

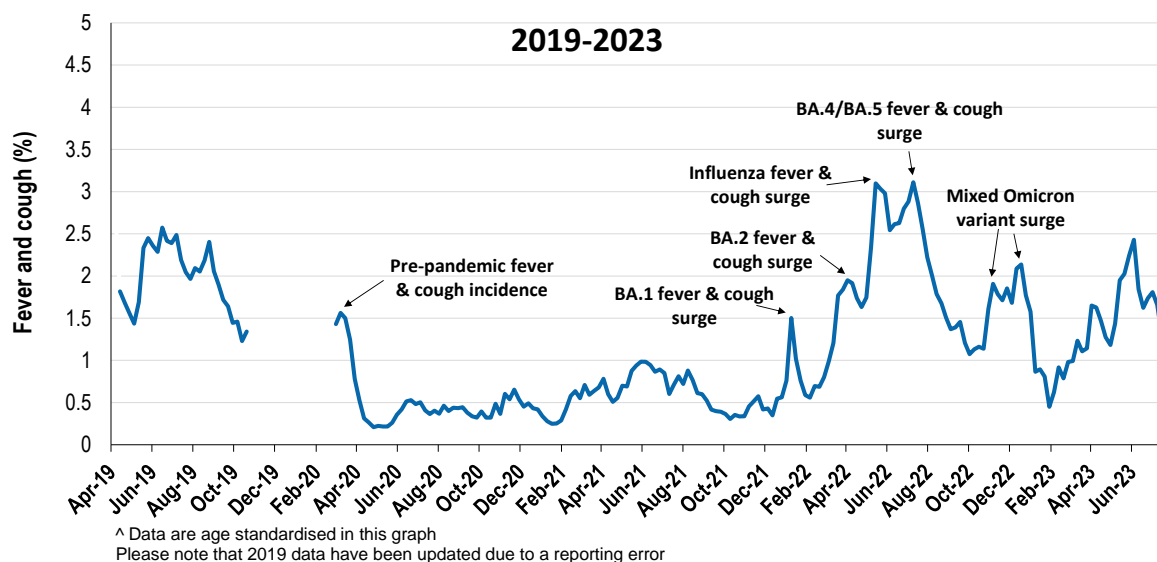
Respiratory illness levels have decreased in comparison to last week, particularly in children aged under 18 years

54,831 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

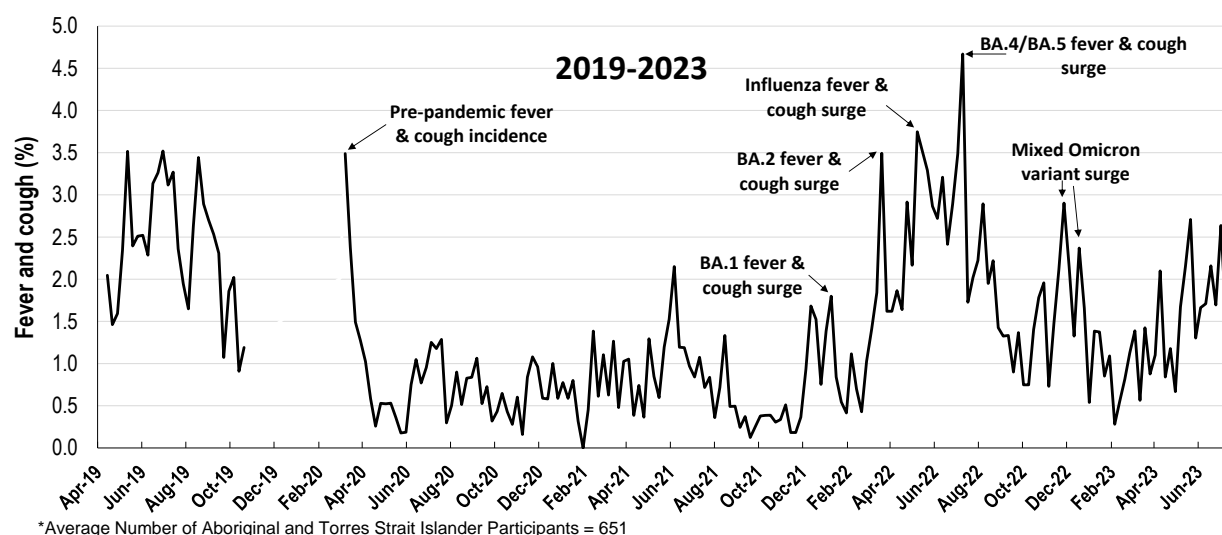
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1.3% this week and 1.7% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

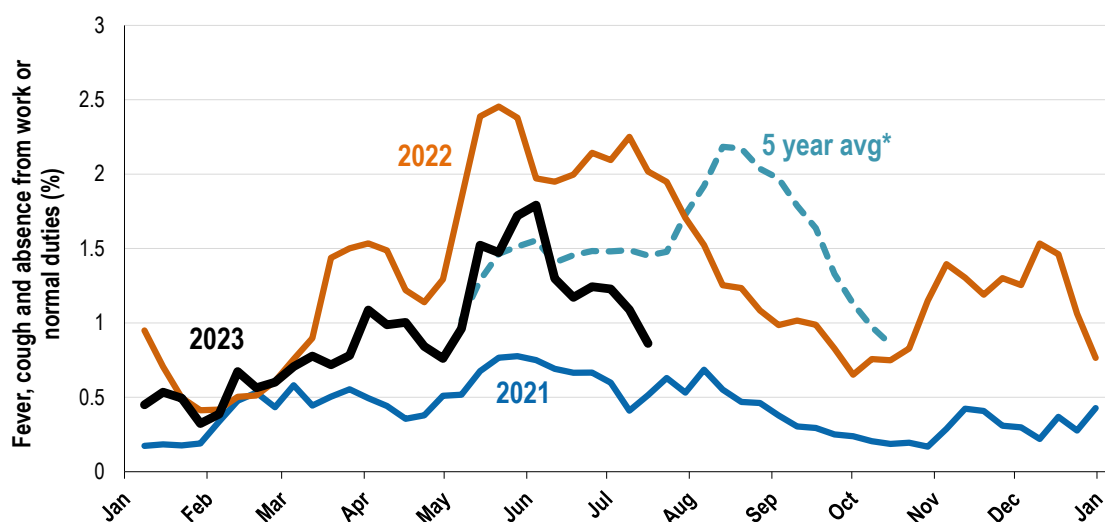
1.4% this week and 1.5% last week



Respiratory illness severity: <i>27.4% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 16 July 2023	Week ending 09 July 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	54831 (100%)	54688 (100%)
Fever & cough	526 (1%)	614 (1.1%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	338 (0.6%)	388 (0.7%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	210 (0.4%)	259 (0.5%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	526 (100%)	614 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	144 (27.4%)	206 (33.6%)
Admitted to hospital	5 (1%)	7 (1.1%)
Tested for influenza	59 (11.2%)	76 (12.4%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	22 (4.2%)	33 (5.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	59 (11.2%)	70 (11.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	7 (1.3%)	11 (1.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	341 (64.8%)	461 (75.1%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	50 (9.5%)	76 (12.4%)

*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

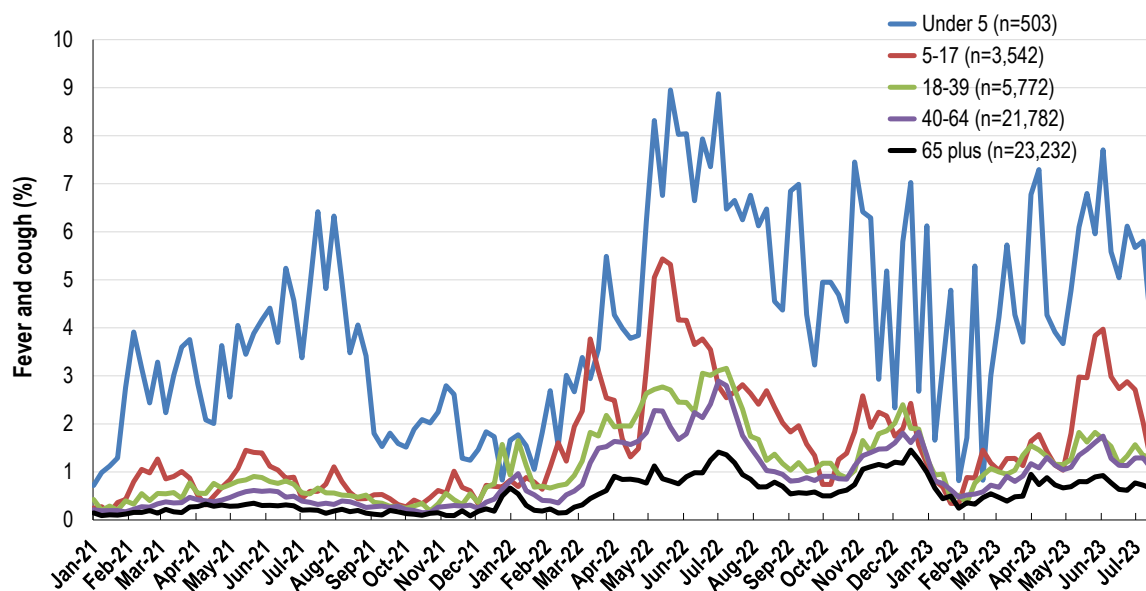
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



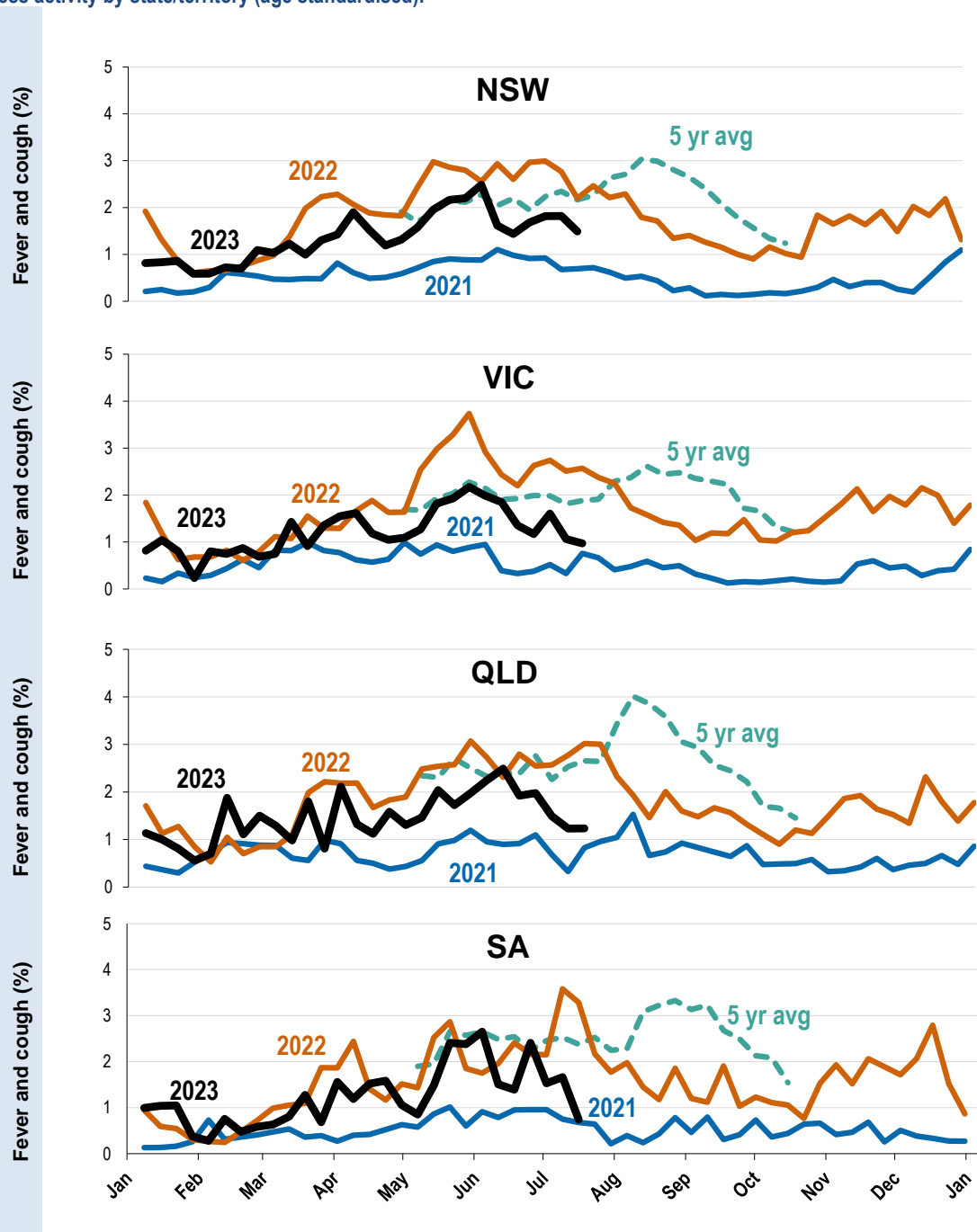
*5 year average is calculated using 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 data

^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

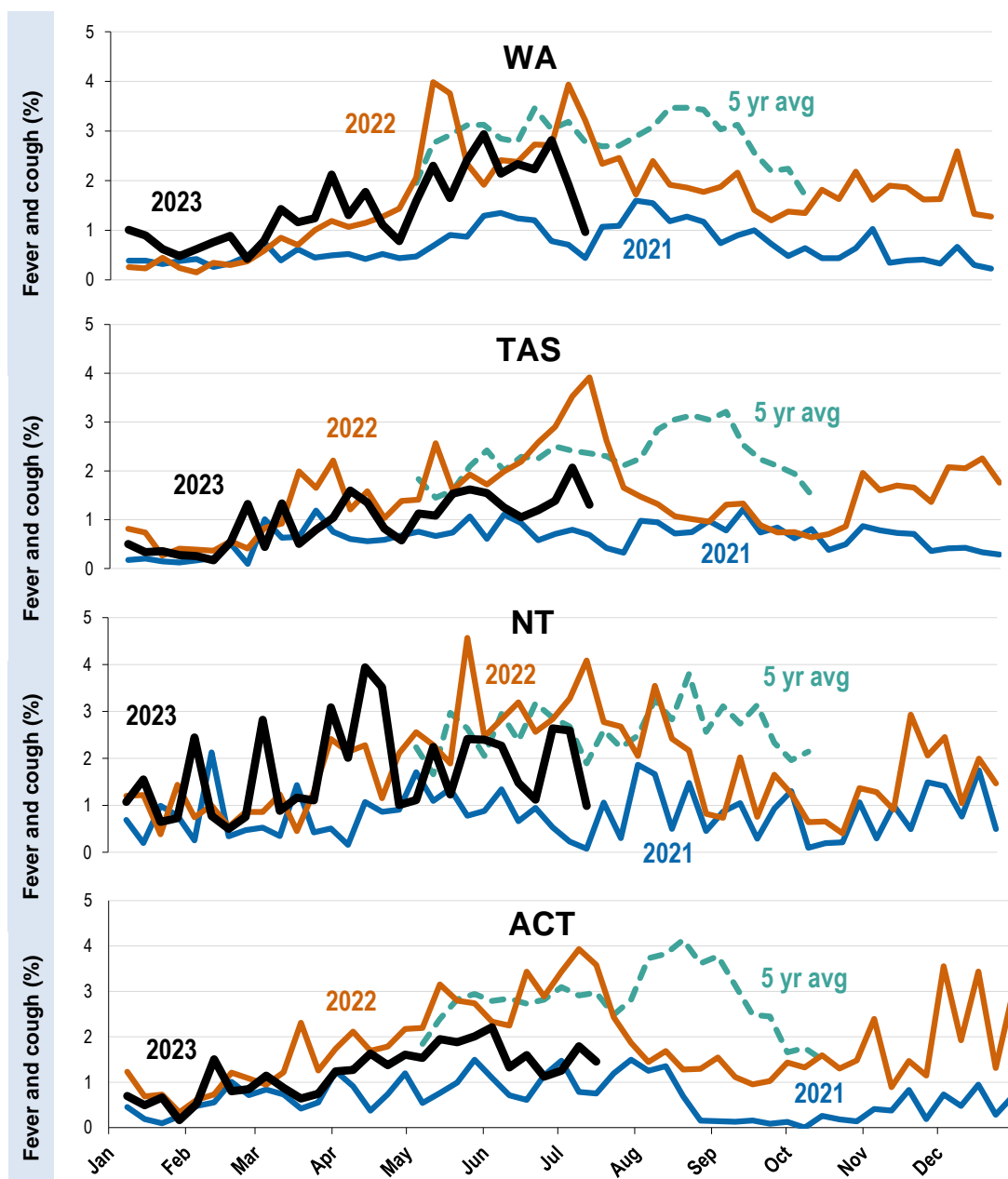


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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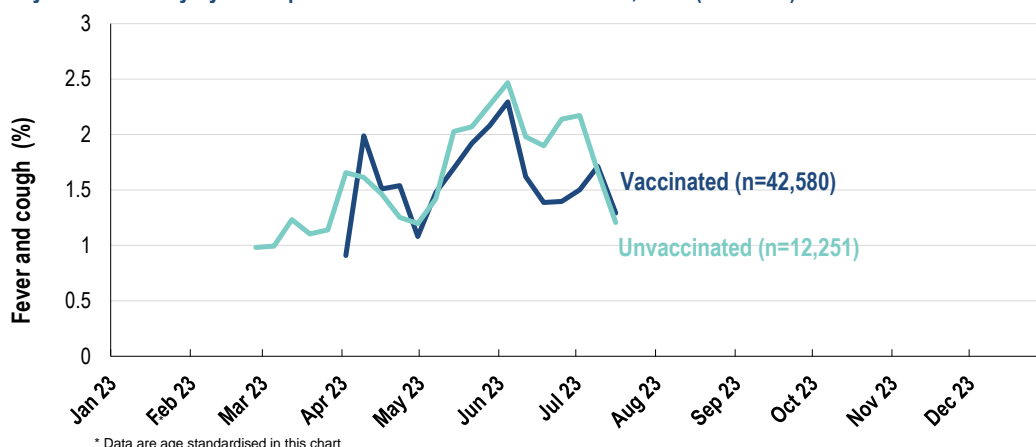
Participation:

54,831 participants (54,688 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	19671	35.9% 240.3
VIC	10893	19.9% 164.0
QLD	6770	12.3% 129.2
SA	4700	8.6% 265.1
WA	5334	9.7% 198.6
TAS	3340	6.1% 617.6
NT	836	1.5% 340.0
ACT	3287	6.0% 763.5
AUS	54831	100.0% 212.9

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	2.0	1.0				65.0
5-11 years	81.6	76.2	2.3	0.0	0.0	46.3
12-17 years	96.8	95.6	17.7	1.3	0.0	38.3
18-64 years	99.4	99.3	95.0	67.3	36.7	71.9
65+ years	99.5	99.4	98.4	94.1	76.6	90.2
Working with patients	99.6	99.5	97.8	75.3	43.5	83.8
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	95.5	93.3	75.3	54.7	30.4	66.2
Vaccinated overall (%)	97.9	97.6	90.1	73.7	50.9	77.7

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

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