

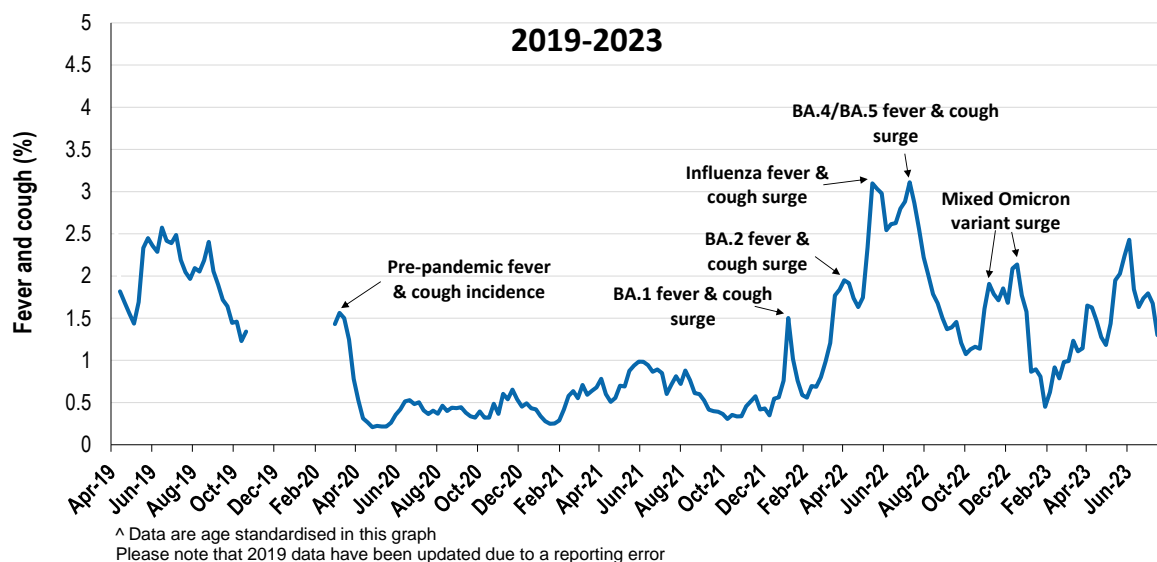
## Respiratory illness levels have remained steady this week

**54,650 participants this week**

### Respiratory illness activity\*:

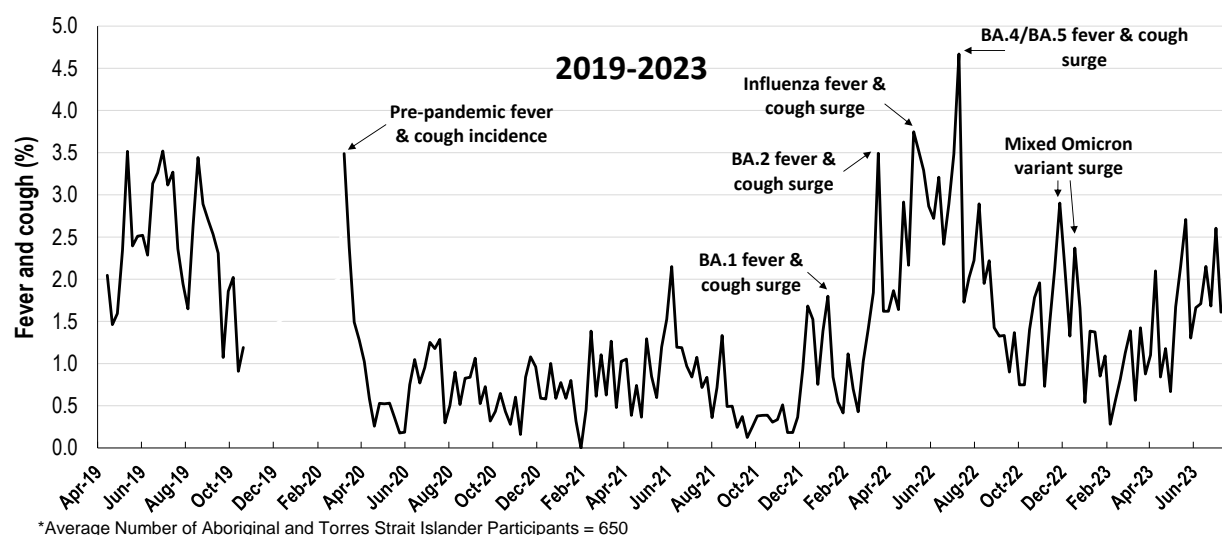
\*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

**1.3% this week and 1.3% last week**



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

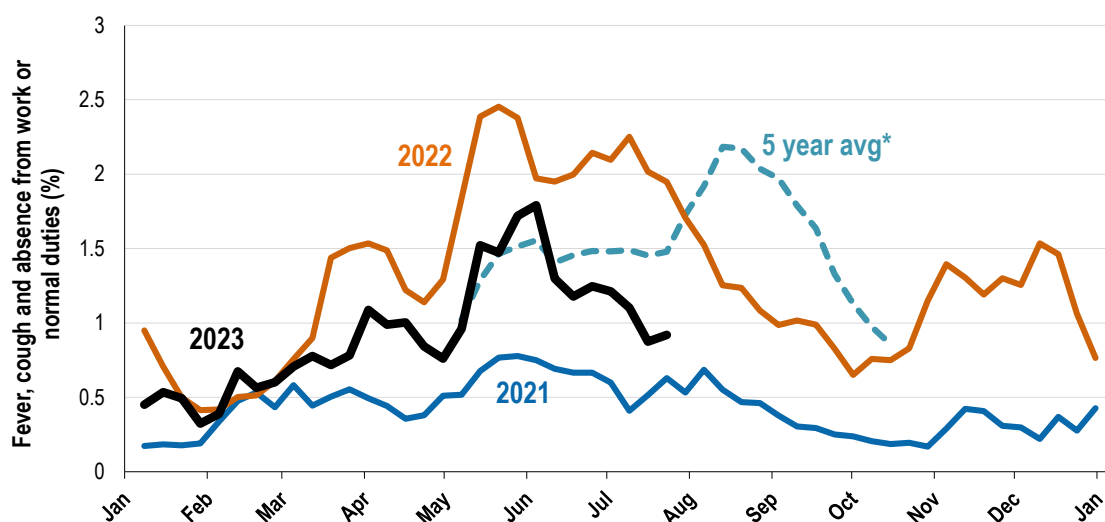
**0.4% this week and 1.7% last week**



Respiratory illness severity: <i>29.4% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 23 July 2023	Week ending 16 July 2023
	number (%)	number (%)
<b>Number of participants</b>	54650 (100%)	54831 (100%)
Fever & cough	480 (0.9%)	526 (1%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	328 (0.6%)	330 (0.6%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	199 (0.4%)	207 (0.4%)
<b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>	480 (100%)	526 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	141 (29.4%)	170 (32.3%)
Admitted to hospital	2 (0.4%)	7 (1.3%)
Tested for influenza	40 (8.3%)	76 (14.4%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	15 (3.1%)	31 (5.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	40 (8.3%)	71 (13.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	4 (0.8%)	8 (1.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	316 (65.8%)	361 (68.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	44 (9.2%)	53 (10.1%)

\*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

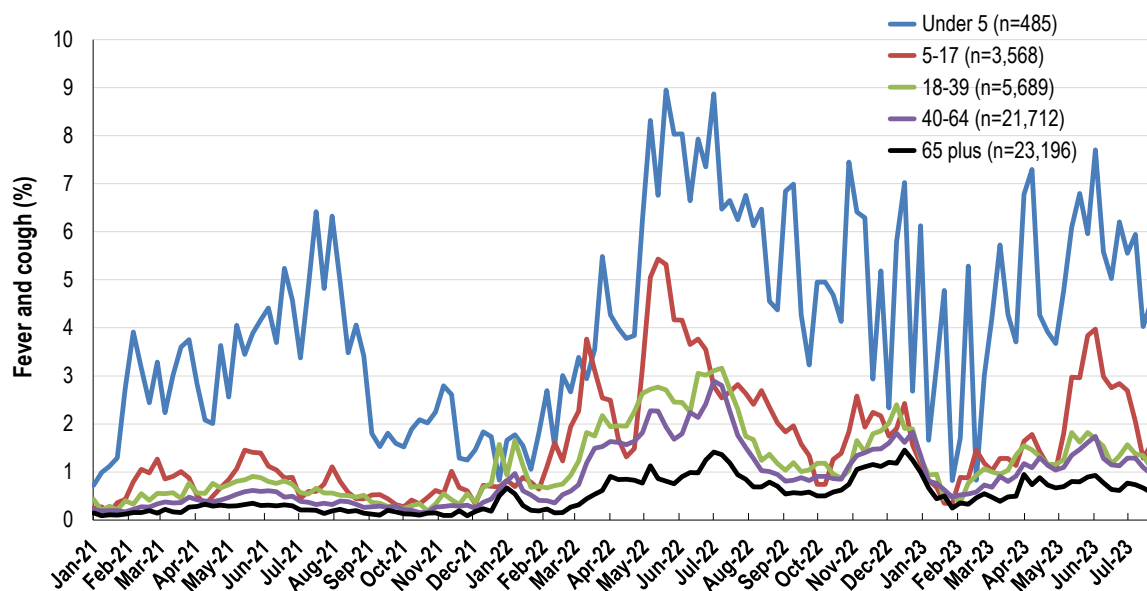
**Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):**



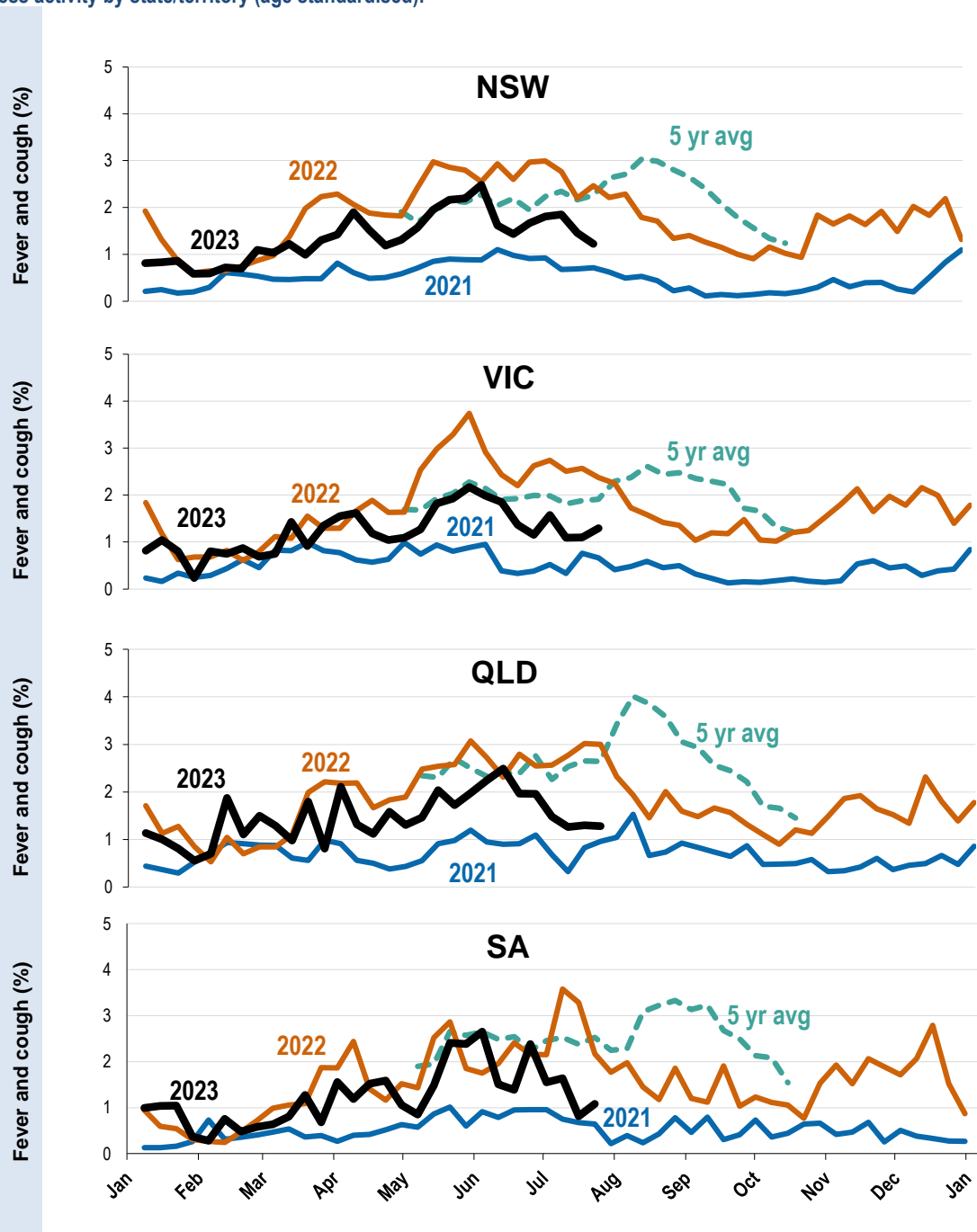
\*5 year average is calculated using 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 data

^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

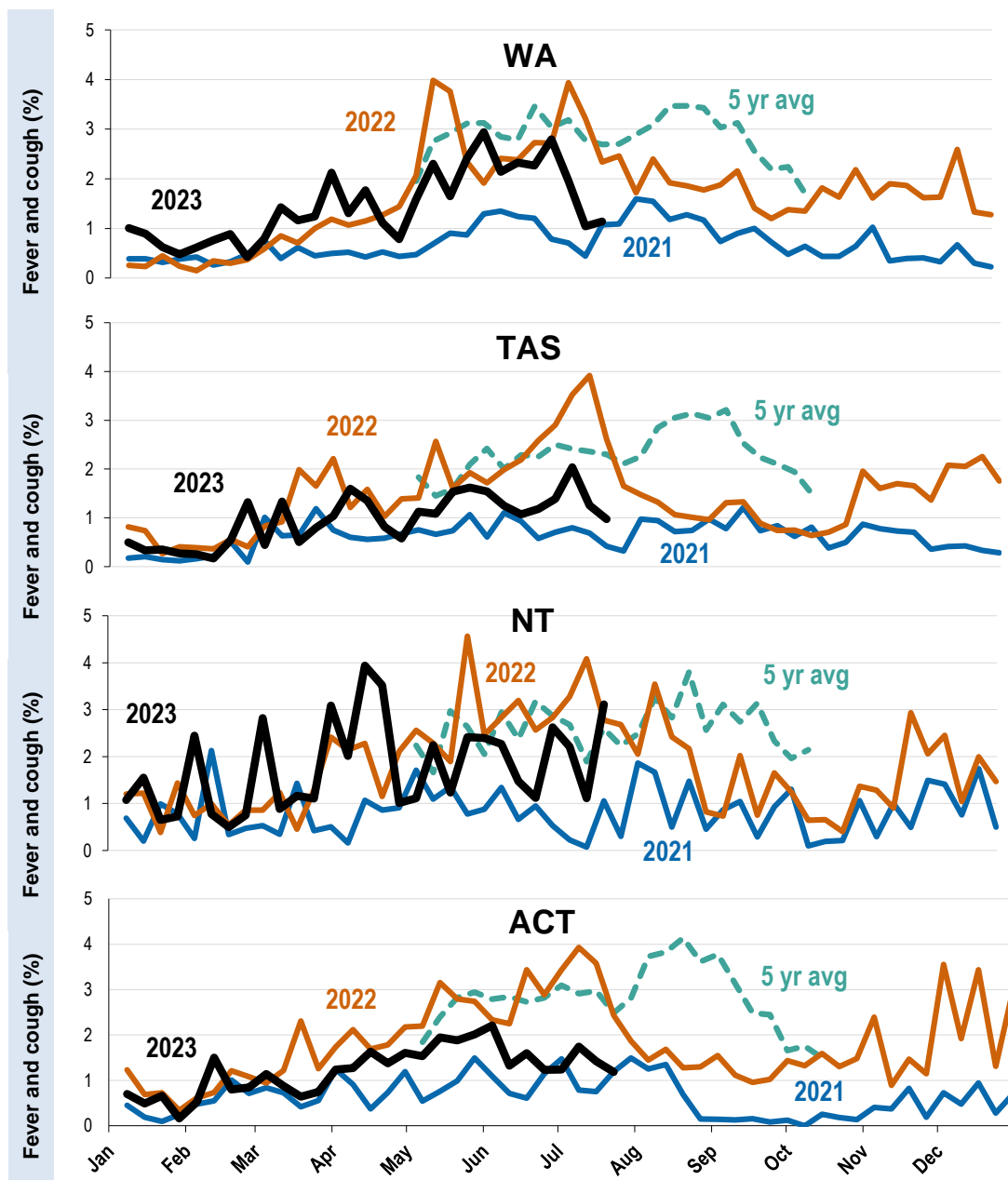


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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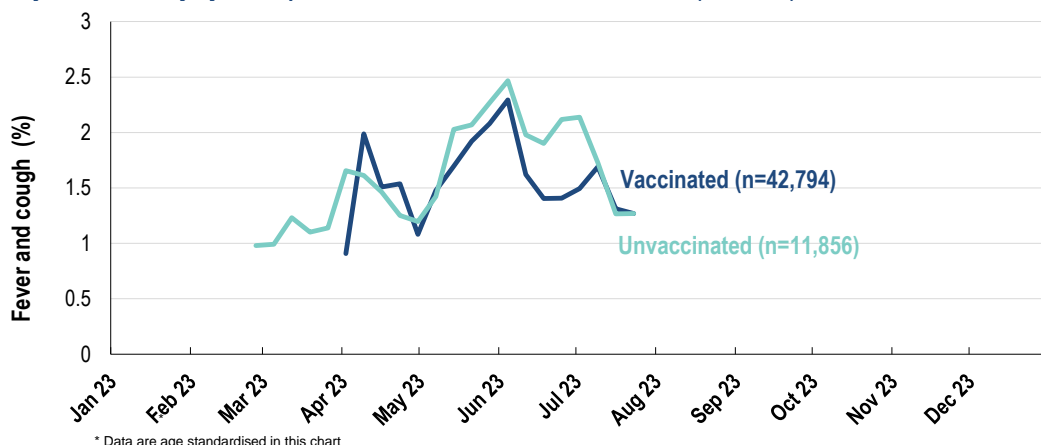
**Participation:**

54,650 participants (54,831 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	19560	35.8% <b>238.9</b>
VIC	10906	20.0% <b>164.2</b>
QLD	6753	12.4% <b>128.9</b>
SA	4726	8.6% <b>266.6</b>
WA	5269	9.6% <b>196.2</b>
TAS	3356	6.1% <b>620.6</b>
NT	848	1.6% <b>344.9</b>
ACT	3232	5.9% <b>750.8</b>
AUS	54650	100.0% <b>212.2</b>

**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	2.1	0.8				63.5
5-11 years	83.4	78.1	2.1	0.0	0.0	48.9
12-17 years	97.1	95.6	17.1	1.4	0.0	39.7
18-64 years	99.4	99.2	95.0	67.7	37.5	72.7
65+ years	99.5	99.5	98.4	94.3	77.3	90.5
Working with patients	99.6	99.5	97.9	75.1	43.9	84.7
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	95.3	92.9	75.4	54.1	29.9	65.9
<b>Vaccinated overall (%)</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>90.1</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>78.3</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):**
