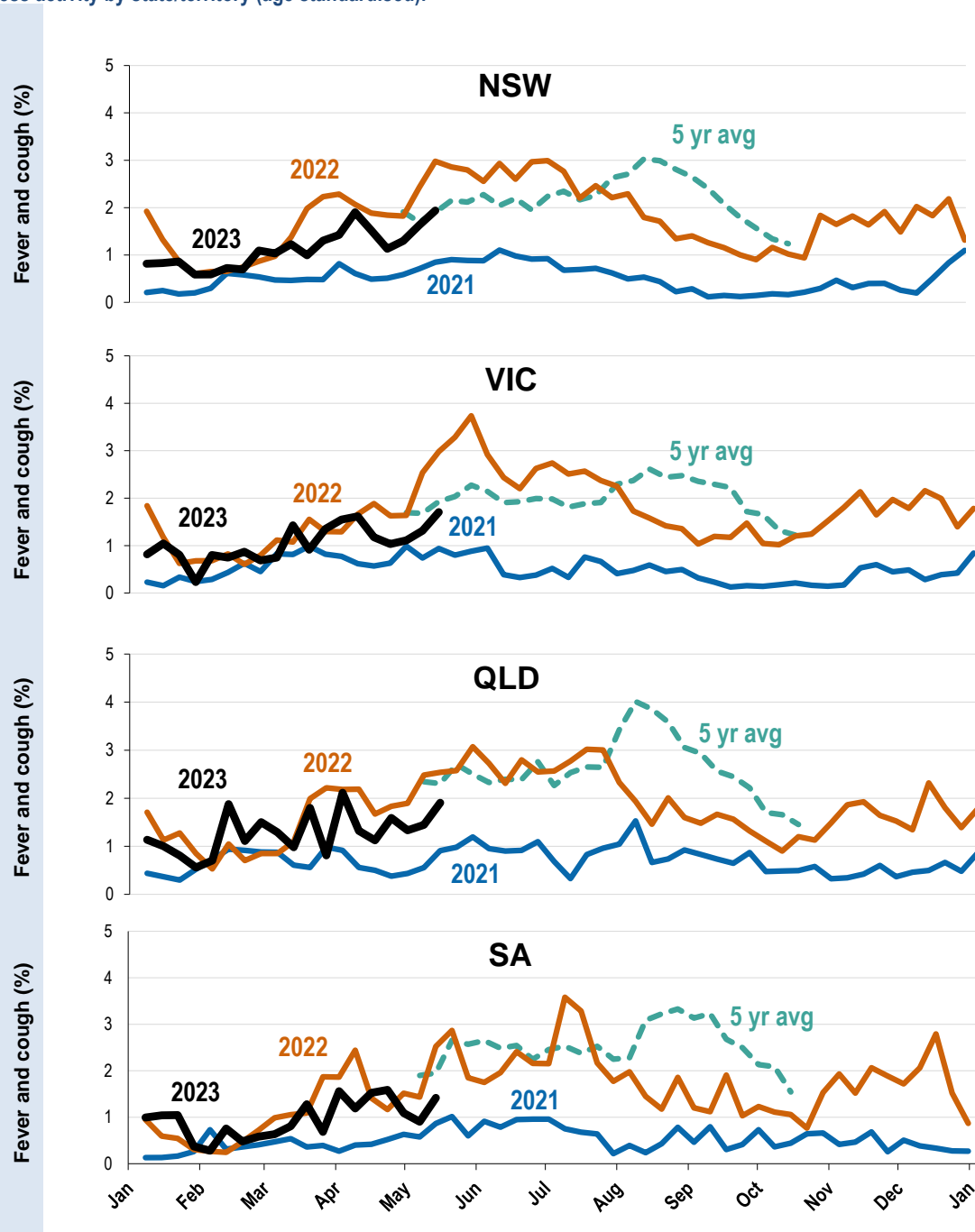
*5 year average is calculated using 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 data

^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

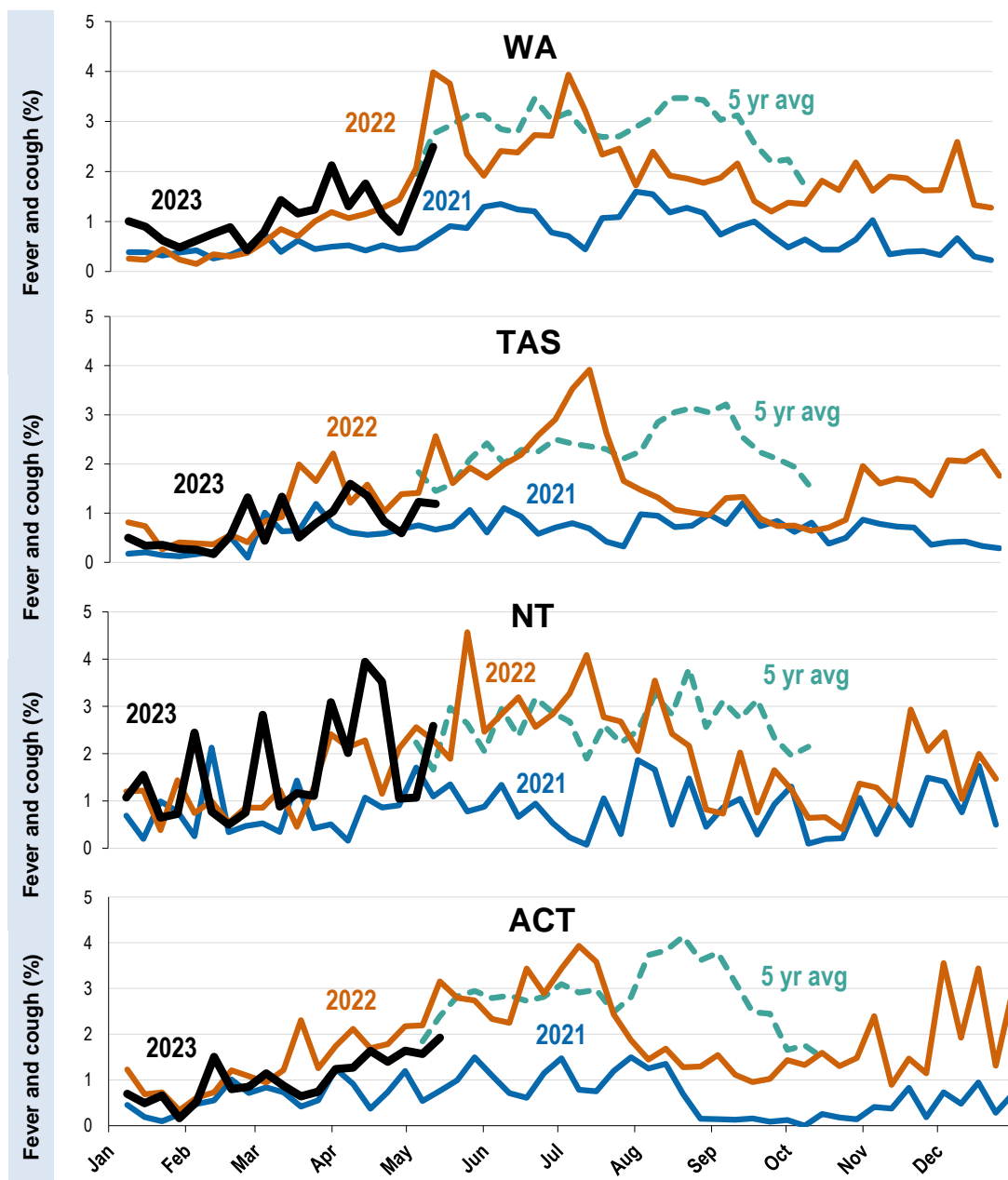


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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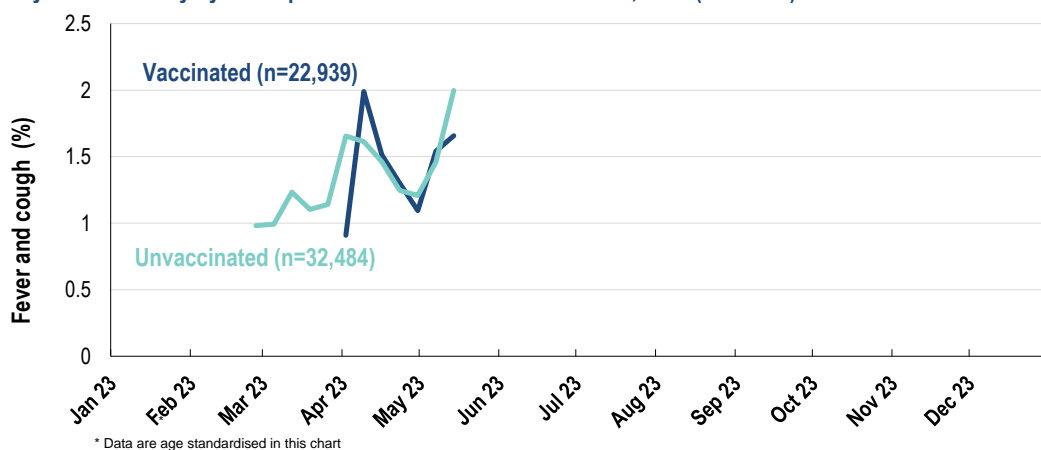
Participation:

55,423 participants (53,841 last week)

State	Participants	%	Rate/100,000 population
NSW	19781	35.7%	241.6
VIC	11042	19.9%	166.2
QLD	6832	12.3%	130.4
SA	4761	8.6%	268.6
WA	5387	9.7%	200.6
TAS	3487	6.3%	644.8
NT	838	1.5%	340.8
ACT	3295	5.9%	765.4
AUS	55423	100.0%	215.2

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	1.7	1.1				26.3
5-11 years	83.6	77.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	13.8
12-17 years	97.1	95.8	18.6	1.3	0.0	15.5
18-64 years	99.4	99.2	94.9	63.8	24.7	33.8
65+ years	99.5	99.5	98.4	93.6	60.4	55.7
Working with patients	99.6	99.4	97.7	72.1	30.3	43.9
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	94.5	92.2	72.7	47.6	22.4	33.5
Vaccinated overall (%)	97.9	97.5	89.6	71.1	37.4	41.4

Respiratory illness activity by self-reported influenza vaccination status, 2023 (Australia):

Respiratory illness activity by self-reported COVID-19 vaccination status, 2022-2023 (Australia):
