

## FluTracking Australia Weekly Report

Reporting week Monday 05 January 2026 - Sunday 11 January 2026

(Data used in this report received up to 09:00 AM, Thursday 15 January 2026)

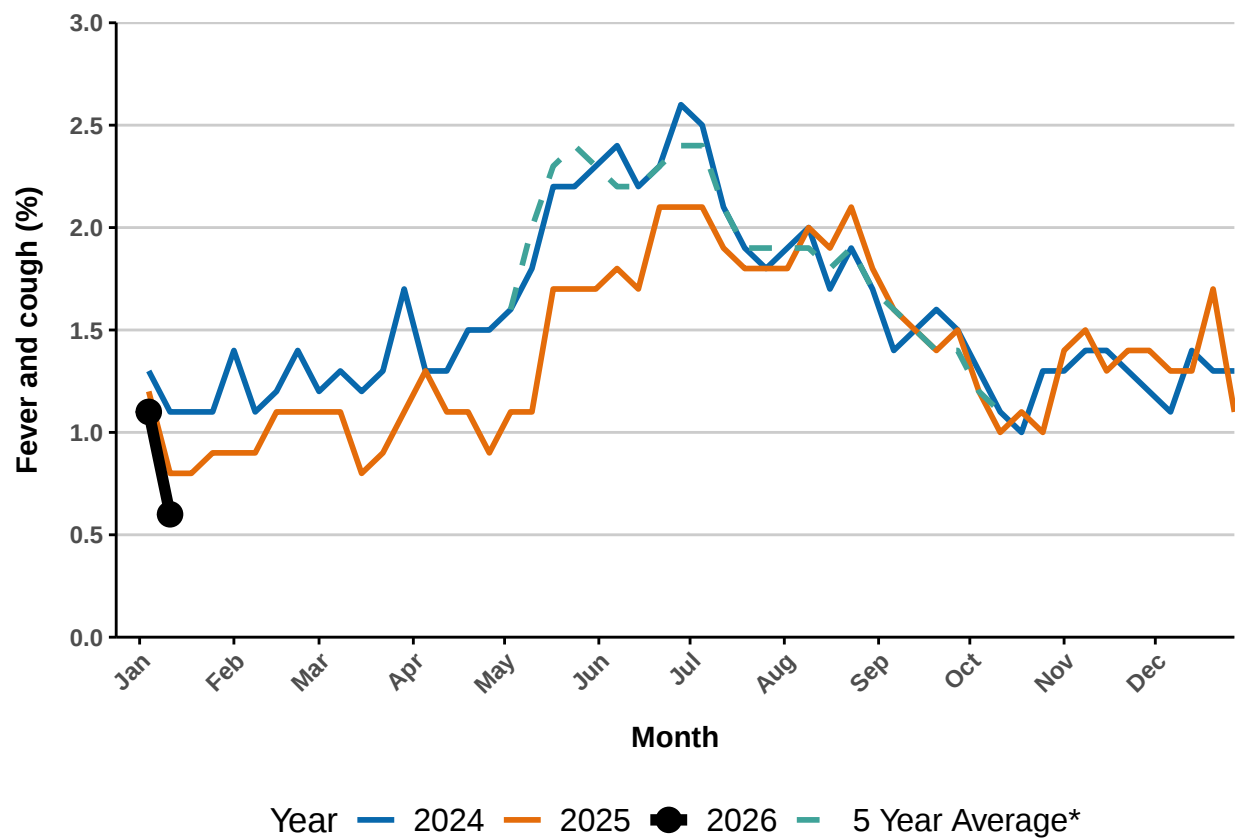
**Respiratory illness levels have decreased this week**

**29340 participants this week**

**Figure 1 - Respiratory illness activity\* (age standardised)**

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

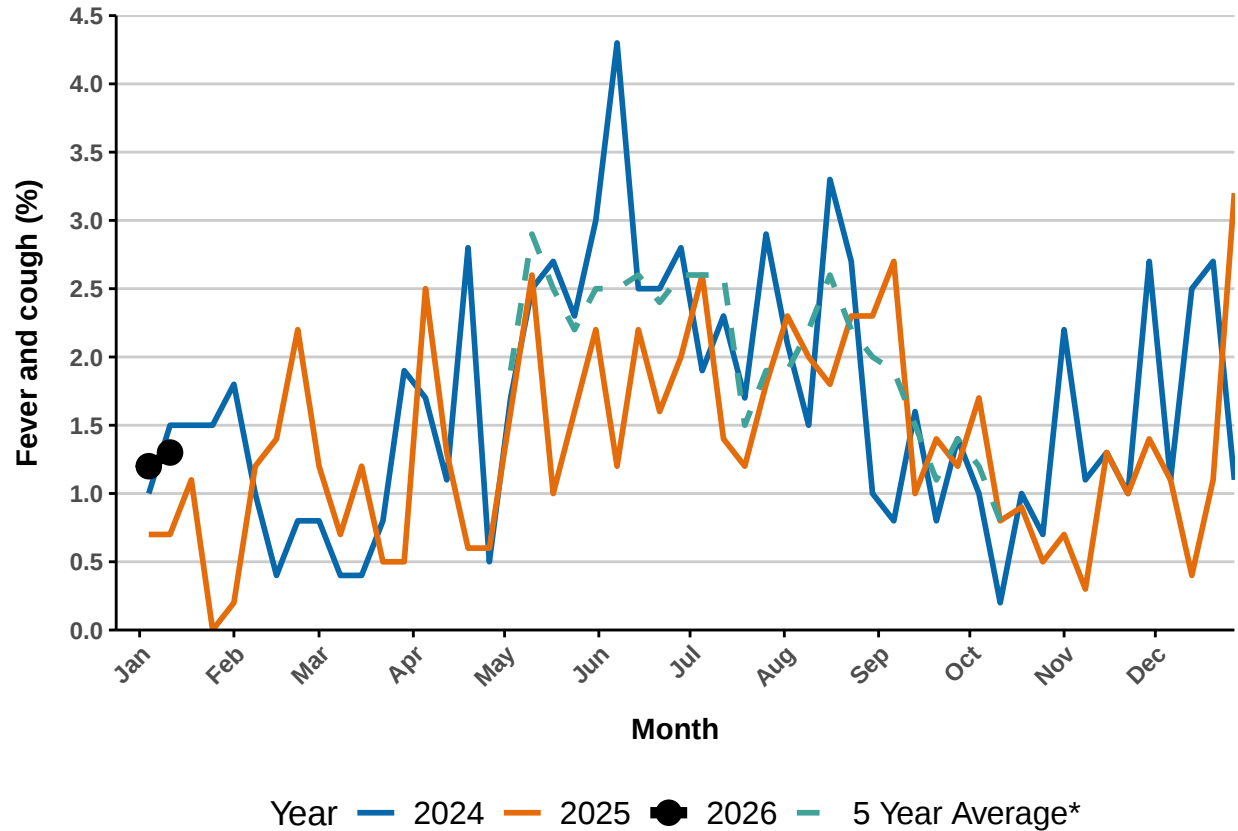
**0.6% this week and 1.1% last week**



\* 5 year average is calculated using 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 data.

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

1.3% this week and 1.2% last week

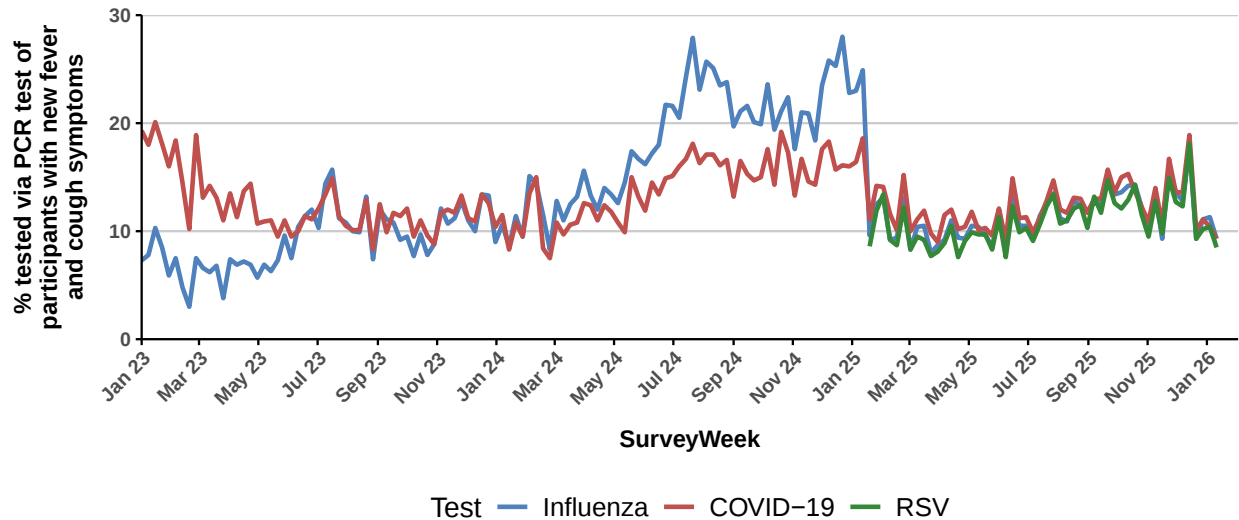


- Total number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants this week = 233.

- Average number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants in 2026 = 241.

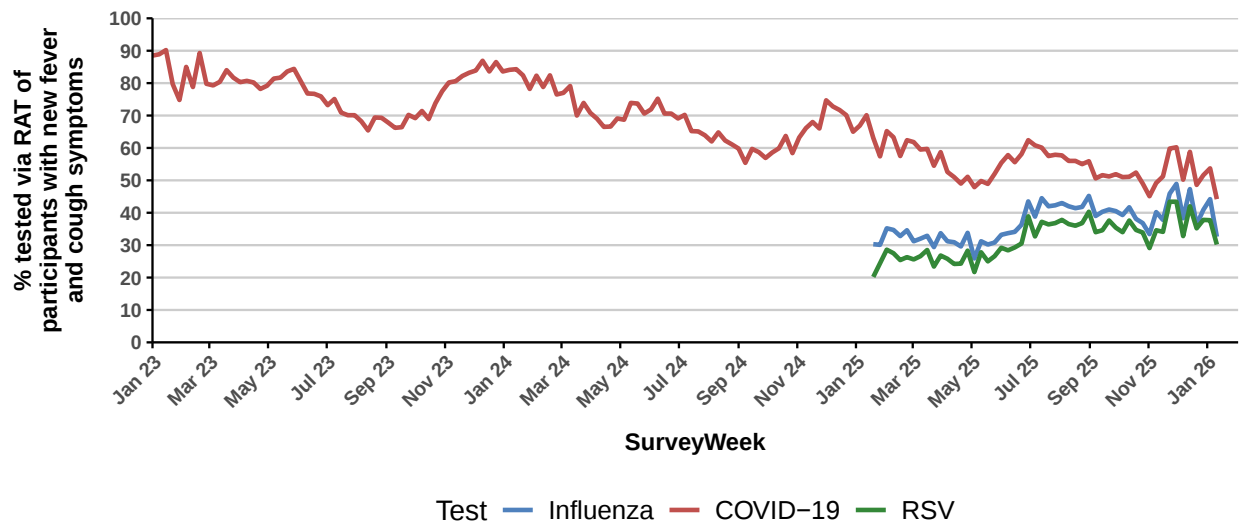
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**Figure 3a - Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing among participants reporting fever and cough symptoms**



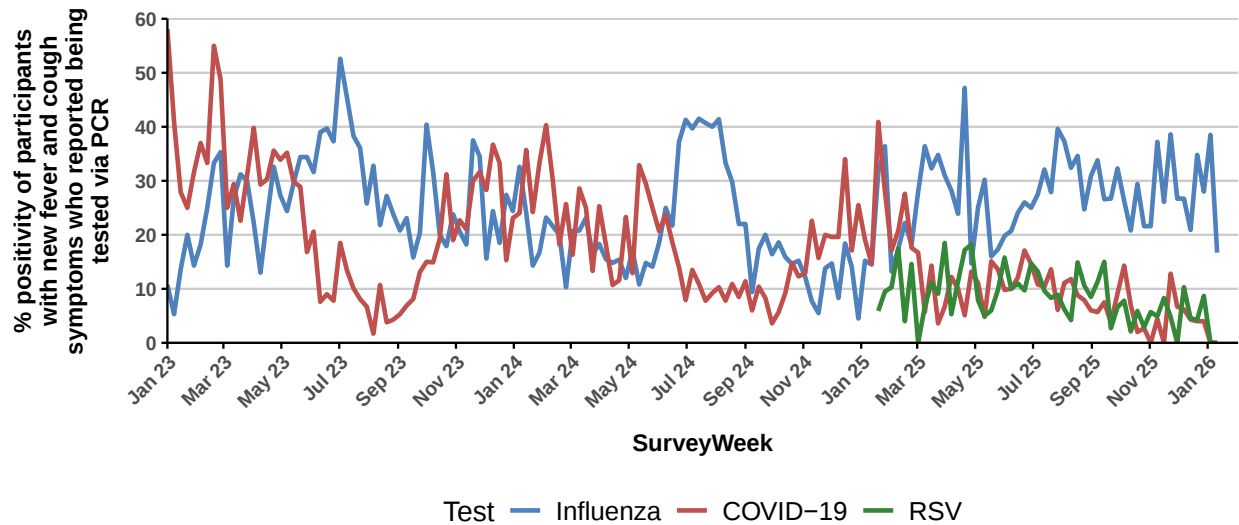
- Influenza PCR: **9.3% (12/129)** this week compared to **11.3%** last week.
- COVID-19 PCR: **9.3% (12/129)** this week compared to **10.4%** last week.
- RSV PCR: **8.5% (11/129)** this week compared to **10.4%** last week.

**Figure 3b - Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) among participants reporting fever and cough symptoms**



- Influenza RAT: **32.6% (42/129)** this week compared to **44.2%** last week.
- COVID-19 RAT: **44.2% (57/129)** this week compared to **53.7%** last week.
- RSV RAT: **30.2% (39/129)** this week compared to **37.7%** last week.

**Figure 4a - PCR test percent positivity among participants reporting fever and cough symptoms**

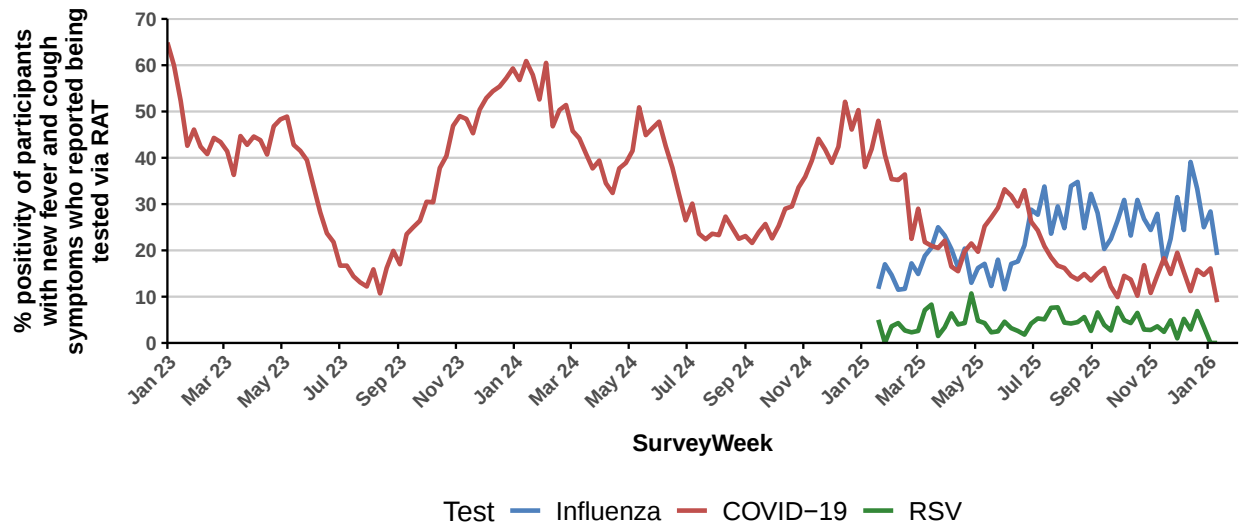


- Influenza PCR: **16.7% (2/12)** this week compared to **38.5%** last week.  
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via influenza PCR).

- COVID-19 PCR: **0% (0/12)** this week compared to **0%** last week.  
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via COVID-19 PCR).

- RSV PCR: **0% (0/11)** this week compared to **0%** last week.  
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via RSV PCR).

**Figure 4b - RAT percent positivity among participants reporting fever and cough symptoms**

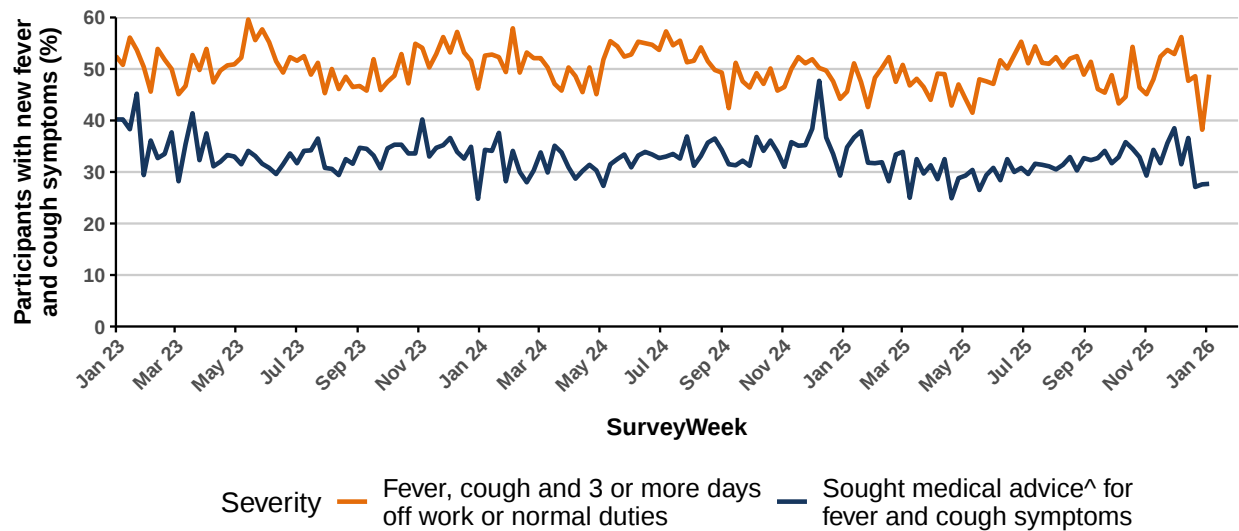


- Influenza RAT: **19% (8/42)** this week compared to **28.4%** last week.  
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via influenza RAT).

- COVID-19 RAT: **8.8% (5/57)** this week compared to **16.1%** last week.  
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via COVID-19 RAT).

- RSV RAT: **0% (0/39)** this week compared to **0%** last week.  
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via RSV RAT).

**Figure 5 - Severity of respiratory illness activity**



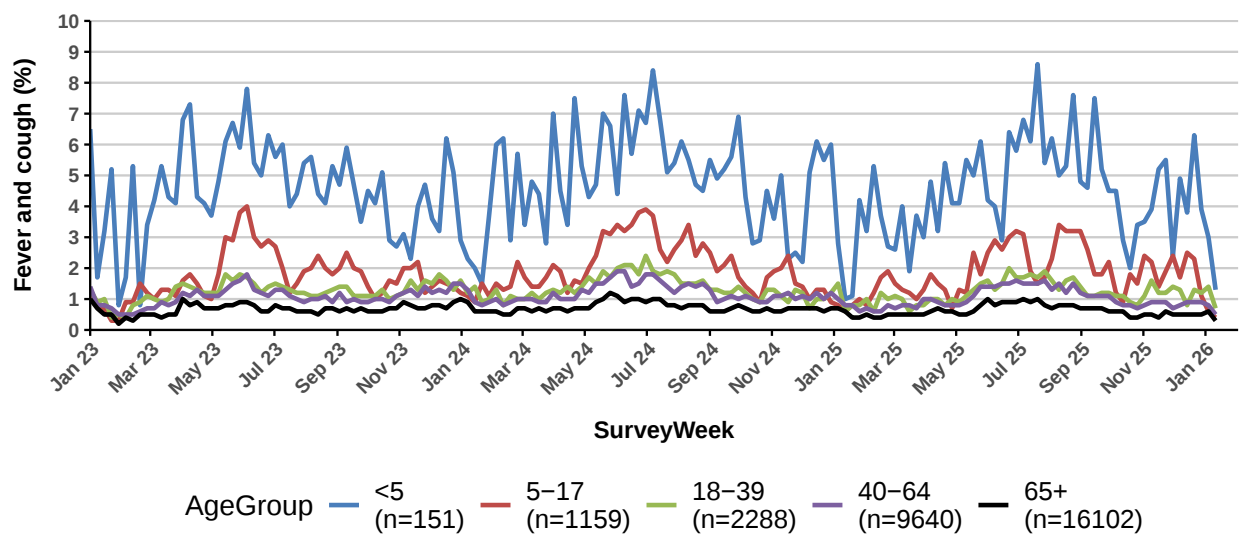
- Fever and cough with an absence of  $\geq 3$  days: **48.9% (113/231)** this report\* compared to **38.2%** last report.

- Sought medical advice^ for fever and cough symptoms: **27.7% (64/231)** this report\* compared to **27.6%** last report.

\* Data in this figure is from participants reporting incident fever and cough symptoms commencing last week who were absent  $\geq 3$  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.

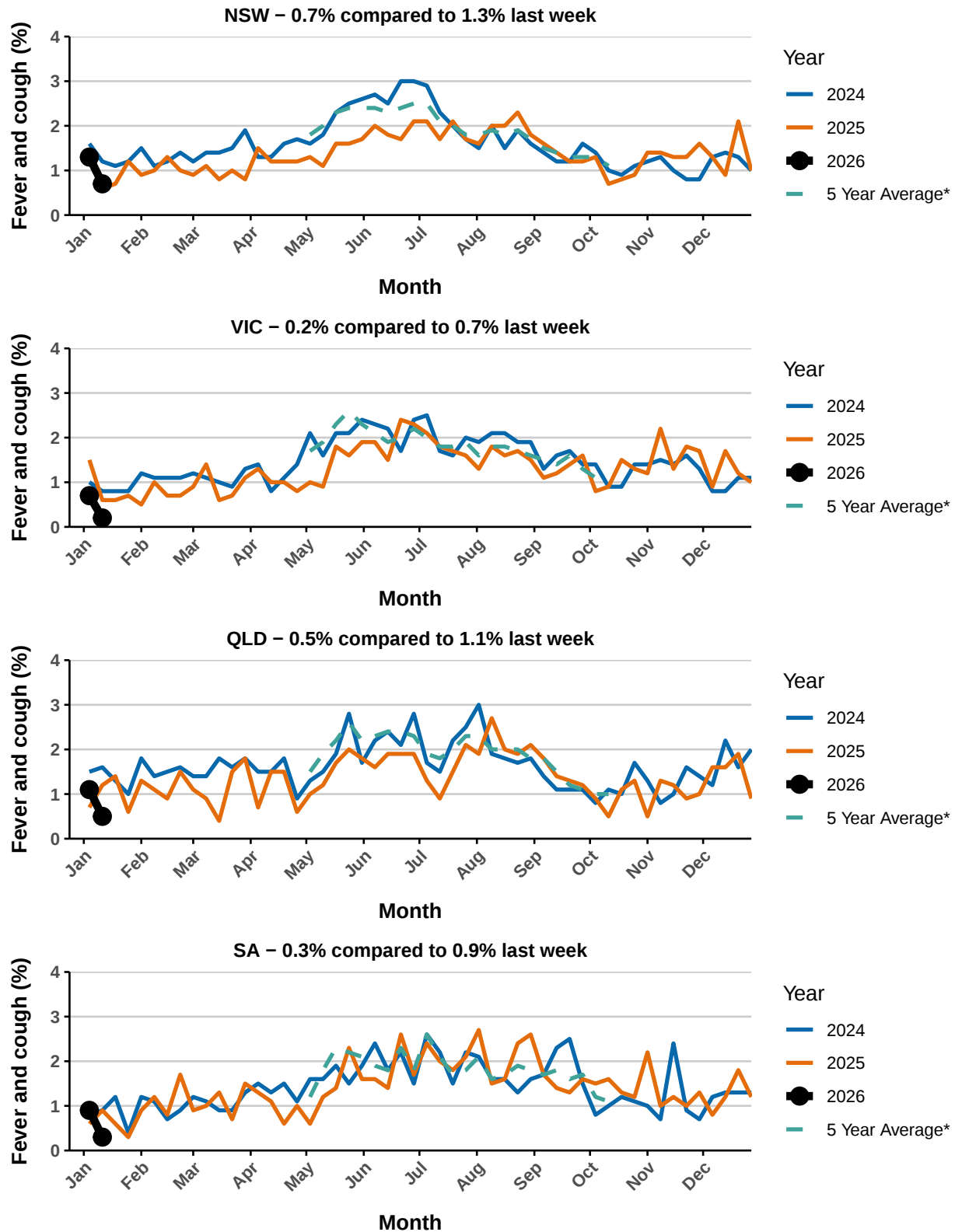
^ Includes those who sought medical advice from a general practitioner, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health clinic, COVID-19 clinic, emergency department, or were admitted to hospital for fever and cough.

**Figure 6 - Respiratory illness activity by age group**

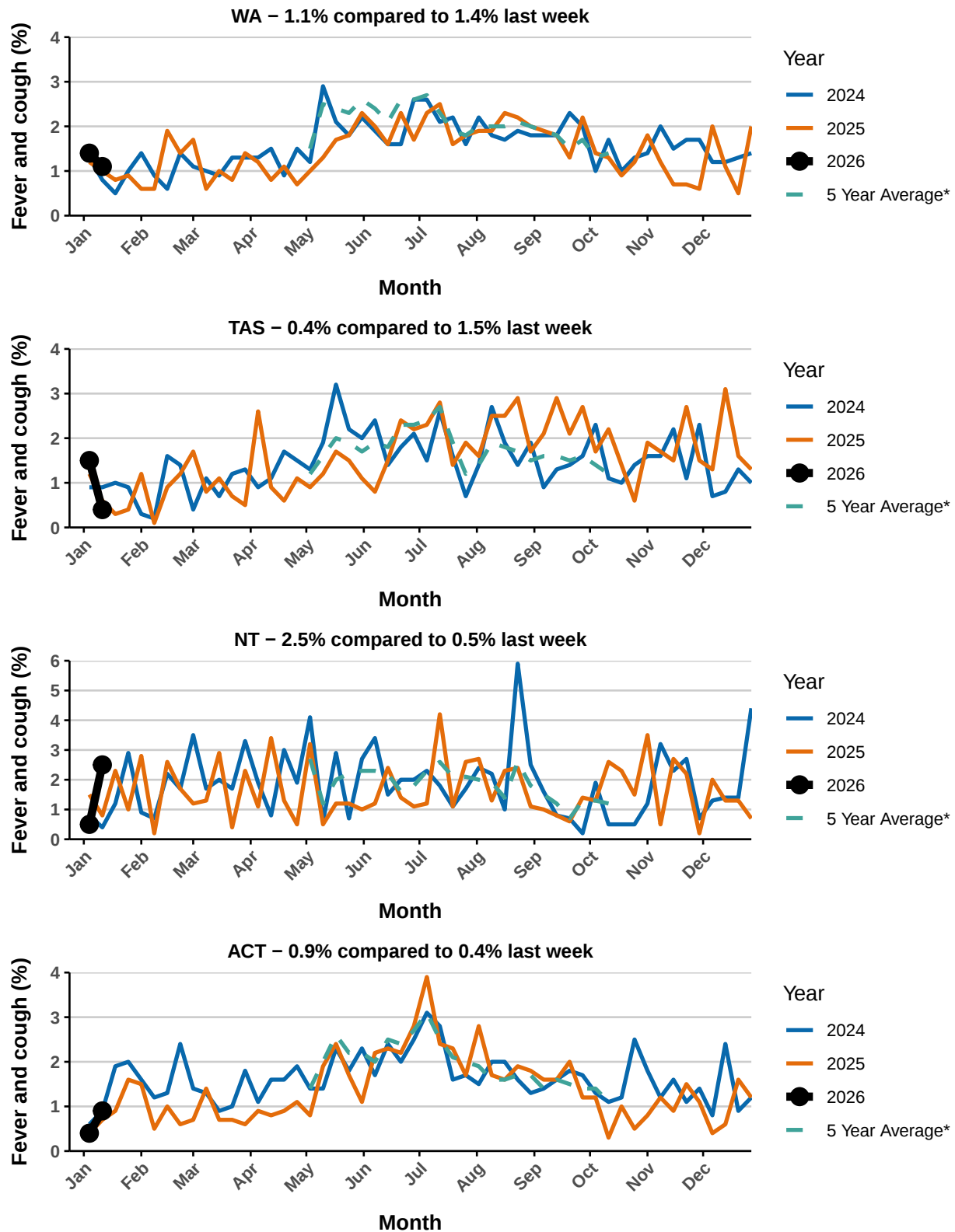


\* n = current reporting week participant count. Use caution when interpreting chart where n is low (e.g. less than 1000).

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



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**Table 1 - Participation**

**29340** participants (**31144** last week)

| Jurisdiction | Participants | Percent (%) | Participation Rate/<br>100,000 Population |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>NSW</b>   | 10,475       | 35.7        | 121.9                                     |
| <b>VIC</b>   | 5,952        | 20.3        | 84.1                                      |
| <b>QLD</b>   | 3,526        | 12.0        | 62.2                                      |
| <b>SA</b>    | 2,604        | 8.9         | 136.9                                     |
| <b>WA</b>    | 2,652        | 9.0         | 87.1                                      |
| <b>TAS</b>   | 1,962        | 6.7         | 340.6                                     |
| <b>NT</b>    | 441          | 1.5         | 166.8                                     |
| <b>ACT</b>   | 1,728        | 5.9         | 356.4                                     |
| <b>AUS</b>   | 29,340       | 100.0       | 106.2                                     |

**Table 2 - Influenza vaccination rates**

- Published April to December. Please see over the page for further immunisation tables.

**Table 3 - COVID-19 vaccination rates**

| Group                                    | Past 6 months | Past 12 months* | Never Vaccinated |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <5 years                                 | 0.7           | 1.3             | 97.4             |
| 5-17 years                               | 1.2           | 4.1             | 20.7             |
| 18-64 years                              | 7.2           | 32.7            | 1.0              |
| 65-74 years                              | 15.8          | 60.7            | 0.4              |
| 75+ years                                | 23.0          | 66.3            | 0.6              |
| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander | 6.9           | 30.5            | 3.9              |
| Working with patients                    | 9.8           | 37.2            | 0.5              |
| Overall                                  | 13.3          | 48.1            | 2.0              |

\* 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)                                | 41.0          |
| <2 years (via child after birth)                     | 12.8          |
| <2 years (both via mother and via child after birth) | 5.1           |
| 50-59 years                                          | 1.0           |
| 60-74 years                                          | 10.1          |
| 75+ years                                            | 20.1          |
| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (60+ years) | 11.2          |