

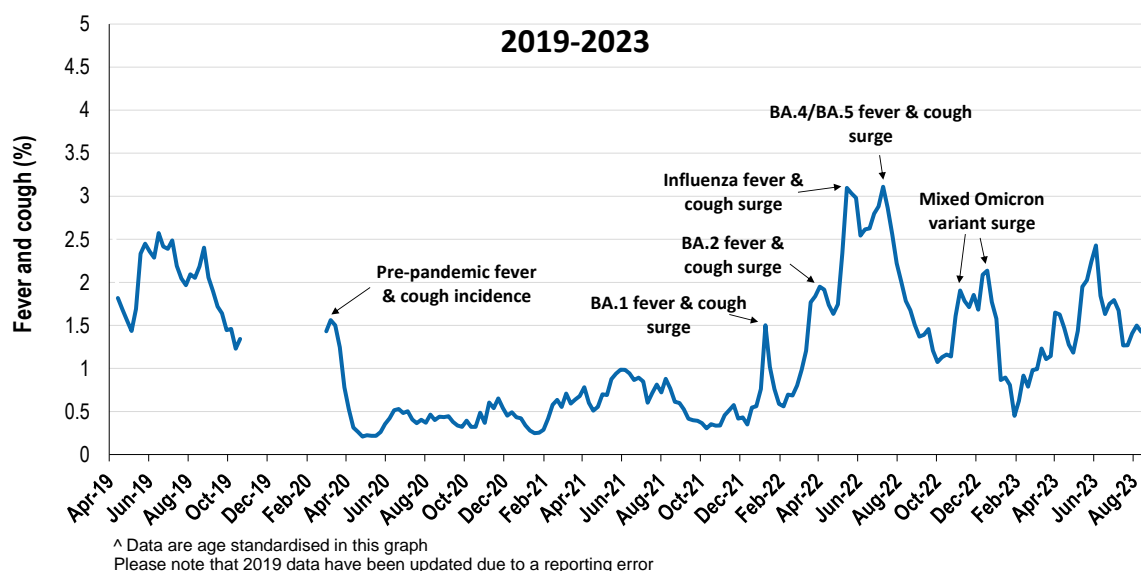
## Respiratory illness levels have decreased this week

54,425 participants this week

### Respiratory illness activity\*:

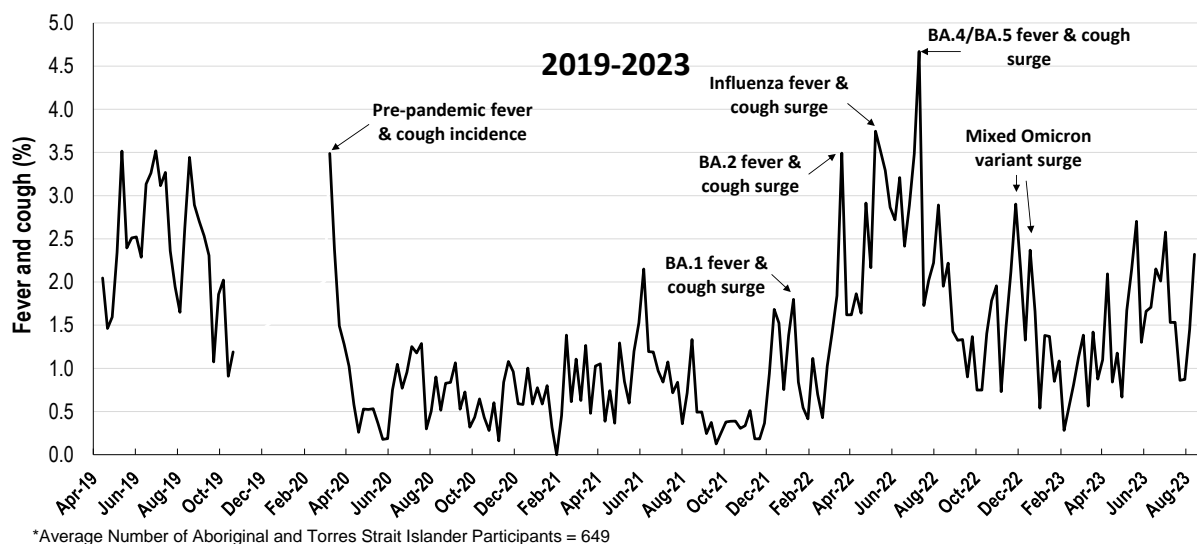
\*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

**1.4% this week and 1.5% last week**



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

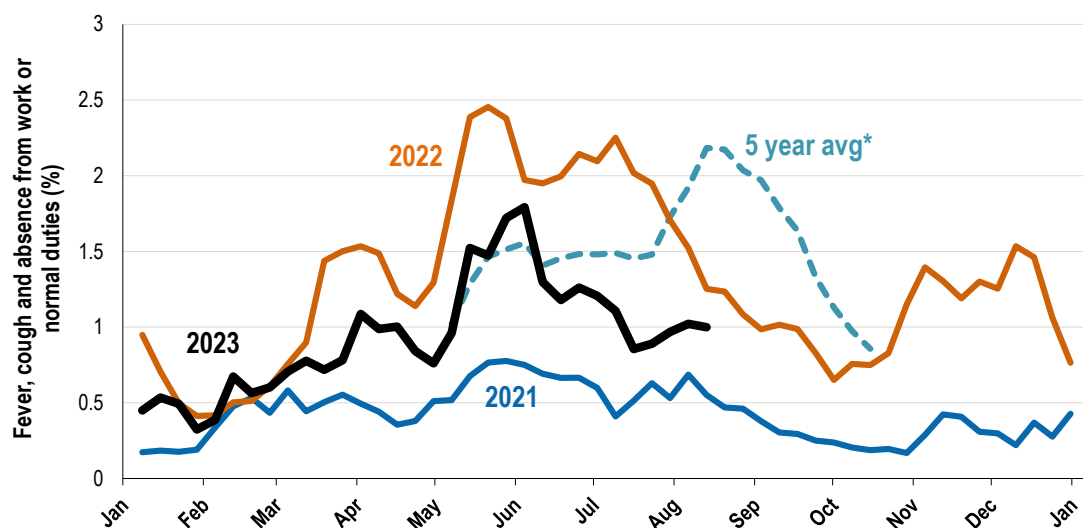
**2.3% this week and 1.5% last week**



<b>Respiratory illness severity:</b> <i>20.9% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	<b>Week ending 13 August 2023</b>  <b>number (%)</b>	<b>Week ending 06 August 2023</b>  <b>number (%)</b>
<b>Number of participants</b>	54425 (100%)	54689 (100%)
Fever & cough	492 (0.9%)	544 (1%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	323 (0.6%)	356 (0.7%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	175 (0.3%)	225 (0.4%)
<b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>	492 (100%)	544 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	103 (20.9%)	159 (29.2%)
Admitted to hospital	3 (0.6%)	10 (1.8%)
Tested for influenza	34 (6.9%)	53 (9.7%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	7 (1.4%)	16 (2.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	33 (6.7%)	56 (10.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	6 (1.2%)	1 (0.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	293 (59.6%)	369 (67.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	31 (6.3%)	55 (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

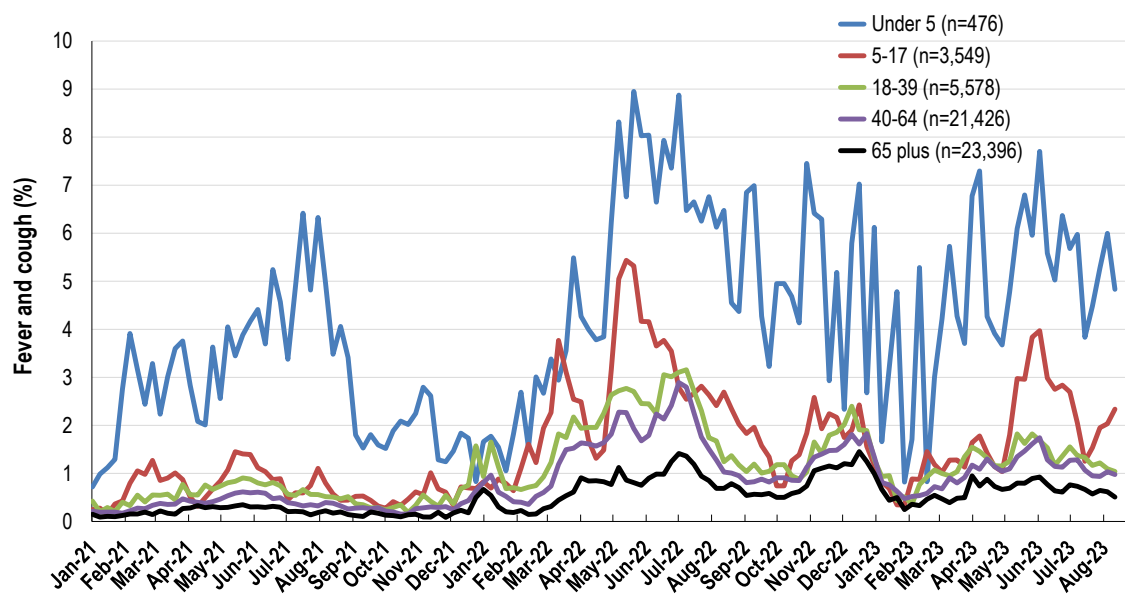
**Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):**



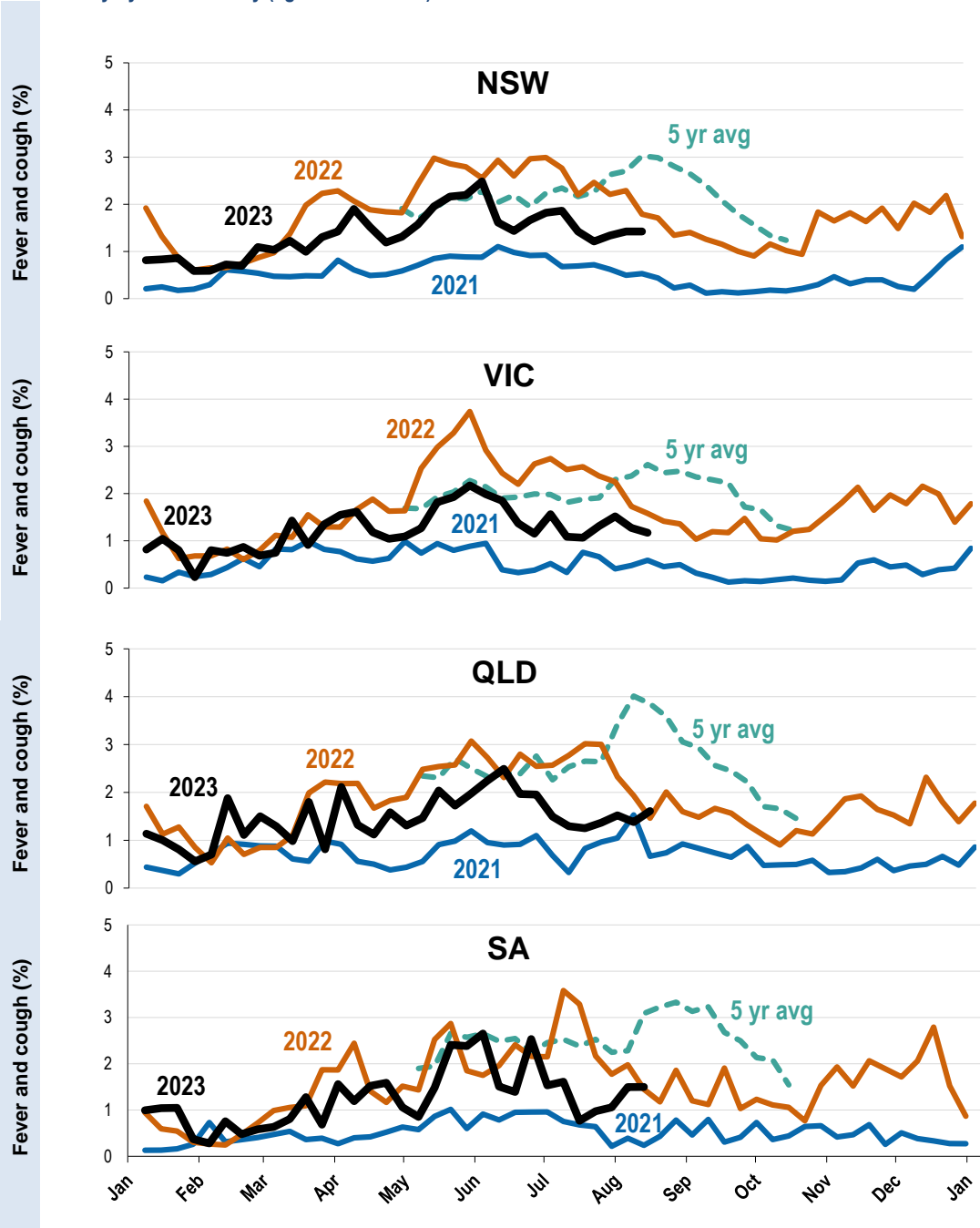
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

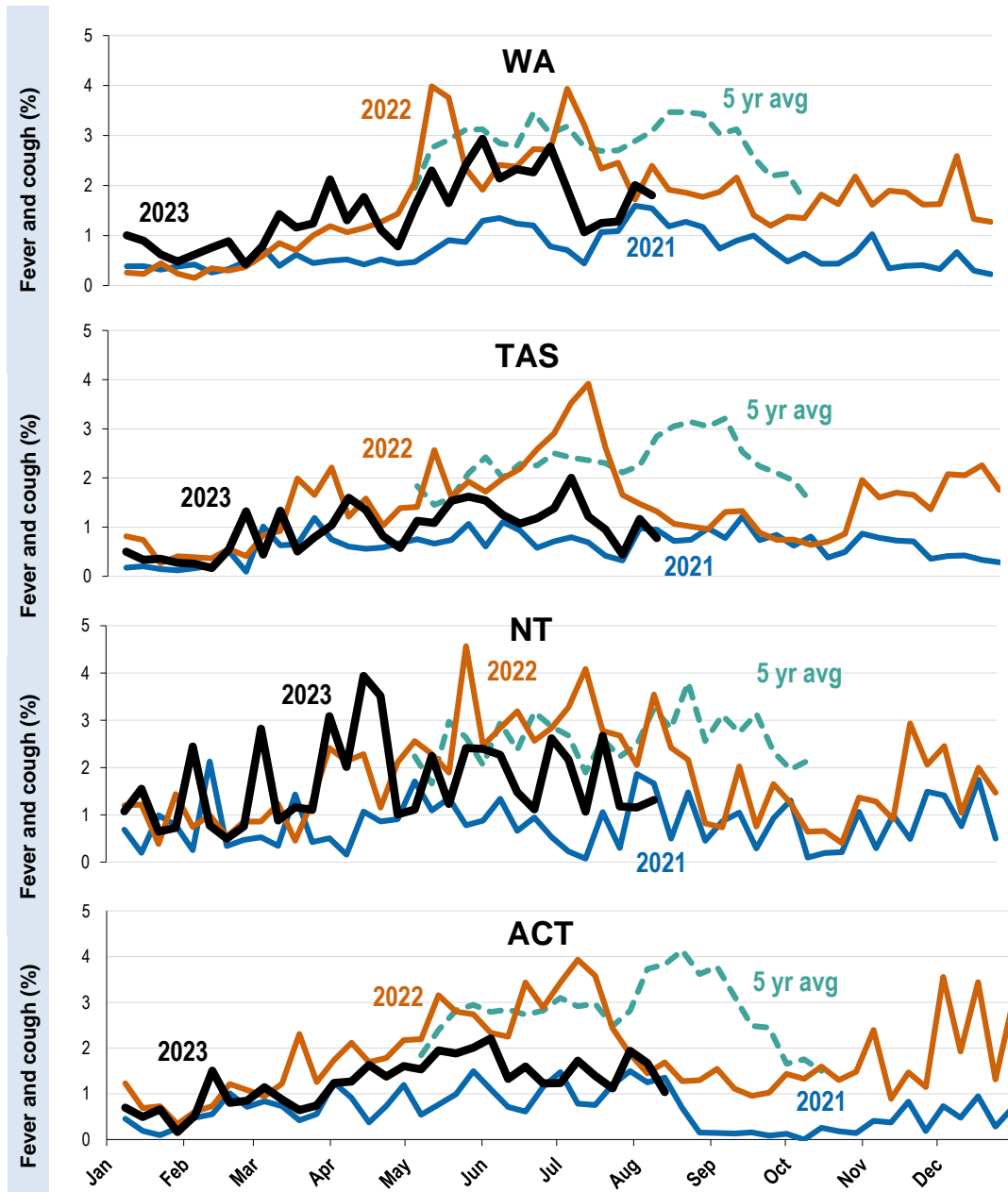


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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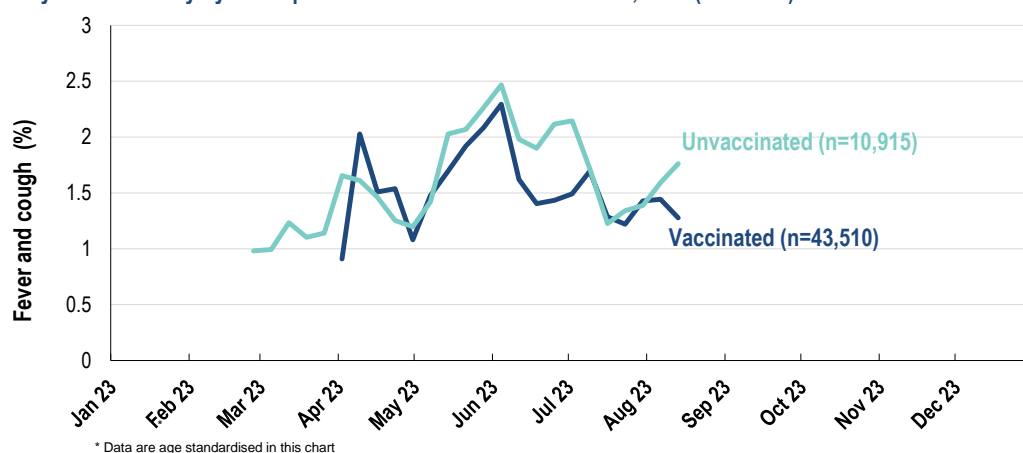
**Participation:**

54,425 participants (54,689 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	19502	35.8% <b>236.7</b>
VIC	10844	19.9% <b>161.7</b>
QLD	6712	12.3% <b>124.8</b>
SA	4744	8.7% <b>258.6</b>
WA	5253	9.7% <b>185.9</b>
TAS	3363	6.2% <b>588.3</b>
NT	790	1.5% <b>315.9</b>
ACT	3217	5.9% <b>698.0</b>
AUS	54425	100.0% <b>211.4</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	2.3	1.1				70.4
5-11 years	81.7	76.1	2.2	0.0	0.0	54.2
12-17 years	97.0	95.7	16.2	1.3	0.0	44.9
18-64 years	99.4	99.2	95.1	68.0	38.8	74.9
65+ years	99.5	99.4	98.5	94.2	78.8	91.9
Working with patients	99.5	99.4	97.8	75.7	45.9	86.1
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	94.6	92.3	73.7	51.6	29.2	69.1
<b>Vaccinated overall (%)</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>90.1</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>80.5</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):**
