

FluTracking Australia Weekly Report

Reporting week Monday 20 October 2025 - Sunday 26 October 2025

(Data used in this report received up to 09:00 AM, Thursday 30 October 2025)

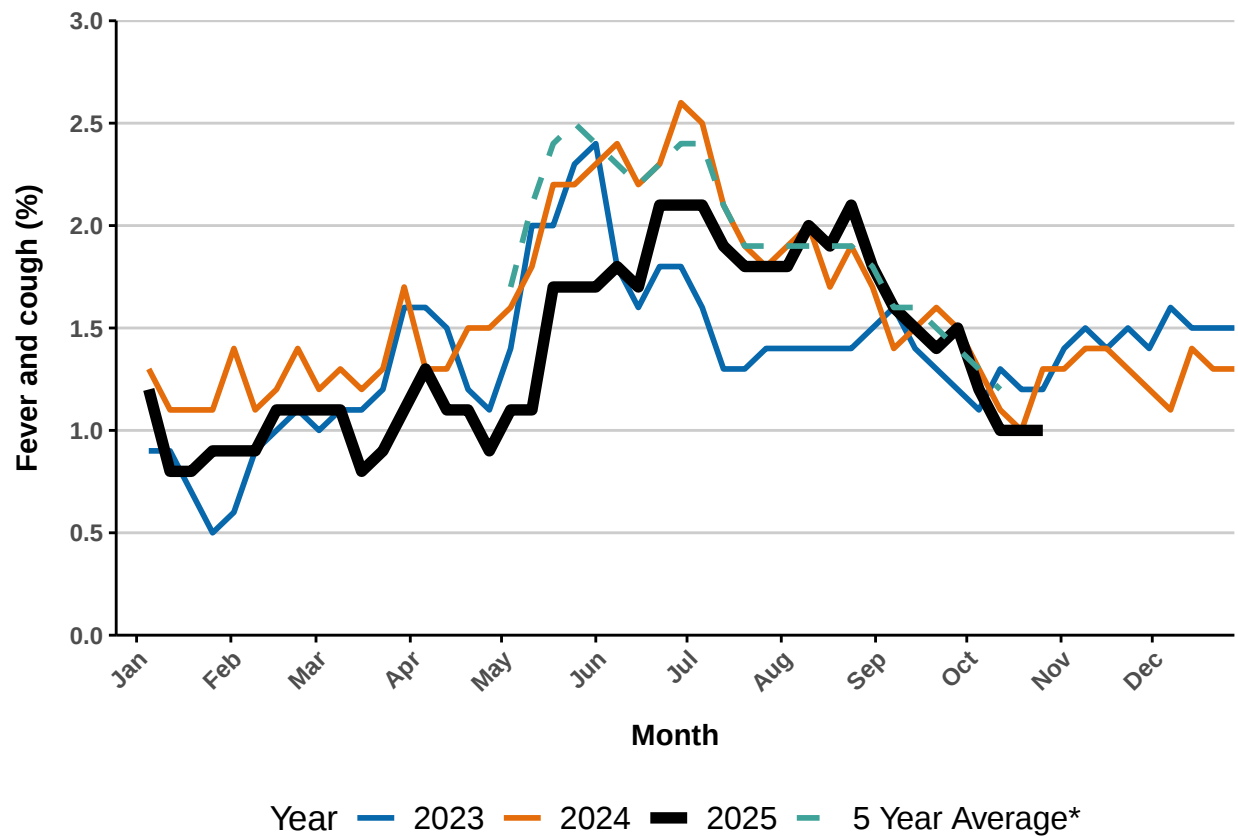
Respiratory illness levels have stabilised this week

44975 participants this week

Figure 1 - Respiratory illness activity* (age standardised)

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

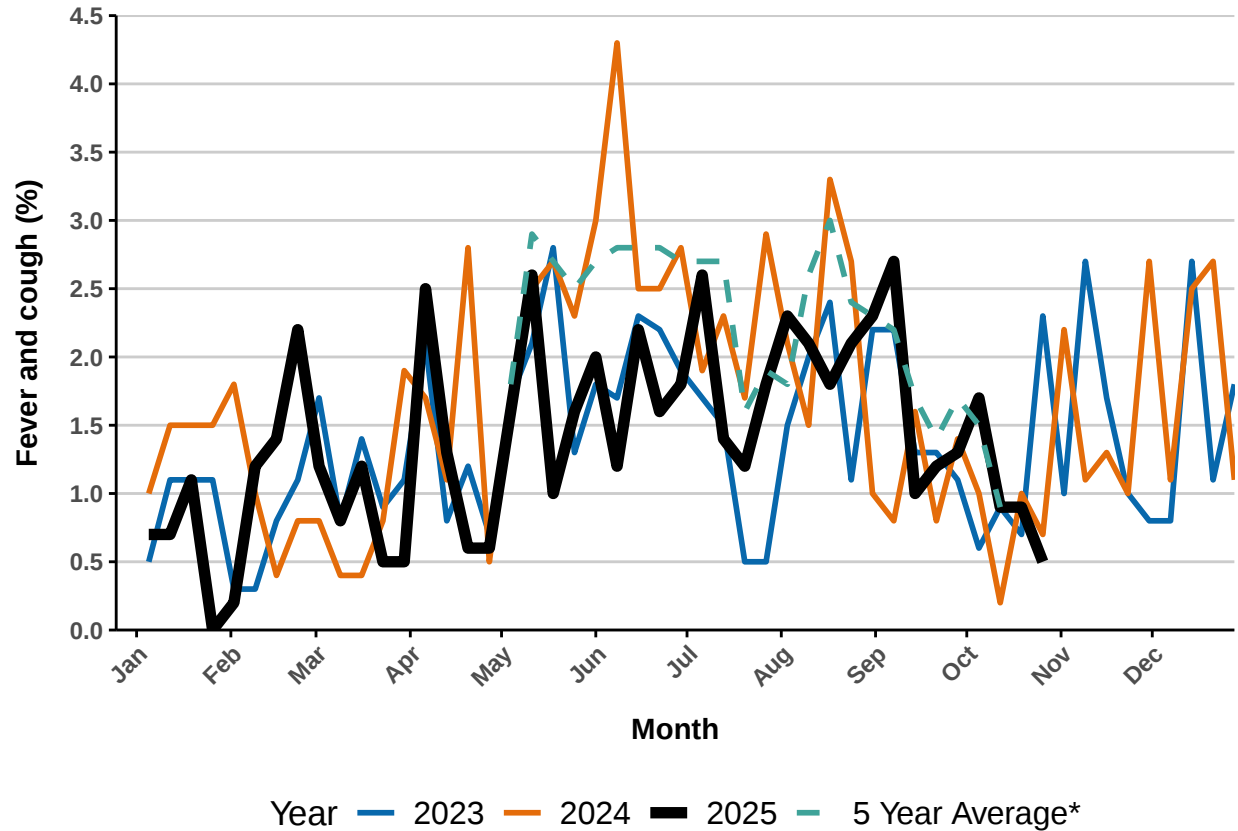
1% this week and 1% last week



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

0.5% this week and 0.9% last week

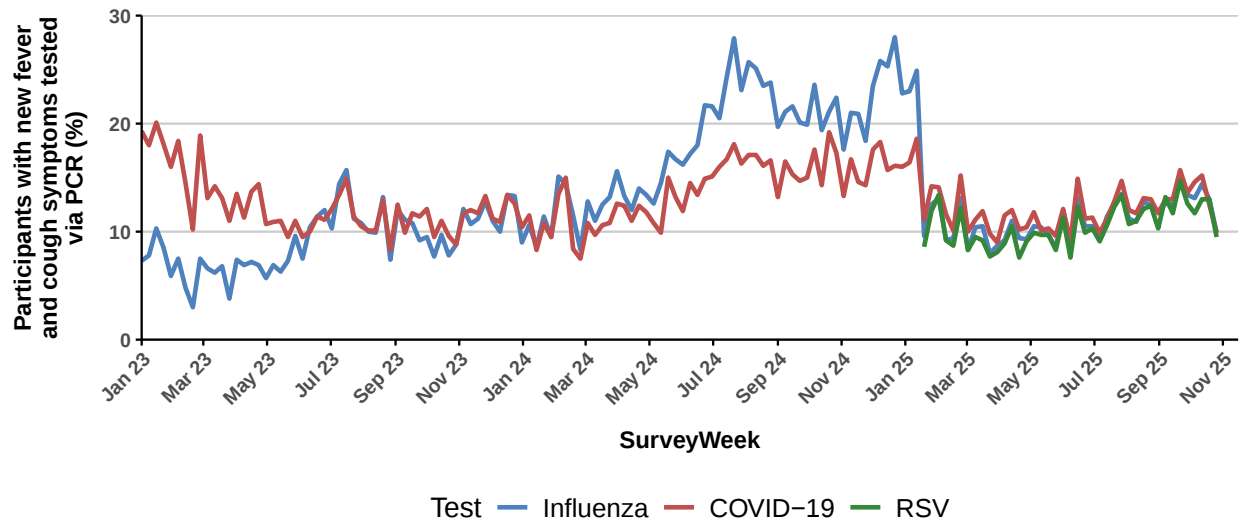


- Total number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants this week = 398.

- Average number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants in 2025 = 448.

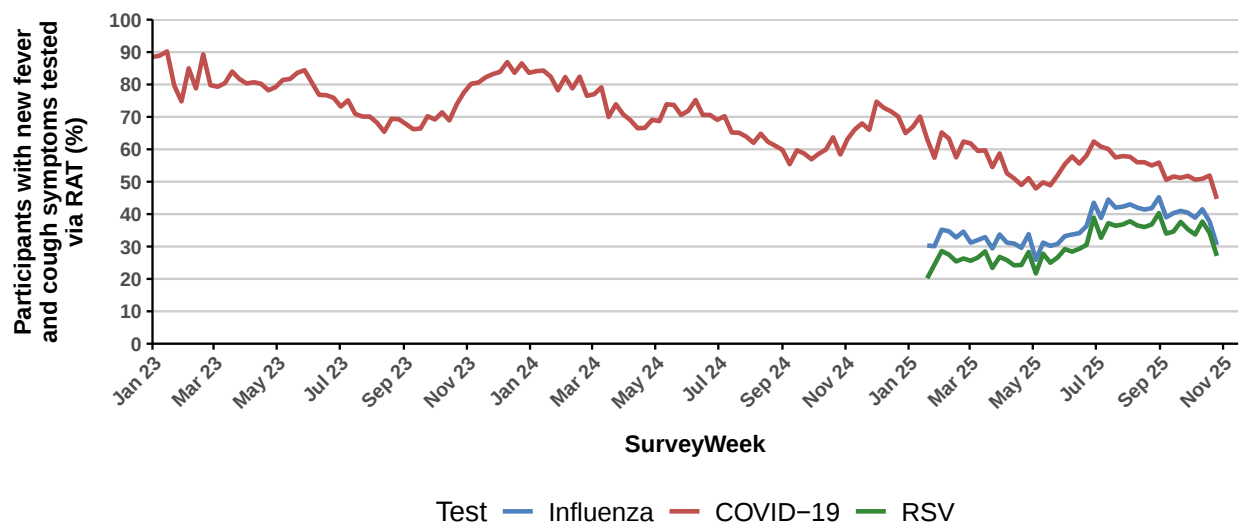
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Figure 3a - Fever, cough and reported receiving a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test



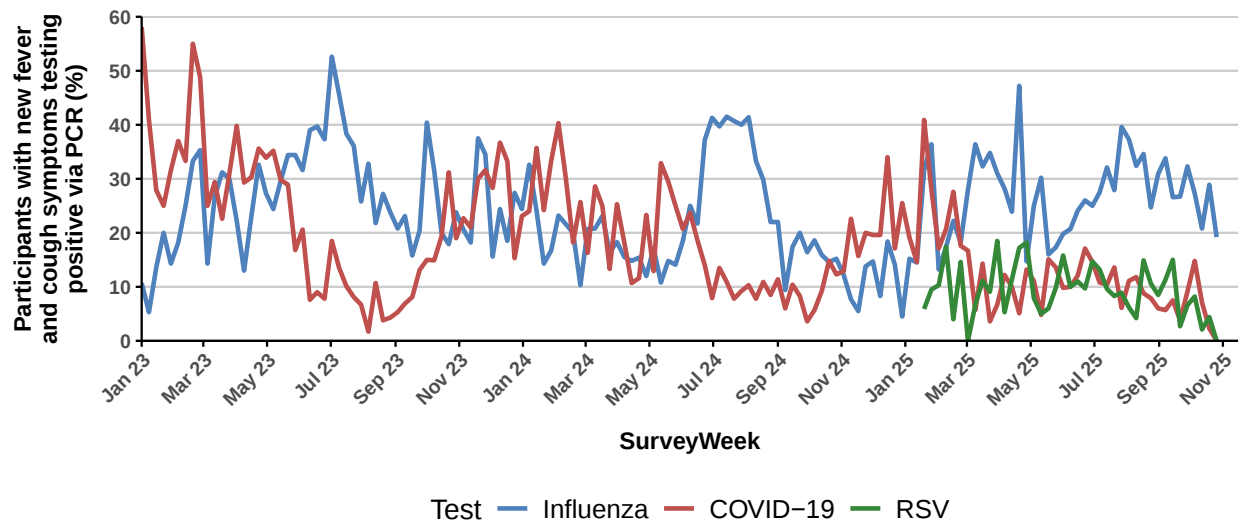
- Influenza PCR: **9.9% (26/262)** this week compared to **13%** last week.
- COVID-19 PCR: **9.9% (26/262)** this week compared to **12.5%** last week.
- RSV PCR: **9.5% (25/262)** this week compared to **13%** last week.

Figure 3b - Fever, cough and reported receiving a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)



- Influenza RAT: **30.5% (80/262)** this week compared to **37.7%** last week.
- COVID-19 RAT: **44.7% (117/262)** this week compared to **51.9%** last week.
- RSV RAT: **27.1% (71/262)** this week compared to **34.2%** last week.

Figure 4a - Fever, cough and reported a positive PCR result

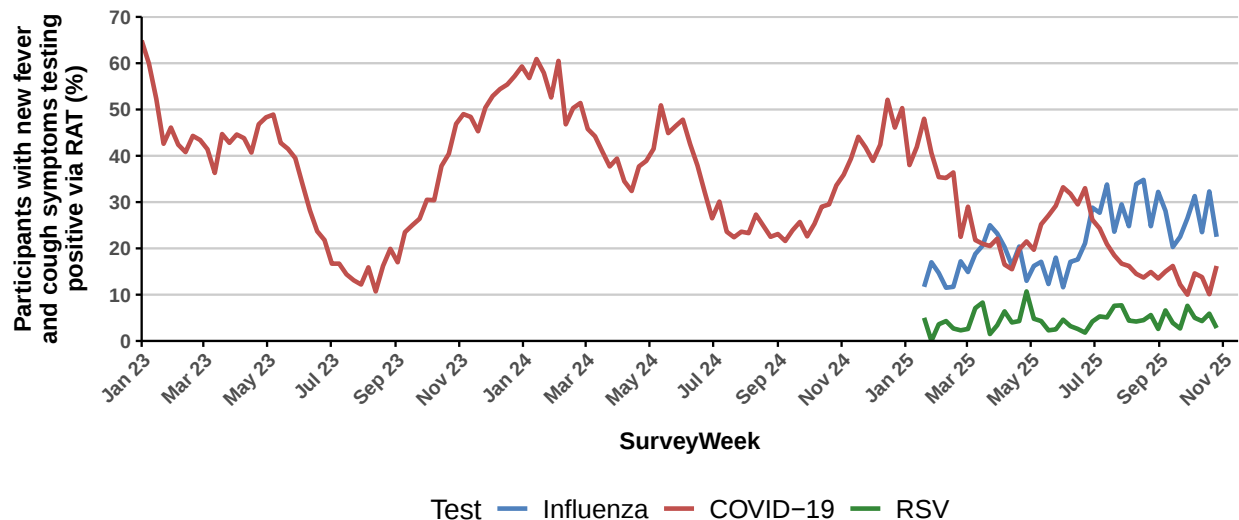


- Influenza PCR: **19.2% (5/26)** this week compared to **28.9%** last week.
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via influenza PCR).

- COVID-19 PCR: **0% (0/26)** this week compared to **2.3%** last week.
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via COVID-19 PCR).

- RSV PCR: **0% (0/25)** this week compared to **4.4%** last week.
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via RSV PCR).

Figure 4b - Fever, cough and reported a positive RAT result

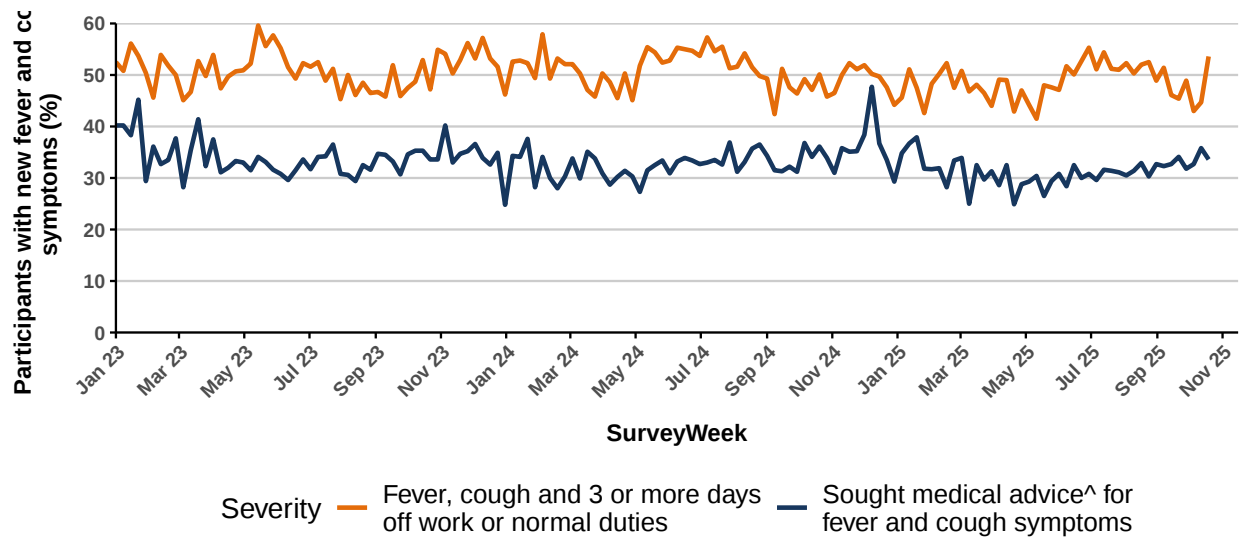


- Influenza RAT: **22.5% (18/80)** this week compared to **32.3%** last week.
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via influenza RAT).

- COVID-19 RAT: **16.2% (19/117)** this week compared to **10.1%** last week.
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via COVID-19 RAT).

- RSV RAT: **2.8% (2/71)** this week compared to **5.9%** last week.
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Figure 5 - Severity of respiratory illness activity



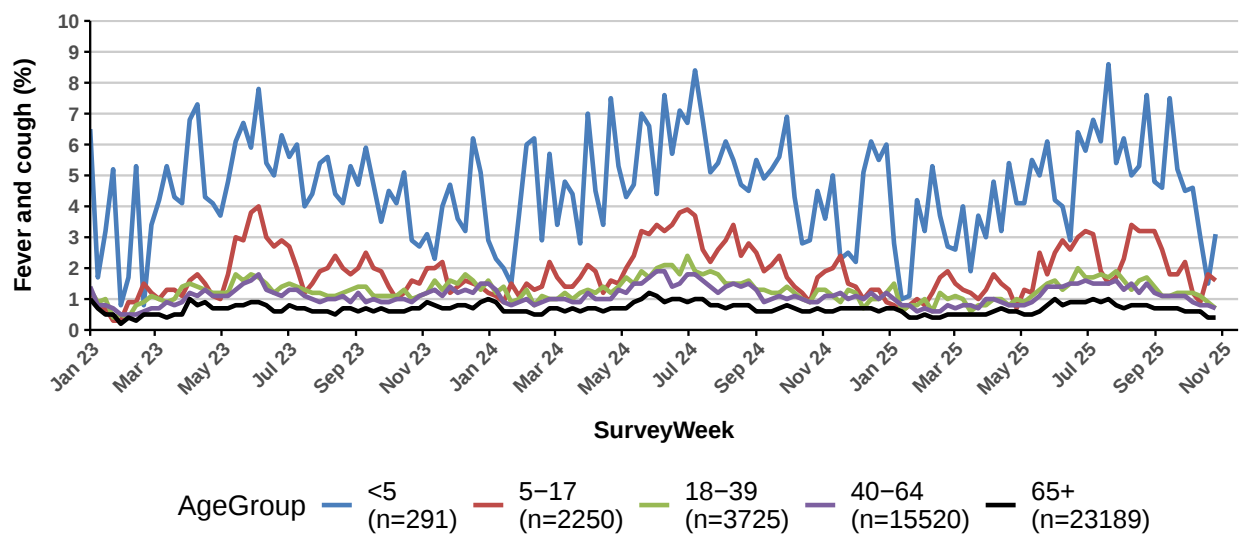
- Fever and cough with an absence of ≥ 3 days: **53.6% (185/345)** this report* compared to **44.7%** last report.

- Sought medical advice^ for fever and cough symptoms: **33.6% (116/345)** this report* compared to **35.8%** last report.

* Data in this figure is from participants reporting incident fever and cough symptoms commencing last week who were absent ≥ 3 days or sought medical advice last week OR this week due to their ongoing symptoms. Please visit <https://info.flutracking.net/insights/> for more information.

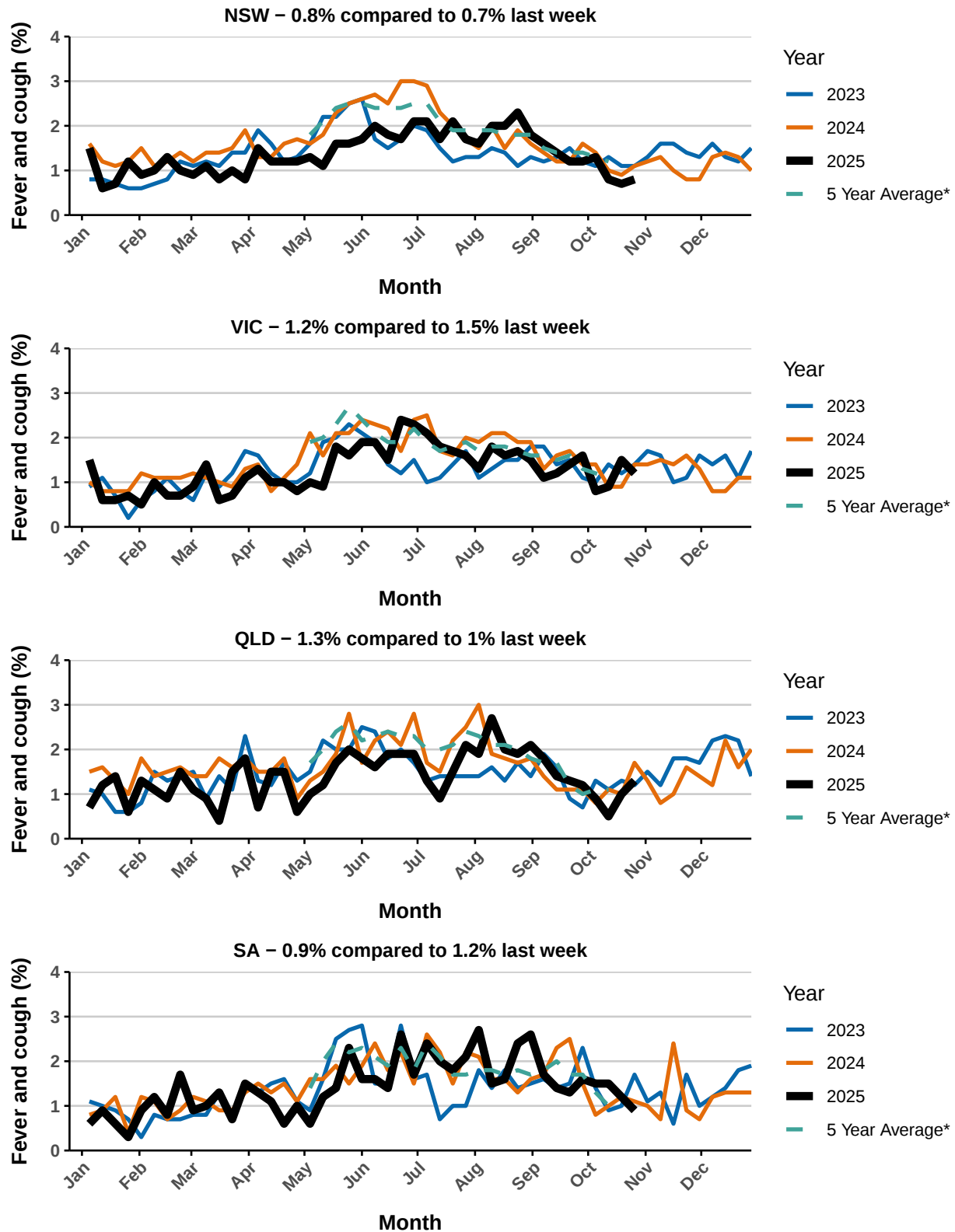
^ Includes those who sought medical advice from a general practitioner, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health clinic, COVID-19 clinic, emergency department, or were admitted to hospital for fever and cough.

Figure 6 - Respiratory illness activity by age group

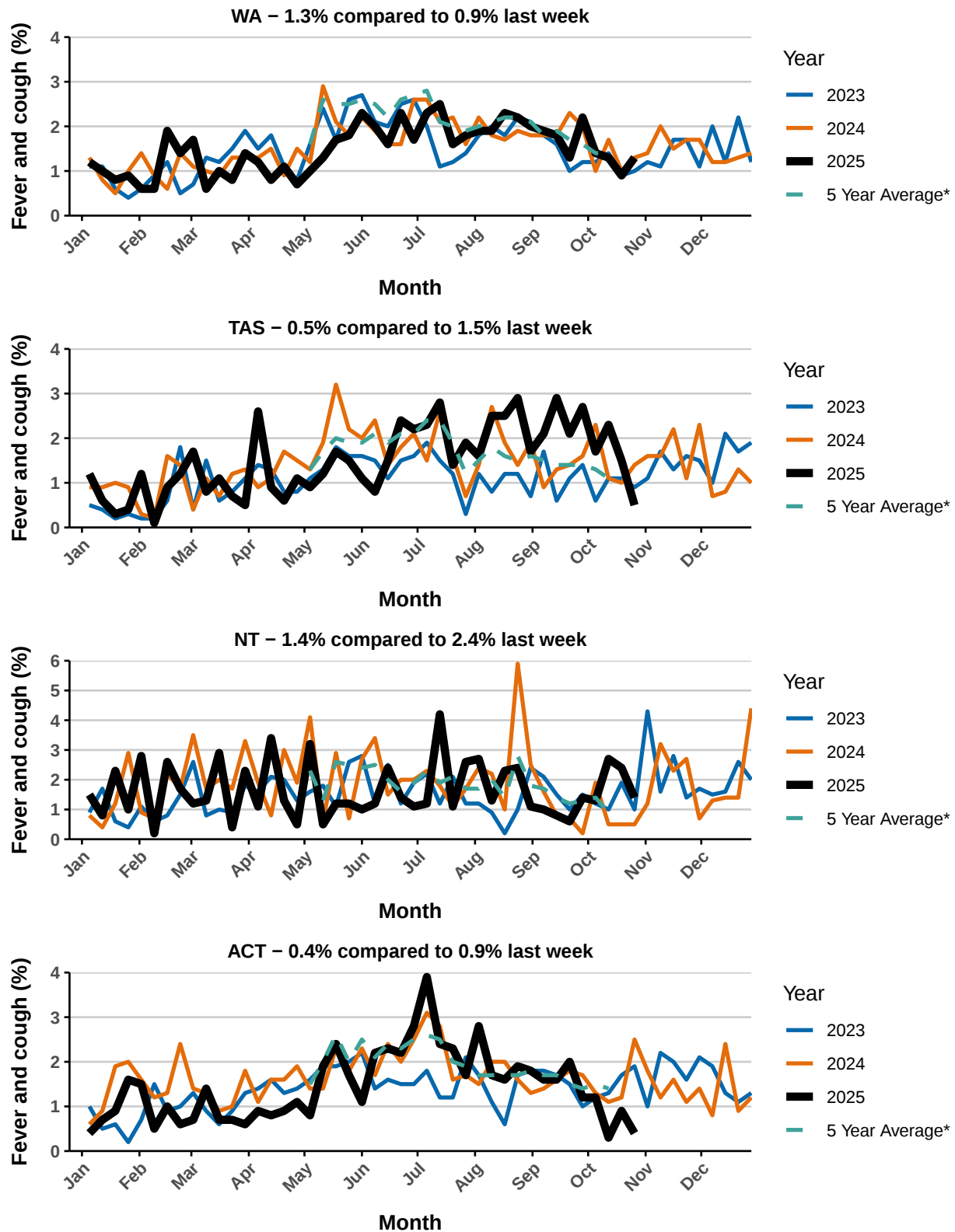


* n = current reporting week participant count. Use caution when interpreting chart where n is low (e.g. less than 1000).

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



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Table 1 - Participation

44975 participants (**49260** last week)

Jurisdiction	Participants	Percent (%)	Participation Rate/ 100,000 Population
NSW	16,203	36.0	188.9
VIC	8,990	20.0	127.5
QLD	5,404	12.0	95.7
SA	3,831	8.5	201.8
WA	4,233	9.4	139.7
TAS	2,999	6.7	520.6
NT	629	1.4	238.8
ACT	2,686	6.0	555.2
AUS	44,975	100.0	163.3

Table 2 - Influenza vaccination rates

Group	Vaccinated (%)
<5 years	62.9
5-14 years	50.0
15-49 years	64.0
50-64 years	78.5
65+ years	91.3
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	69.1
Working with patients	86.4
Overall	81.3

Table 3 - COVID-19 vaccination rates

Group	Past 6 months	Past 12 months*	Never Vaccinated
<5 years	0.3	0.3	98.3
5-17 years	2.6	3.7	19.8
18-64 years	20.7	32.5	0.9
65-74 years	37.3	62.5	0.5
75+ years	42.7	68.5	0.5
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	16.3	26.6	5.0
Working with patients	23.1	37.3	0.4
Overall	29.4	47.6	2.3

* Those with a vaccination in the past 6 months are also included in the past 12 months column.

- Table does not include those with a COVID-19 vaccination greater than 12 months ago (ie: row totals will not add to 100%).

Table 4 - Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) immunisation rates

Group	Immunised (%)
<2 years (via mother)	34.9
<2 years (via child after birth)	15.9
<2 years (both via mother and via child after birth)	1.6
50-59 years	0.7
60-74 years	9.3
75+ years	18.5
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (60+ years)	10.6