

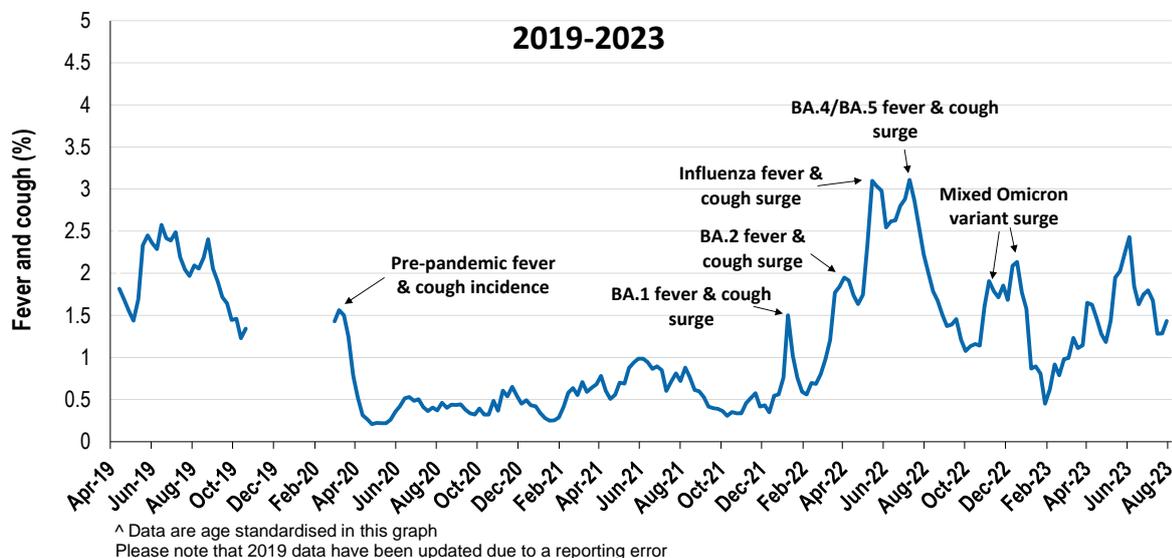
**Respiratory illness levels have increased this week**

**54,709 participants this week**

**Respiratory illness activity\*:**

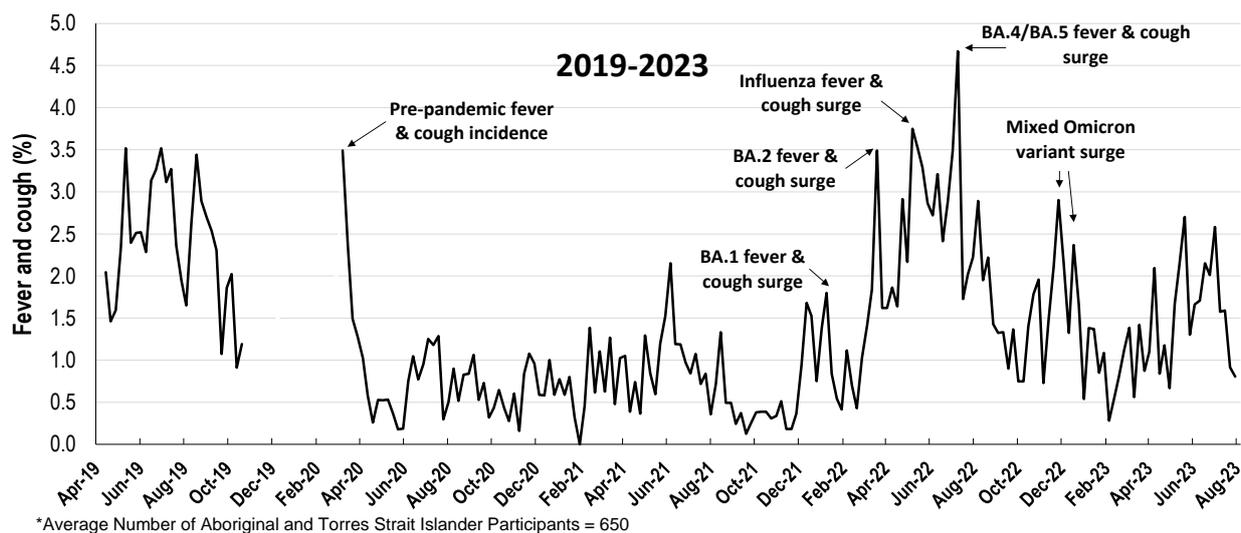
\*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

**1.4% this week and 1.3% last week**



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

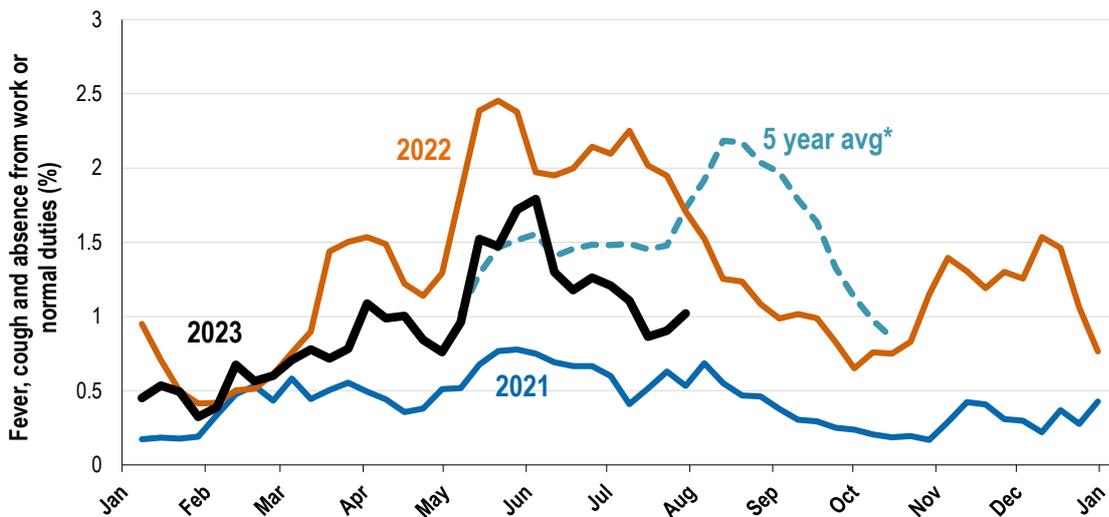
**0.8% this week and 0.9% last week**



<b>Respiratory illness severity:</b>		
<i>26.1% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
<b>Respiratory illness Severity</b>	<b>Week ending 30 July 2023</b>	<b>Week ending 23 July 2023</b>
	<b>number (%)</b>	<b>number (%)</b>
<b>Number of participants</b>	54709 (100%)	54650 (100%)
Fever & cough	529 (1%)	480 (0.9%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	340 (0.6%)	323 (0.6%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	204 (0.4%)	198 (0.4%)
<b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>	529 (100%)	480 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	138 (26.1%)	162 (33.8%)
Admitted to hospital	7 (1.3%)	2 (0.4%)
Tested for influenza	50 (9.5%)	48 (10%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	14 (2.6%)	18 (3.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	47 (8.9%)	49 (10.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	3 (0.6%)	5 (1%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	363 (68.6%)	332 (69.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	42 (7.9%)	46 (9.6%)

\*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

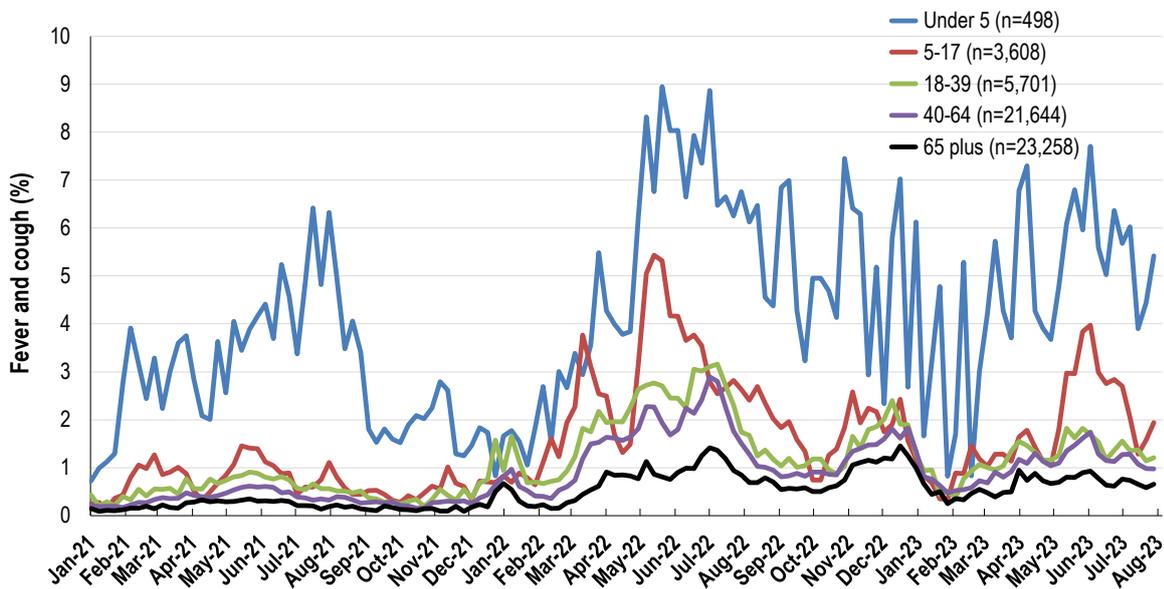
**Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):**



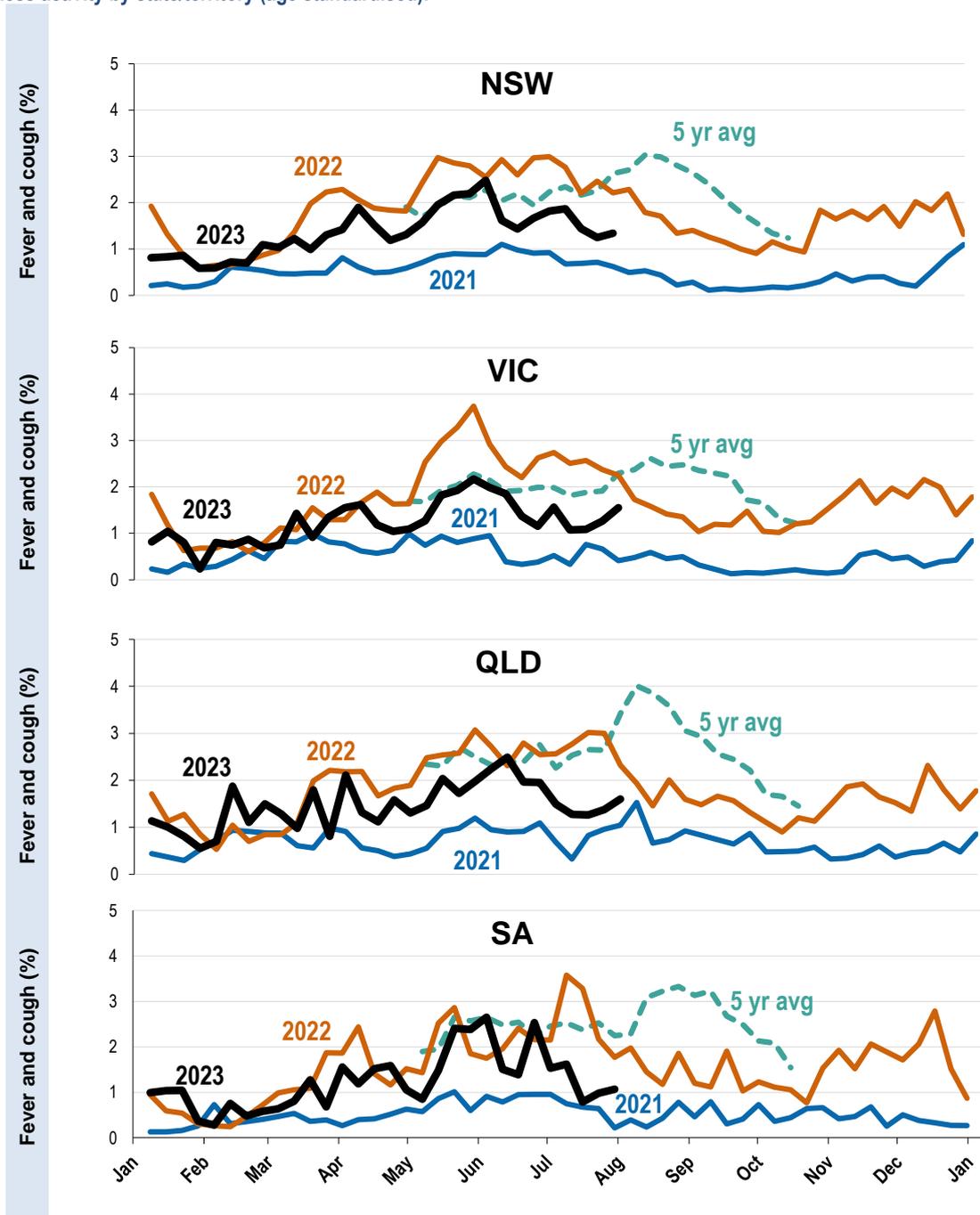
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

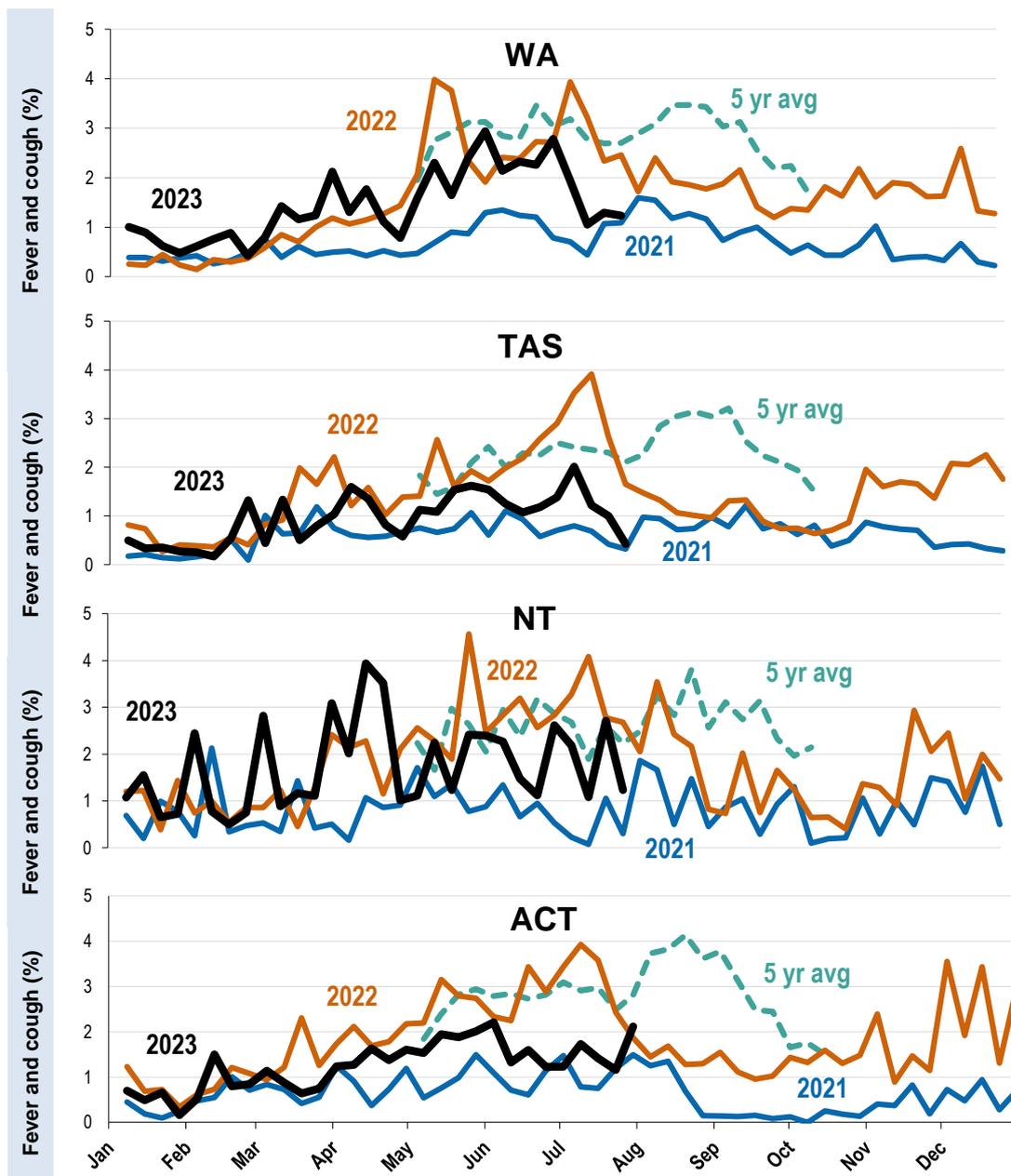


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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**Participation:**

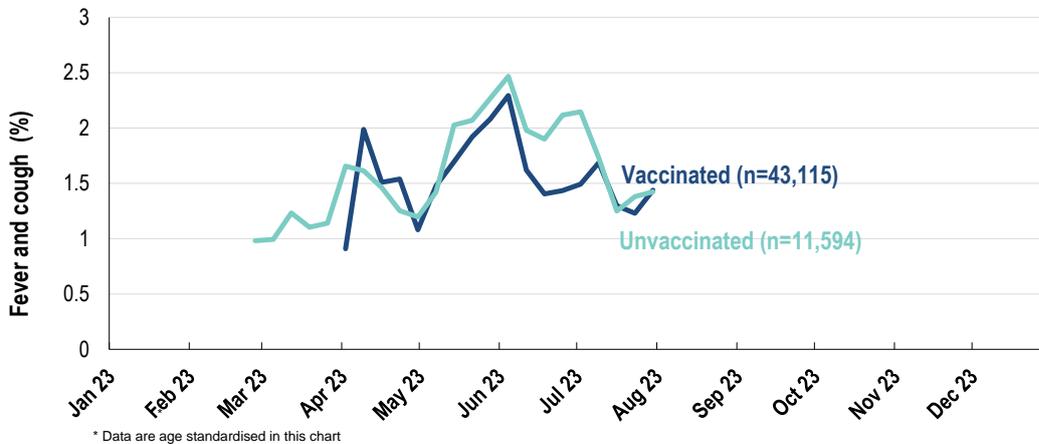
**54,709 participants (54,650 last week)**

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	19571	35.8% <b>237.5</b>
VIC	10945	20.0% <b>163.3</b>
QLD	6788	12.4% <b>126.2</b>
SA	4766	8.7% <b>259.8</b>
WA	5250	9.6% <b>185.8</b>
TAS	3393	6.2% <b>593.6</b>
NT	784	1.4% <b>313.5</b>
ACT	3212	5.9% <b>696.9</b>
AUS	54709	100.0% <b>212.5</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	2.6	1.0				68.9
5-11 years	82.8	77.6	2.4	0.0	0.0	52.3
12-17 years	96.8	95.5	17.6	1.4	0.0	43.7
18-64 years	99.3	99.2	94.9	67.5	37.8	74.2
65+ years	99.5	99.5	98.5	94.2	78.0	91.6
Working with patients	99.6	99.4	97.9	75.2	44.5	85.8
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	94.6	92.4	74.8	51.1	28.6	66.6
<b>Vaccinated overall (%)</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>79.8</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):**

