

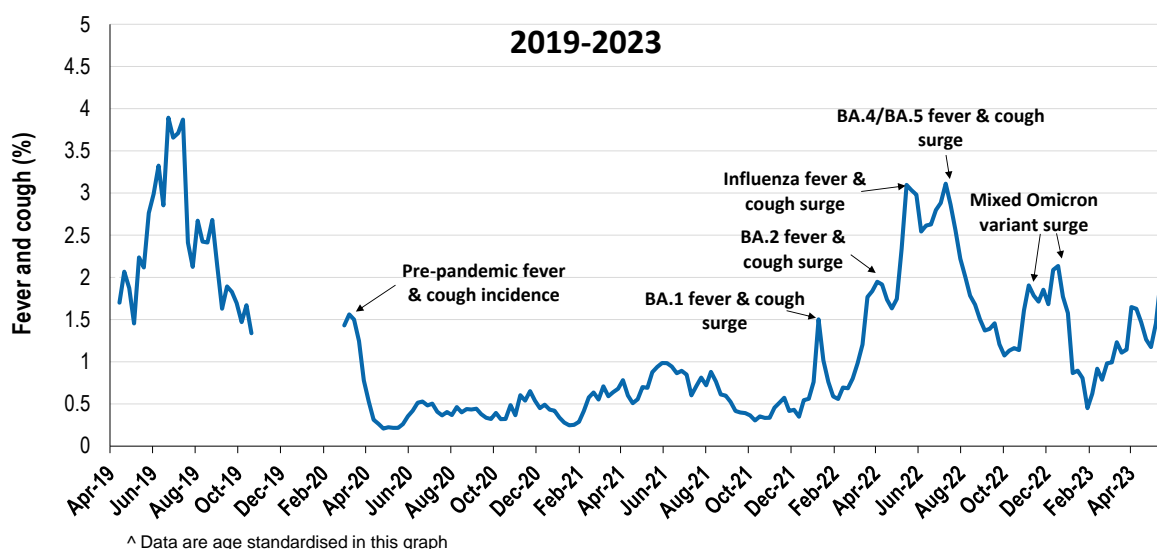
Respiratory illness levels have increased in comparison to last week

55,549 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

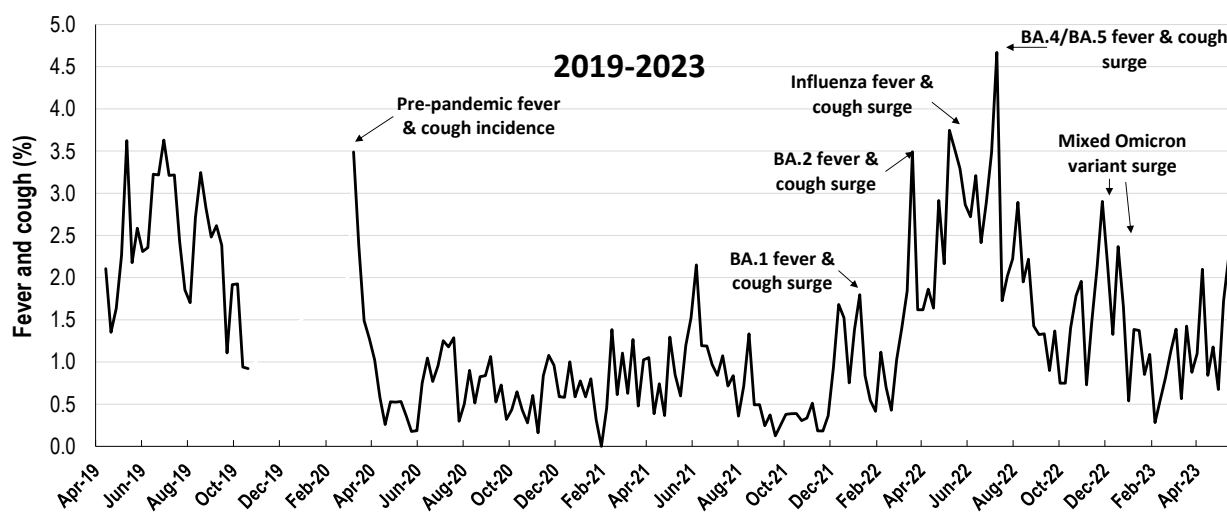
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

2.1% this week and 2% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

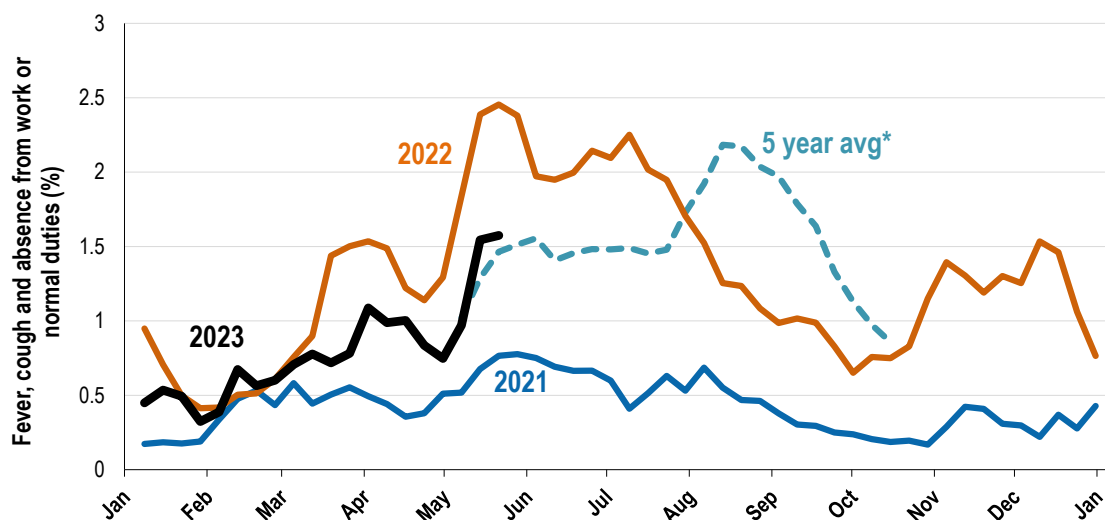
2.6% this week and 2.3% last week



Respiratory illness severity: 28.3% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 21 May 2023 number (%)	Week ending 14 May 2023 number (%)
Number of participants	55549 (100%)	55519 (100%)
Fever & cough	762 (1.4%)	750 (1.4%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	543 (1%)	566 (1%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	357 (0.6%)	358 (0.6%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	762 (100%)	750 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	216 (28.3%)	253 (33.7%)
Admitted to hospital	9 (1.2%)	17 (2.3%)
Tested for influenza	42 (5.5%)	45 (6%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	15 (2%)	13 (1.7%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	56 (7.3%)	79 (10.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	17 (2.2%)	24 (3.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	617 (81%)	611 (81.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	250 (32.8%)	267 (35.6%)

*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

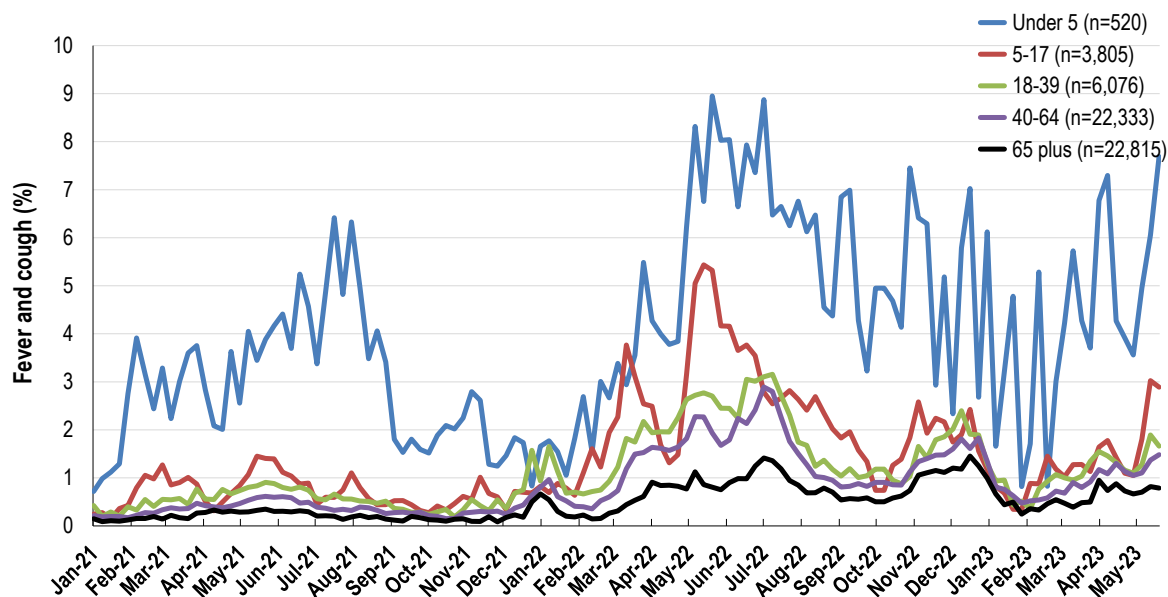
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



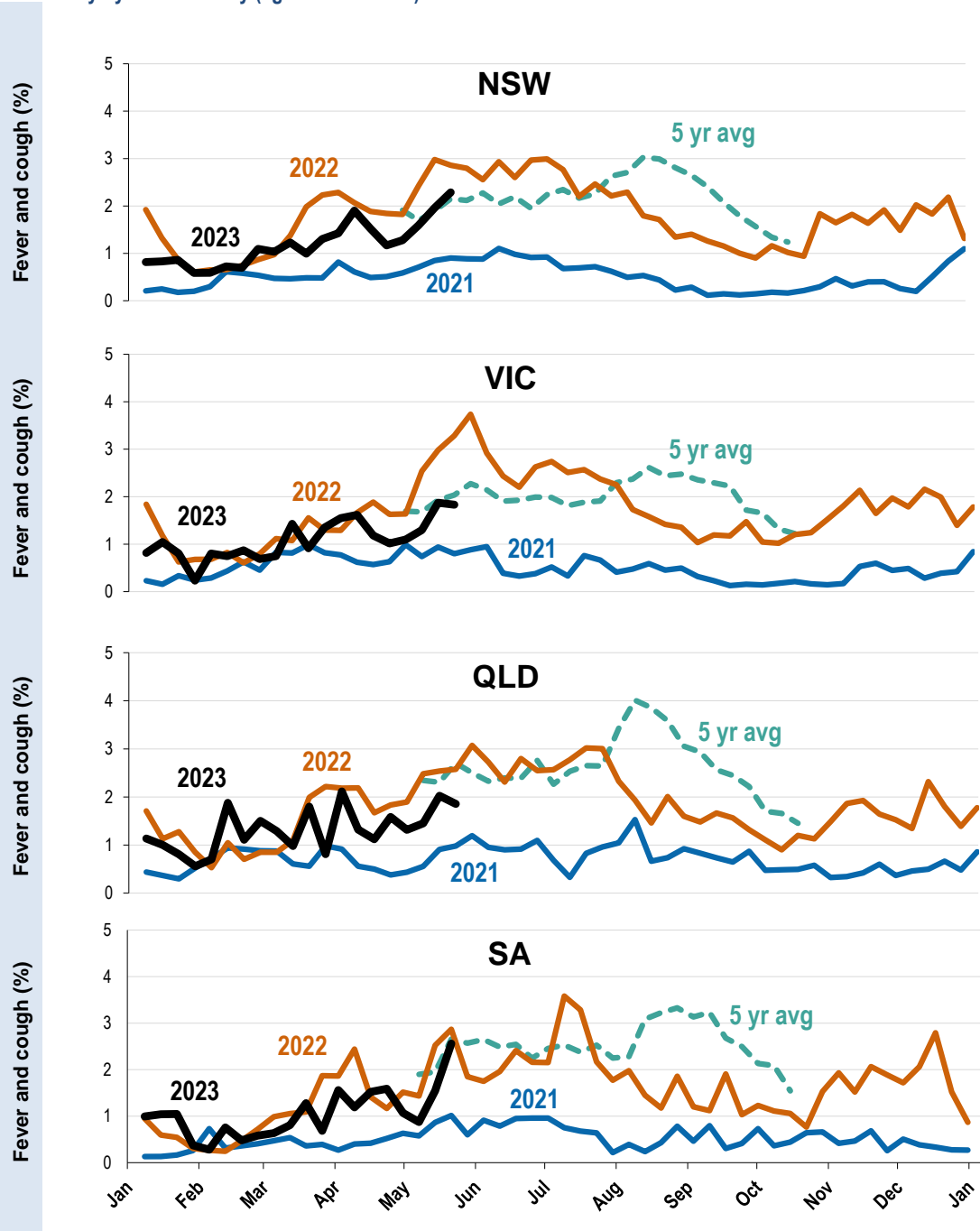
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

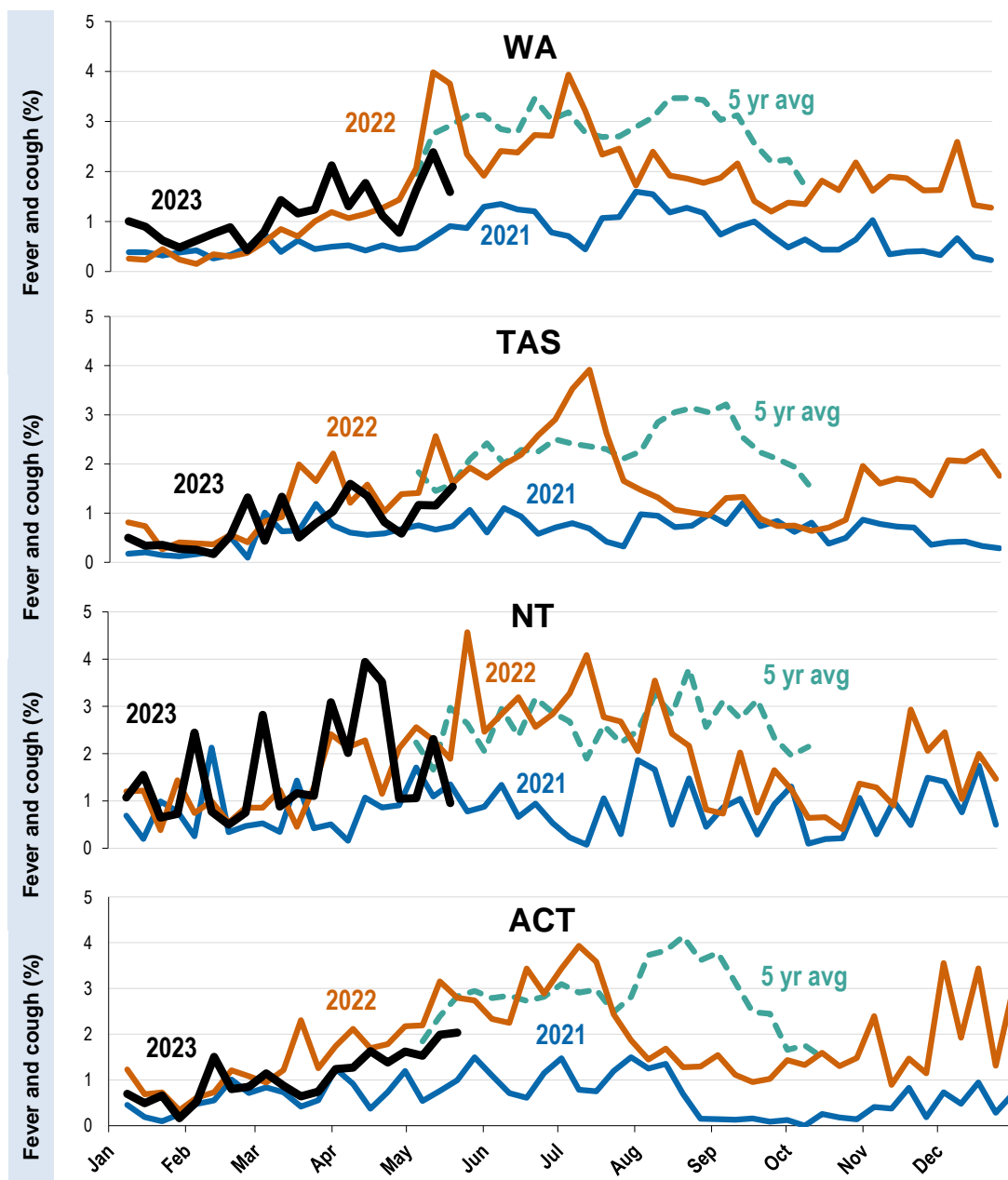


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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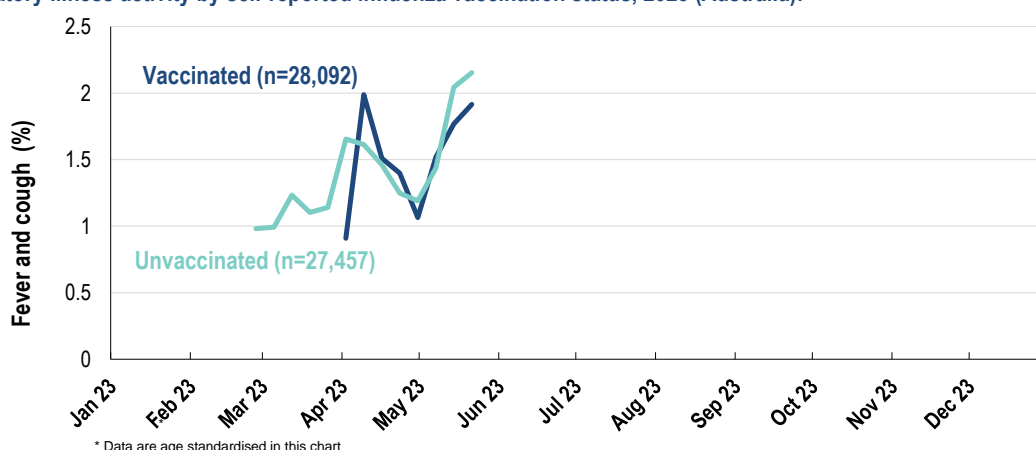
Participation:

55,549 participants (55,519 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	19926	35.9% 243.4
VIC	11000	19.8% 165.6
QLD	6810	12.3% 129.9
SA	4800	8.6% 270.8
WA	5377	9.7% 200.2
TAS	3523	6.3% 651.4
NT	825	1.5% 335.5
ACT	3288	5.9% 763.8
AUS	55549	100.0% 215.7

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	1.3	0.8				32.5
5-11 years	82.5	77.4	1.6	0.0	0.0	17.7
12-17 years	97.4	96.1	18.4	1.1	0.0	18.2
18-64 years	99.4	99.2	94.9	64.2	26.7	42.9
65+ years	99.5	99.4	98.4	93.7	63.3	66.0
Working with patients	99.5	99.4	97.8	72.6	32.0	54.6
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	94.5	92.3	74.7	50.8	25.1	42.1
Vaccinated overall (%)	97.9	97.5	89.7	71.3	39.7	50.6

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

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