



Respiratory illness levels have stabilised this week

35,684 participants this week

Please note over the summer period there will be a reduced sample size for FluTracking, as participants have been given the option to opt-out until April 2024.

Figure 1- Respiratory illness activity*

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

1.5% this week and 1.5% last week

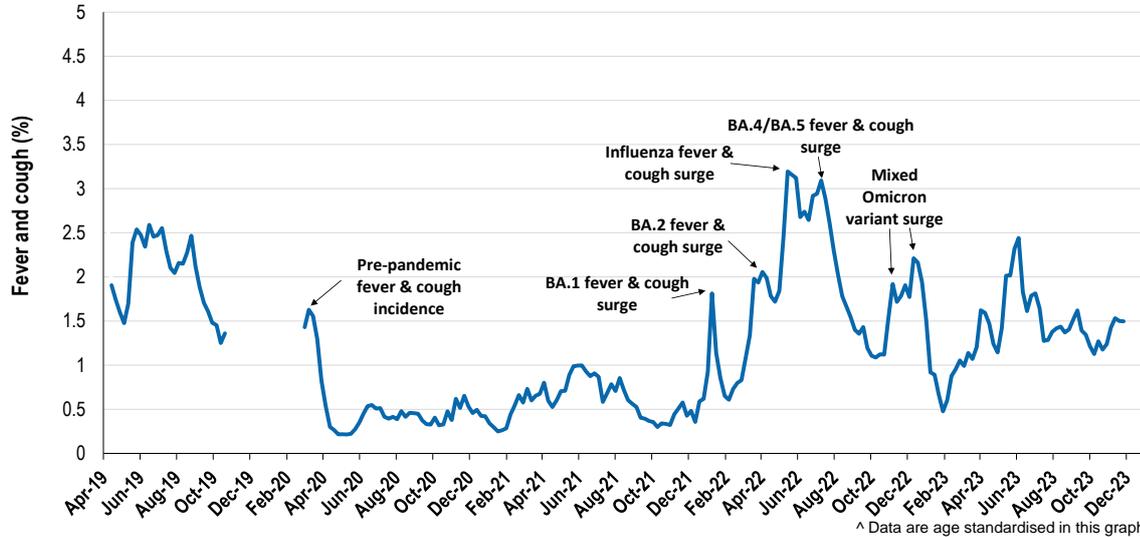


Figure 2- Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

0.6% this week and 1.8% last week

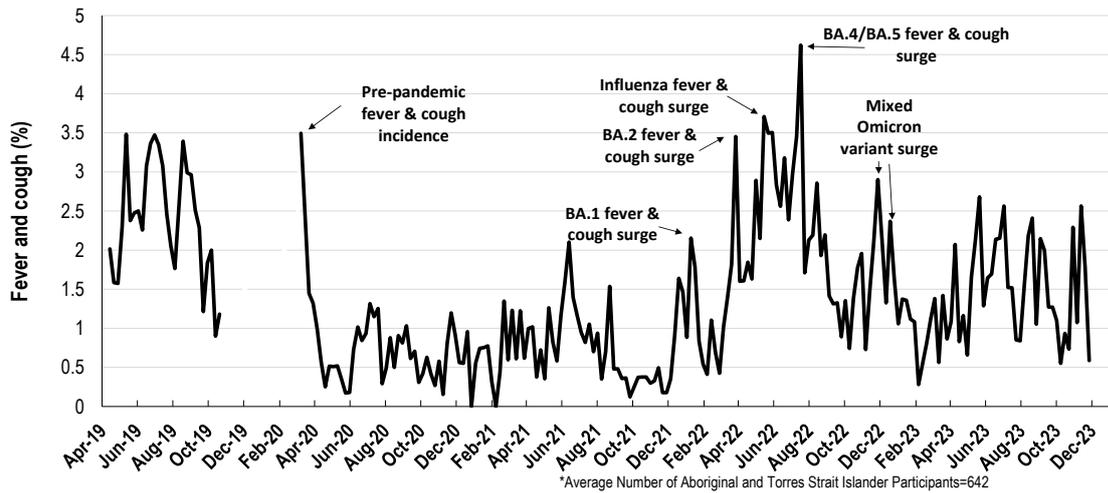
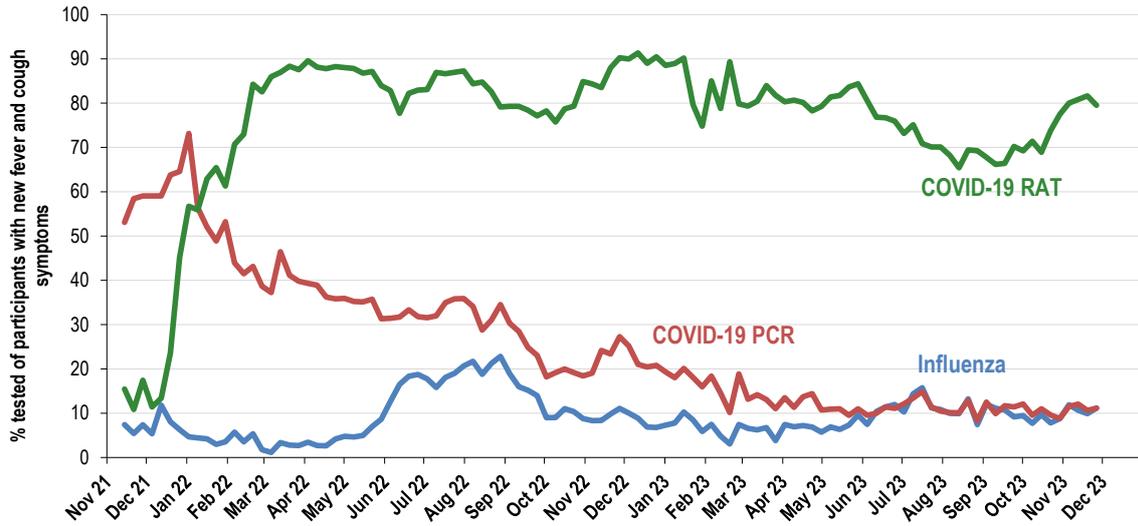


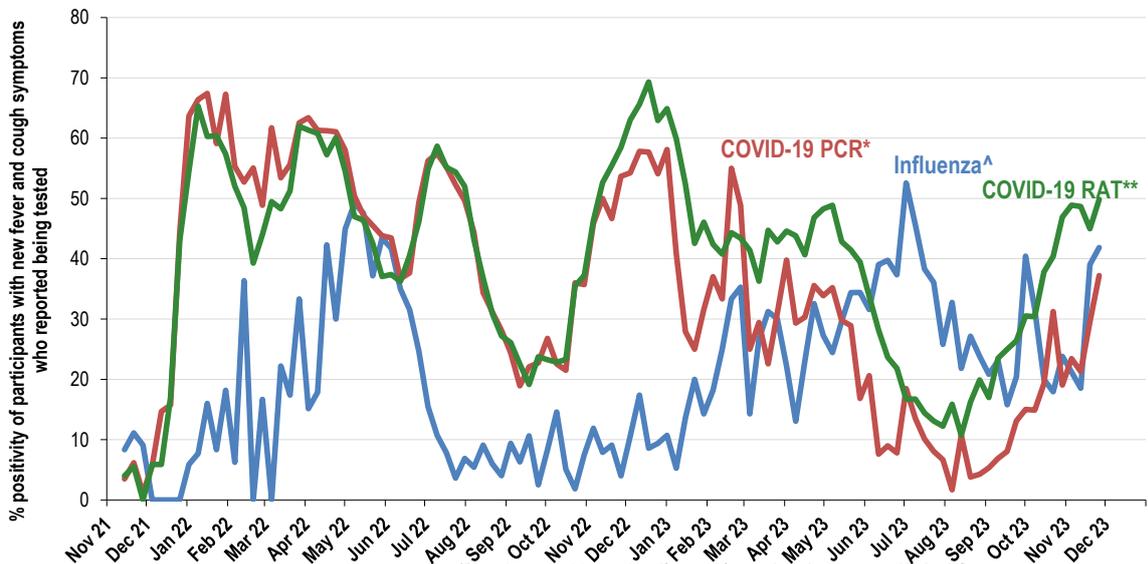


Figure 3- Fever, cough and reported testing for COVID-19 or influenza



Flu testing: 11.1% (43/386) this week compared to 9.9% last week
 COVID-19 RAT testing: 79.5% (307/386) this week compared to 81.6% last week
 COVID-19 PCR testing: 11.1% (43/386) this week compared to 10.6% last week

Figure 4- Fever, cough and reported a positive test result for COVID-19 or influenza



[^]Denominator= participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and had an influenza test

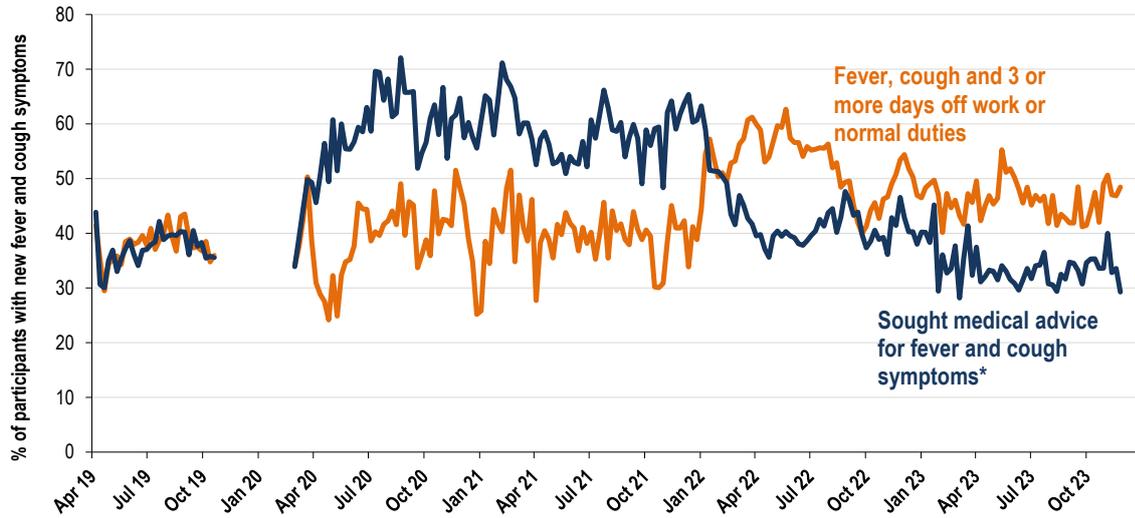
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Flu % positivity: 41.9% (18/43) this week compared to 39% last week
 COVID-19 RAT % positivity: 49.8% (153/307) this week compared to 45% last week
 COVID-19 PCR % positivity: 37.2% (16/43) this week compared to 29.5% last week



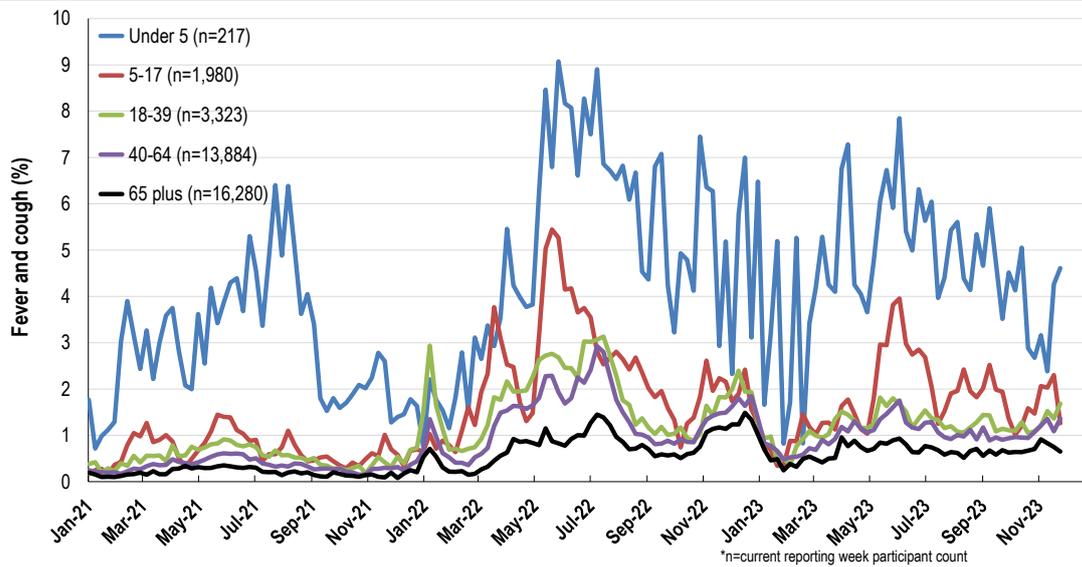
Figure 5- Severity of Respiratory Illness Activity



* 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.

FC and 3+ days off: 48.4% (187/386) this week compared to 46.9% last week
 Sought medical advice for FC: 29.3% (113/386) this week compared to 33.6% last week

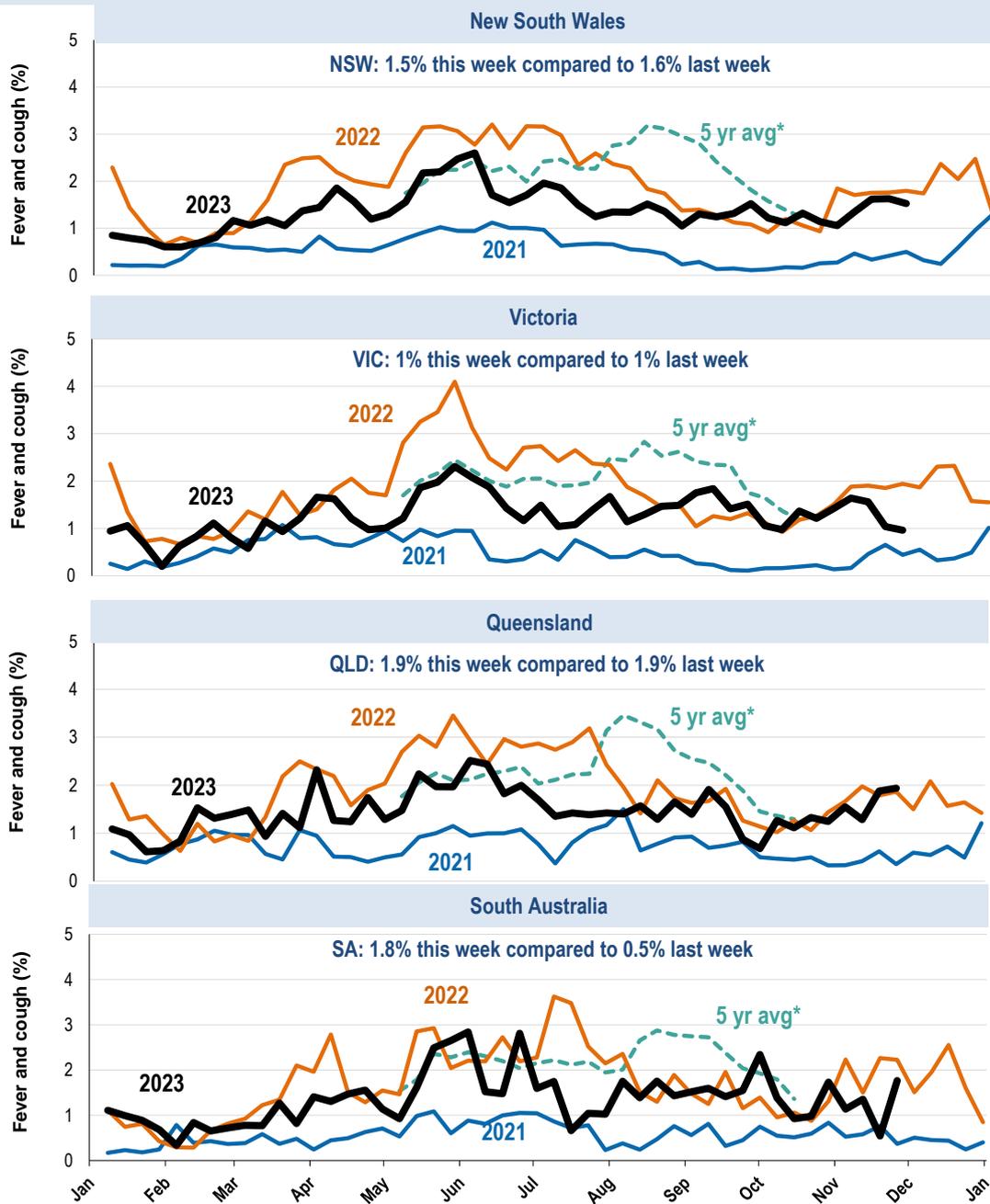
Figure 6- Respiratory illness activity by age group



*n=current reporting week participant count



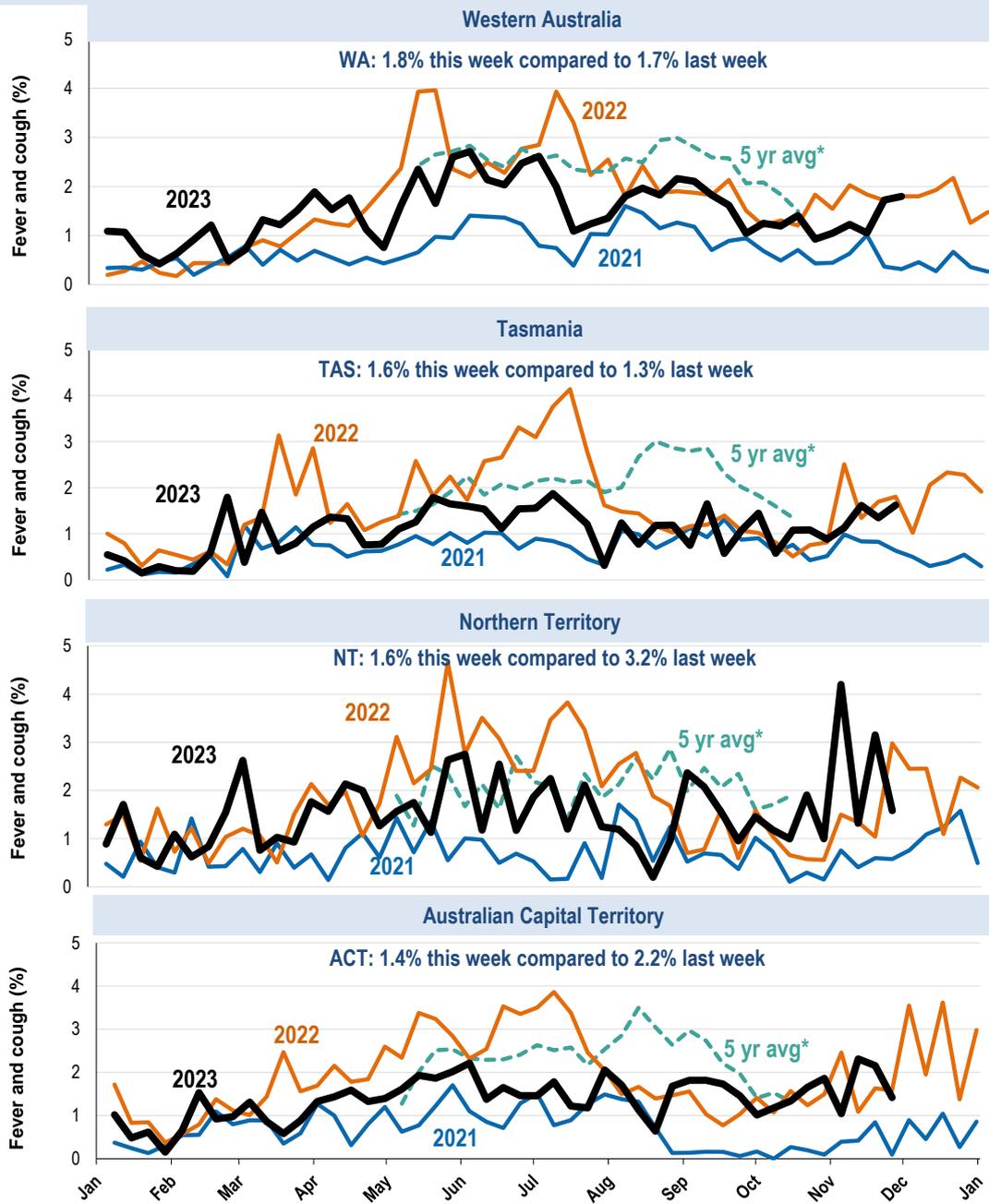
Figure 7- Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised)



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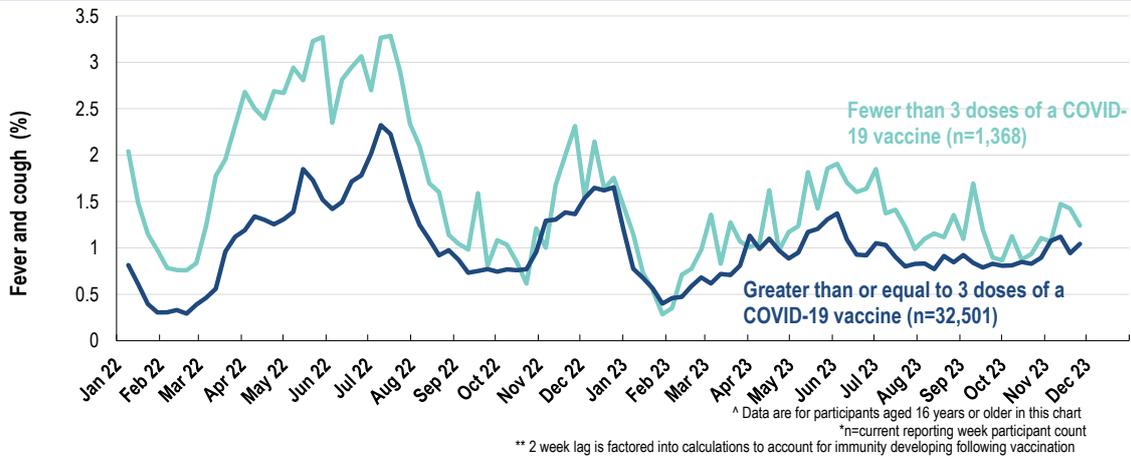
Table 1- Participation

35,684 participants (37,272 last week)

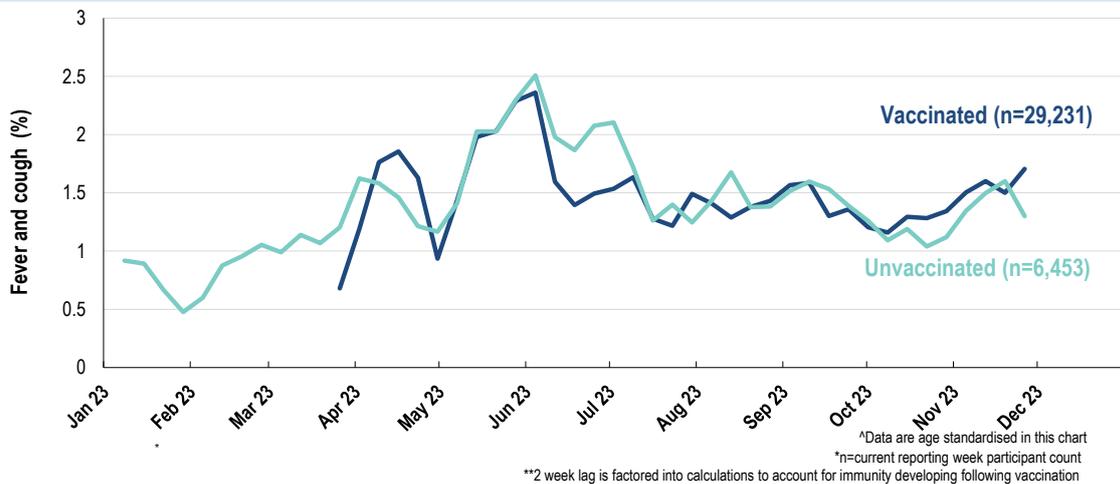
State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	12671	35.5% 152.8
VIC	7077	19.8% 104.6
QLD	4332	12.1% 79.9
SA	3224	9.0% 174.8
WA	3471	9.7% 121.6
TAS	2270	6.4% 396.4
NT	642	1.8% 255.1
ACT	1997	5.6% 429.8
AUS	35684	100.0% 138.6

Table 2- Vaccination rates

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine						Influenza (%)
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	At least 3 doses (%)	At least 4 doses (%)	At least 5 doses (%)	6 doses (%)	
<5 years	1.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.0
5-11 years	80.0	74.8	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	55.0
12-17 years	97.0	95.5	14.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	44.4
18-64 years	97.6	99.3	95.2	69.6	43.7	5.3	76.1
65+ years	99.4	99.4	98.3	94.5	83.3	24.7	92.4
Working with patients	99.6	99.5	97.9	77.3	51.2	8.4	87.8
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	95.3	94.4	77.9	55.3	32.4	7.6	72.4
Vaccinated overall (%)	98.3	98.0	91.3	76.7	59.1	13.8	81.9

Figure 8- Respiratory illness activity by self-reported COVID-19 vaccination status


3 or more doses of a COVID vaccine: 1% this week compared to 0.9% last week
 Fewer than 3 doses of a COVID vaccine: 1.2% this week compared to 1.4% last week

Figure 9- Respiratory illness activity by self-reported influenza vaccination status


Unvaccinated for influenza: 1.3% this week compared to 1.6% last week
 Vaccinated for influenza: 1.7 this week compared to 1.5% last week