

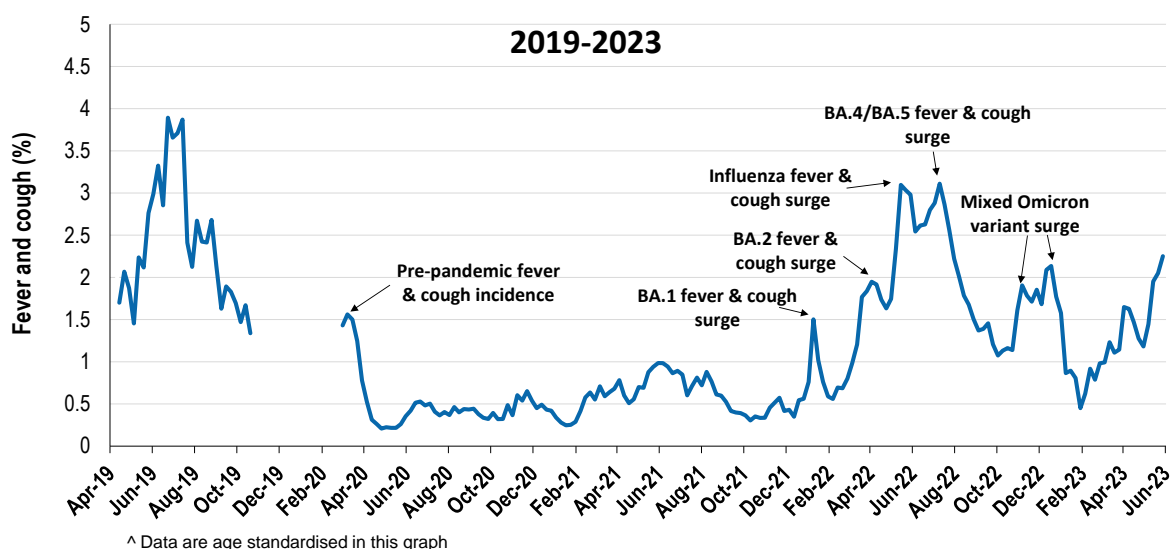
## Respiratory illness levels have increased in comparison to last week

**56,706 participants this week**

### Respiratory illness activity\*:

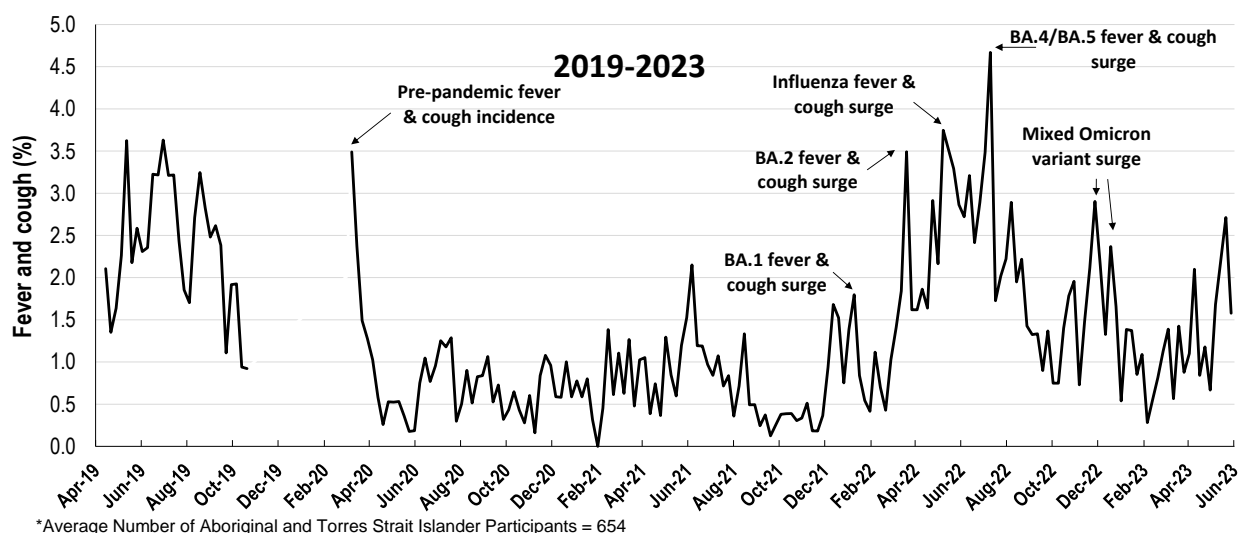
\*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

**2.3% this week and 2% last week**



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

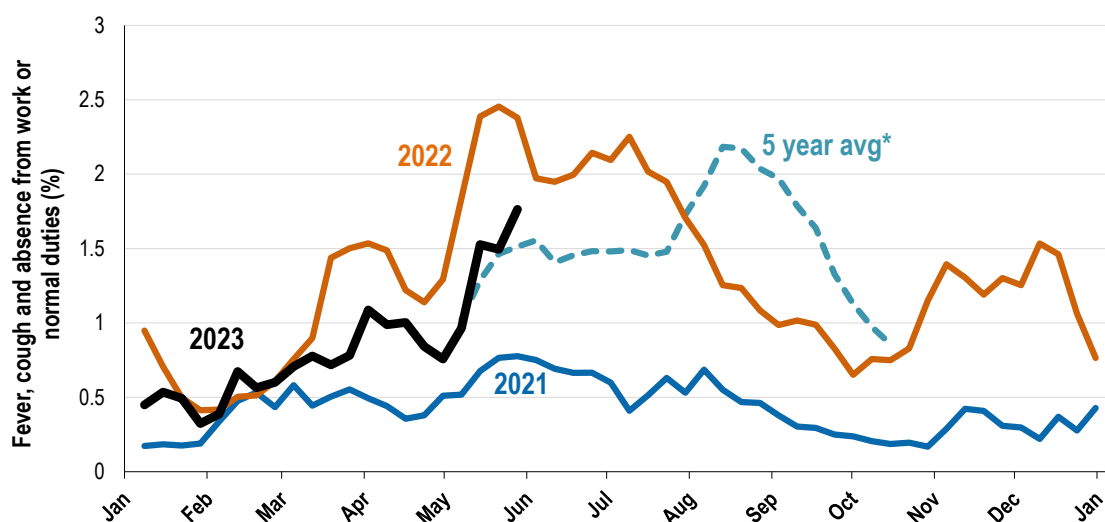
**1.6% this week and 2.7% last week**



<b>Respiratory illness severity:</b> <i>27% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 28 May 2023	Week ending 21 May 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
<b>Number of participants</b>	56706 (100%)	56102 (100%)
Fever & cough	867 (1.5%)	773 (1.4%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	627 (1.1%)	538 (1%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	412 (0.7%)	355 (0.6%)
<b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>	867 (100%)	773 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	234 (27%)	255 (33%)
Admitted to hospital	7 (0.8%)	11 (1.4%)
Tested for influenza	66 (7.6%)	53 (6.9%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	22 (2.5%)	18 (2.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	71 (8.2%)	71 (9.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	10 (1.2%)	20 (2.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	703 (81.1%)	644 (83.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	272 (31.4%)	266 (34.4%)

\*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

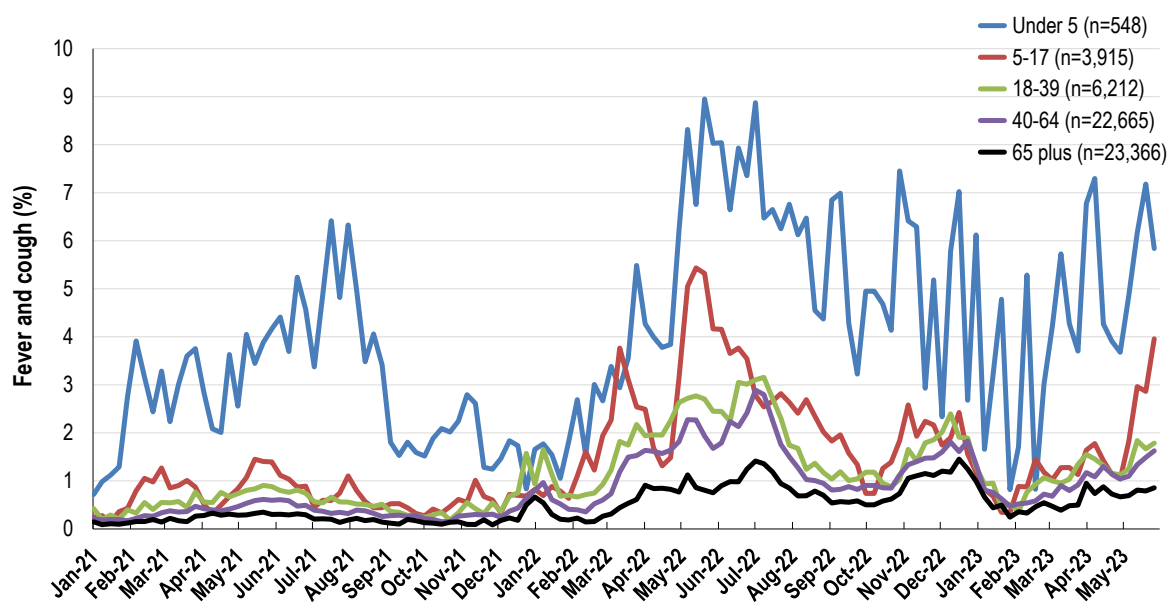
**Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):**



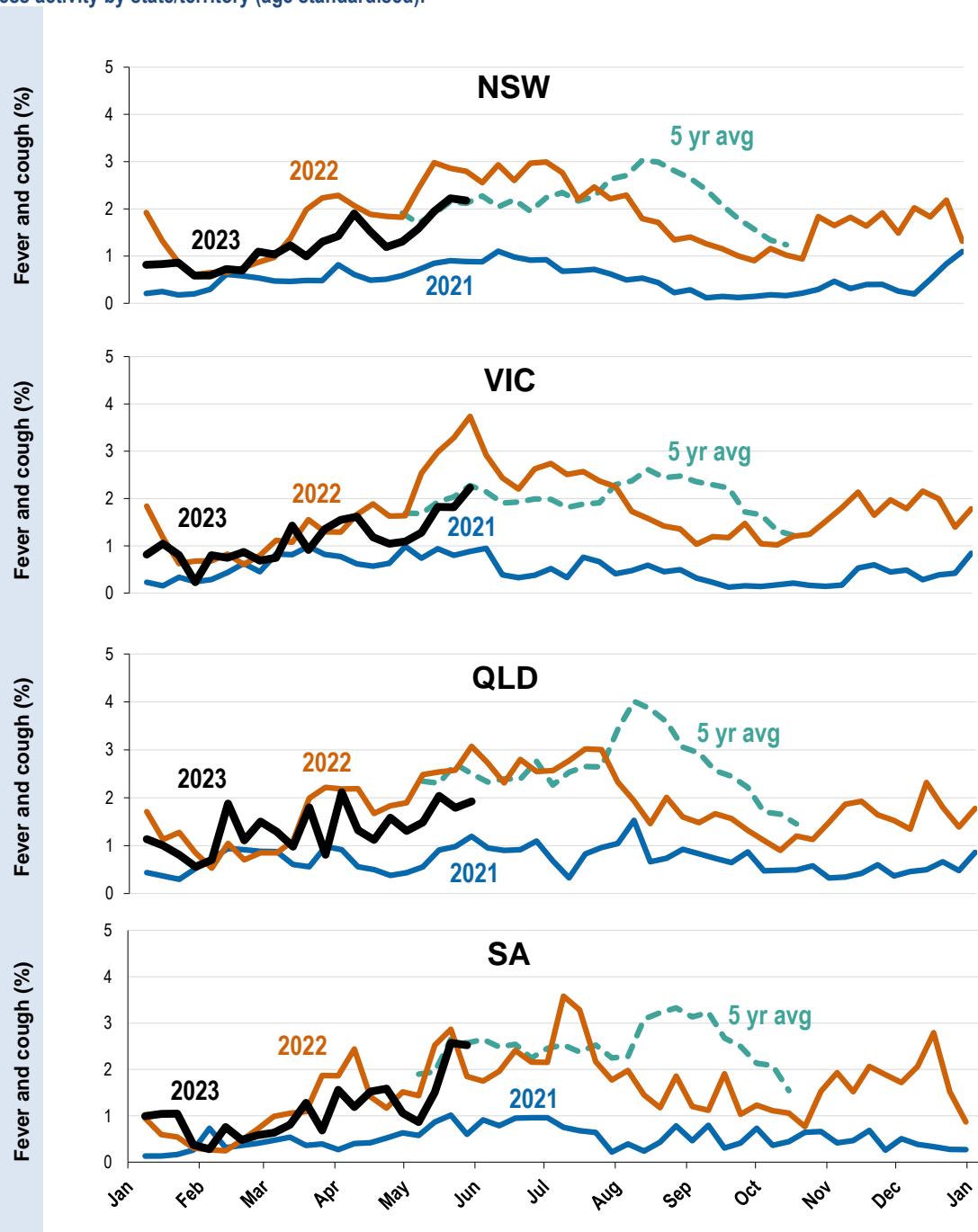
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

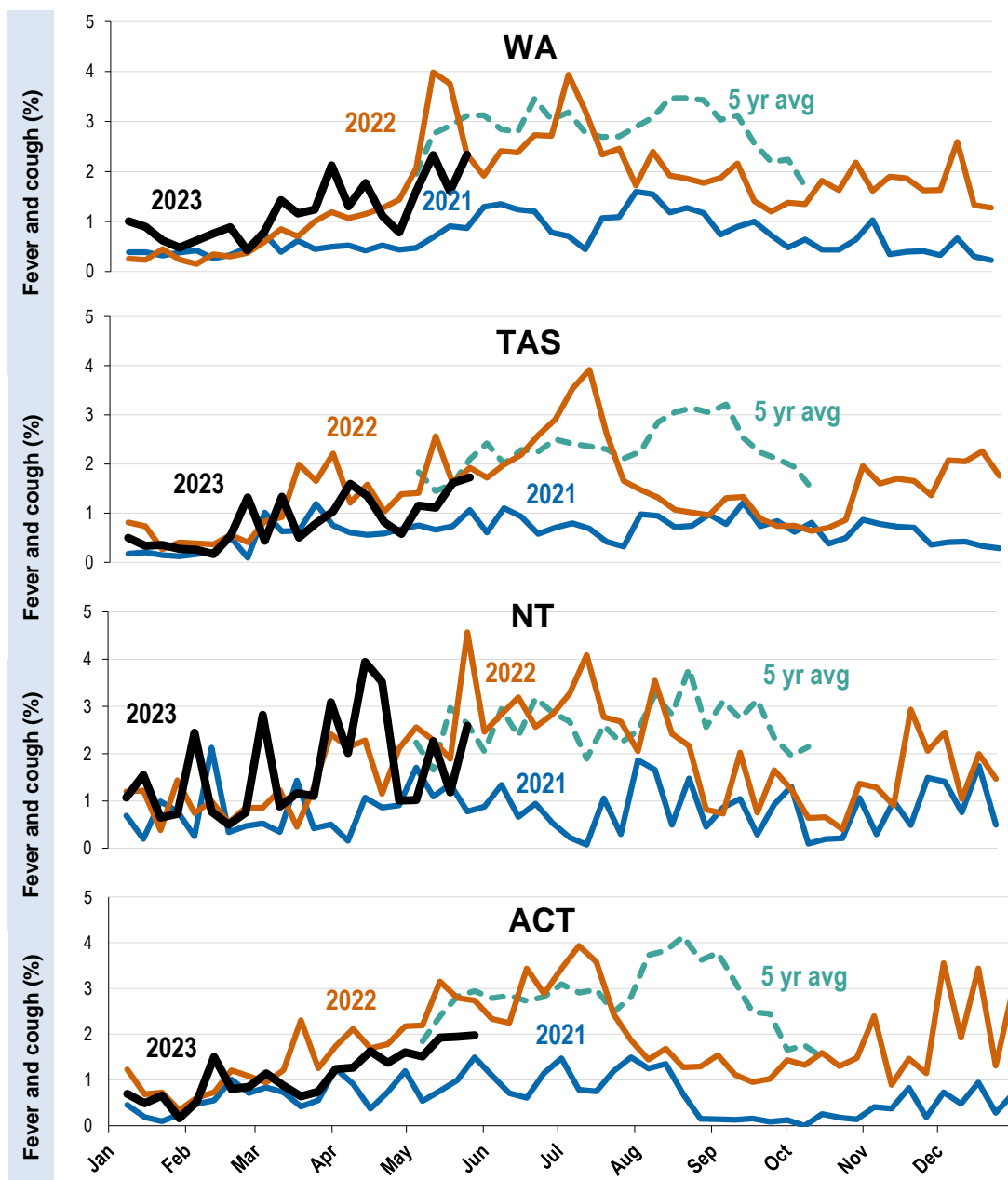


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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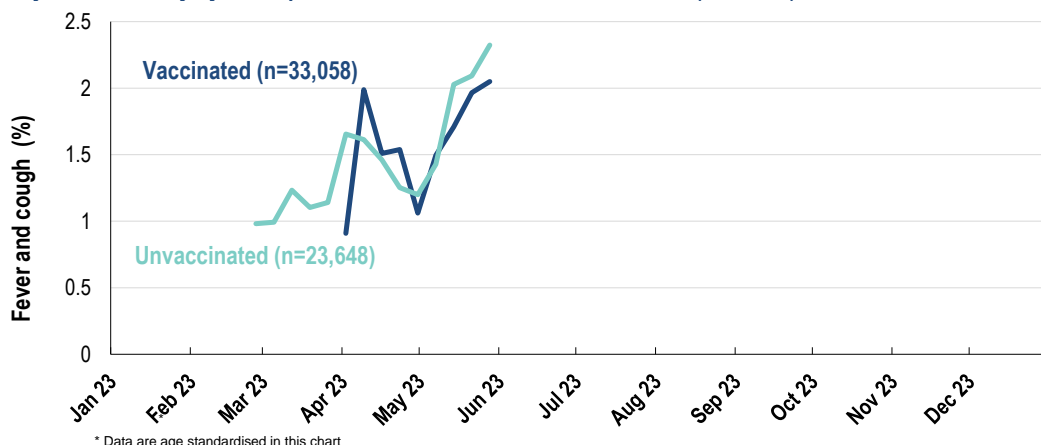
**Participation:**

56,706 participants (56,102 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	20282	35.8% <b>247.7</b>
VIC	11262	19.9% <b>169.5</b>
QLD	6984	12.3% <b>133.3</b>
SA	4877	8.6% <b>275.1</b>
WA	5494	9.7% <b>204.6</b>
TAS	3561	6.3% <b>658.5</b>
NT	869	1.5% <b>353.4</b>
ACT	3377	6.0% <b>784.4</b>
AUS	56706	100.0% <b>220.2</b>

**Vaccination rates:**

Vaccinated participants:	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	COVID-19 vaccine At least 3 doses (%)	At least 4 doses (%)	5 doses (%)	Influenza (%)
<5 years	1.8	1.1				39.8
5-11 years	83.4	77.3	2.0	0.0	0.0	23.5
12-17 years	97.5	96.1	19.2	1.3	0.0	22.5
18-64 years	99.3	99.2	94.9	64.8	28.7	51.2
65+ years	99.5	99.4	98.3	93.7	65.8	73.5
Working with patients	99.6	99.5	97.9	73.4	34.7	63.6
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	94.5	92.7	74.0	50.1	24.3	50.9
<b>Vaccinated overall (%)</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>58.3</b>

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

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