

## FluTracking Australia Weekly Report

Reporting week Monday 24 August 2026 - Sunday 30 August 2026

(Data used in this report received up to 09:00 AM, Thursday 03 September 2026)

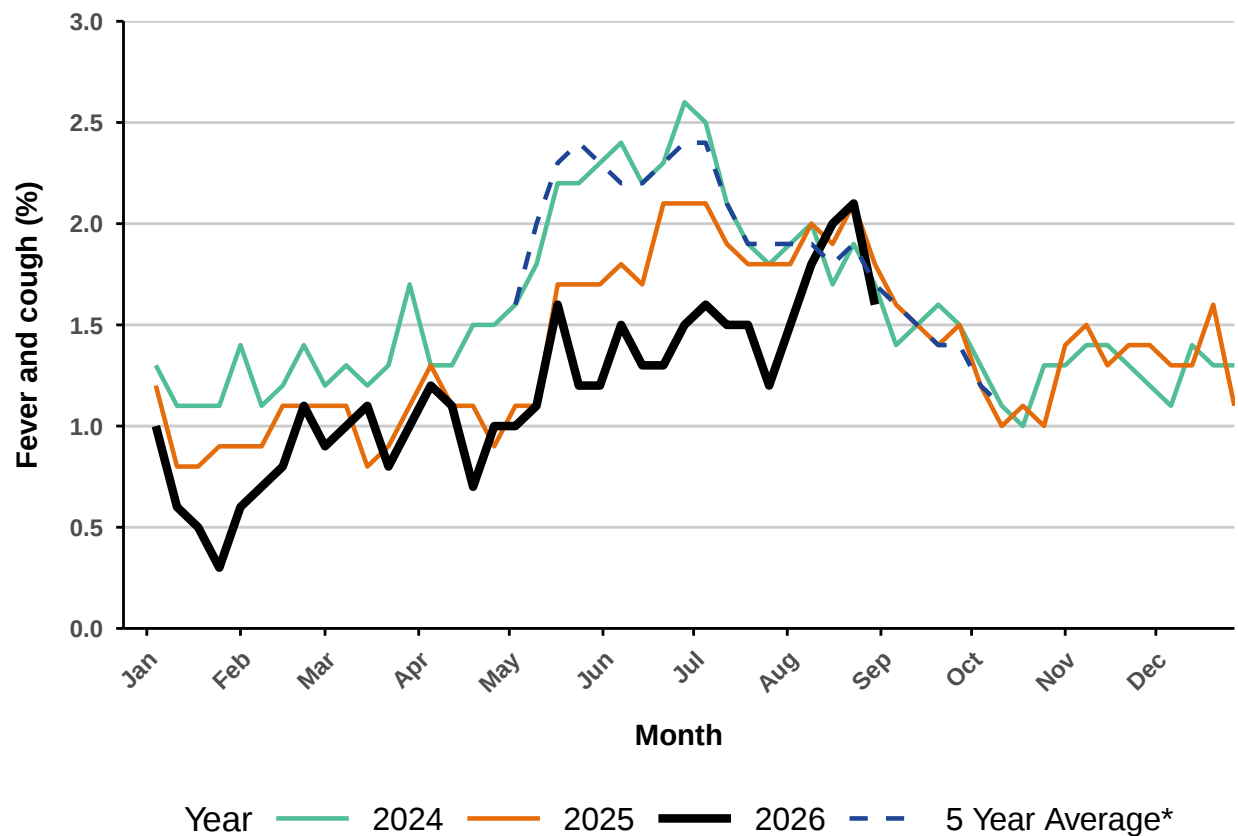
**Respiratory illness levels have decreased this week**

**44,680 participants this week**

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

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

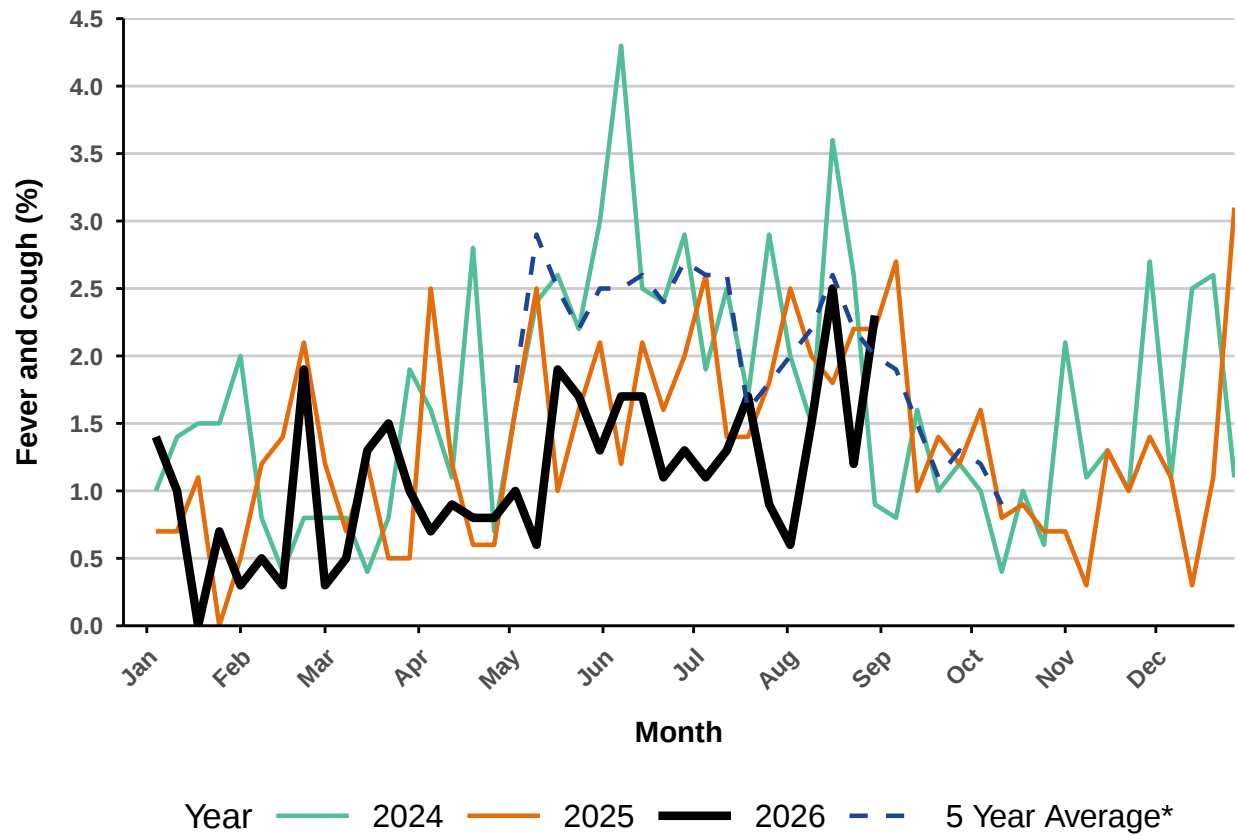
**1.6% this week and 2.1% last week**



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

2.3% this week and 1.2% last week

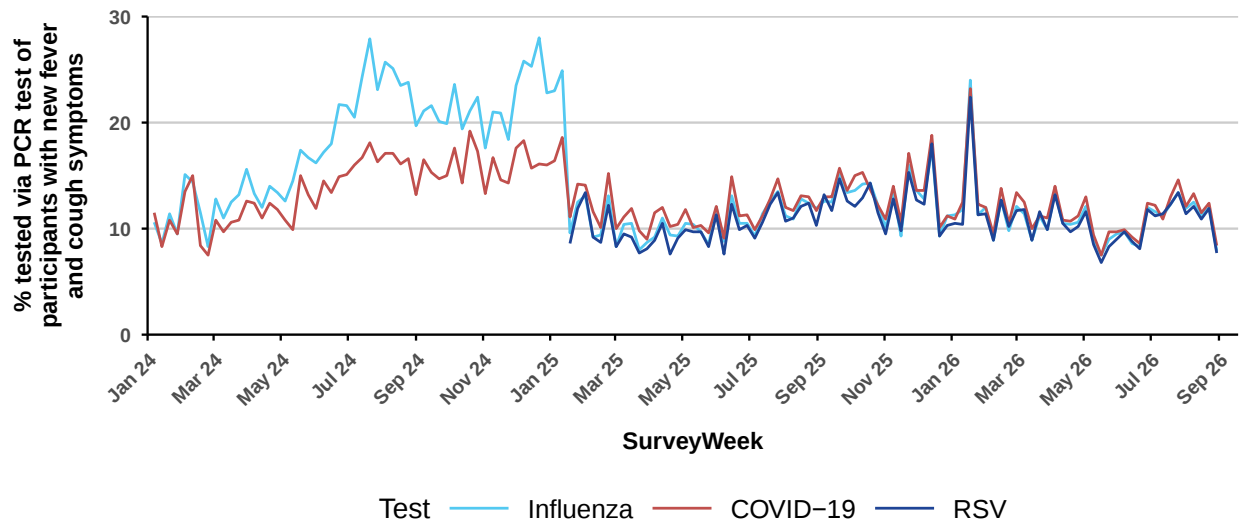


- Total number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants this week = 399.

- Average number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants in 2026 = 421.

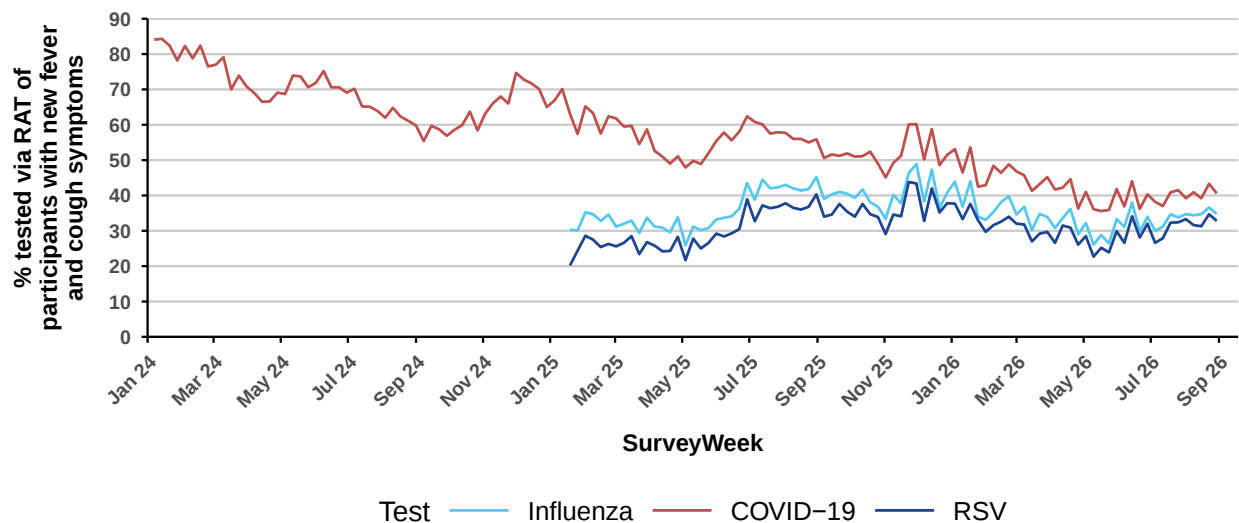
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**Figure 3a - Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing among participants reporting fever and cough symptoms**



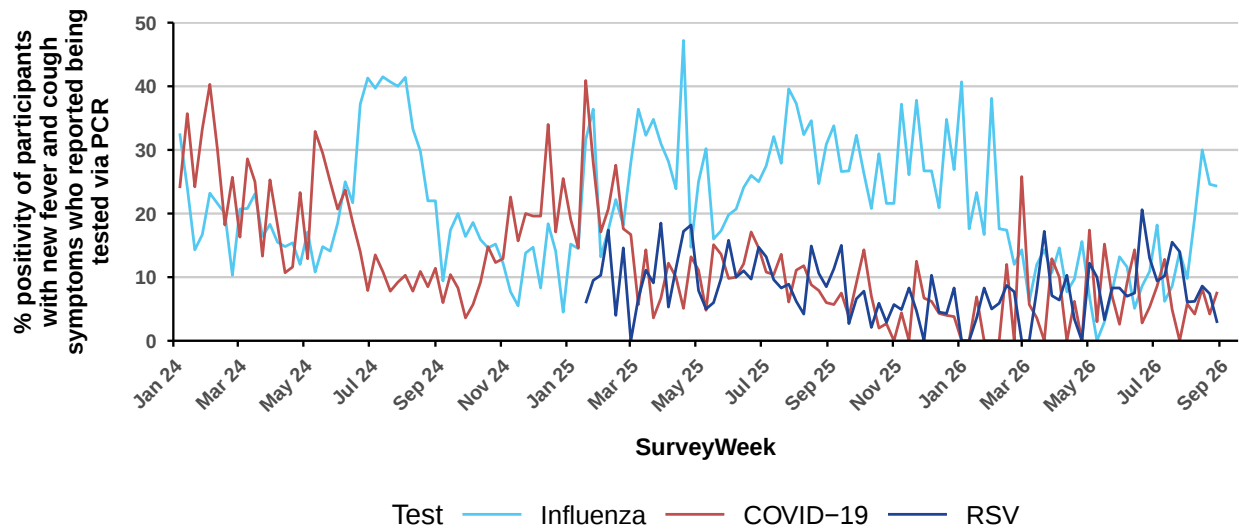
- Influenza PCR: **7.9% (37/466)** this week compared to **12%** last week.
- COVID-19 PCR: **8.4% (39/466)** this week compared to **12.4%** last week.
- RSV PCR: **7.7% (36/466)** this week compared to **11.9%** last week.

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



- Influenza RAT: **34.8% (162/466)** this week compared to **36.6%** last week.
- COVID-19 RAT: **40.6% (189/466)** this week compared to **43.3%** last week.
- RSV RAT: **32.8% (153/466)** this week compared to **34.7%** last week.

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

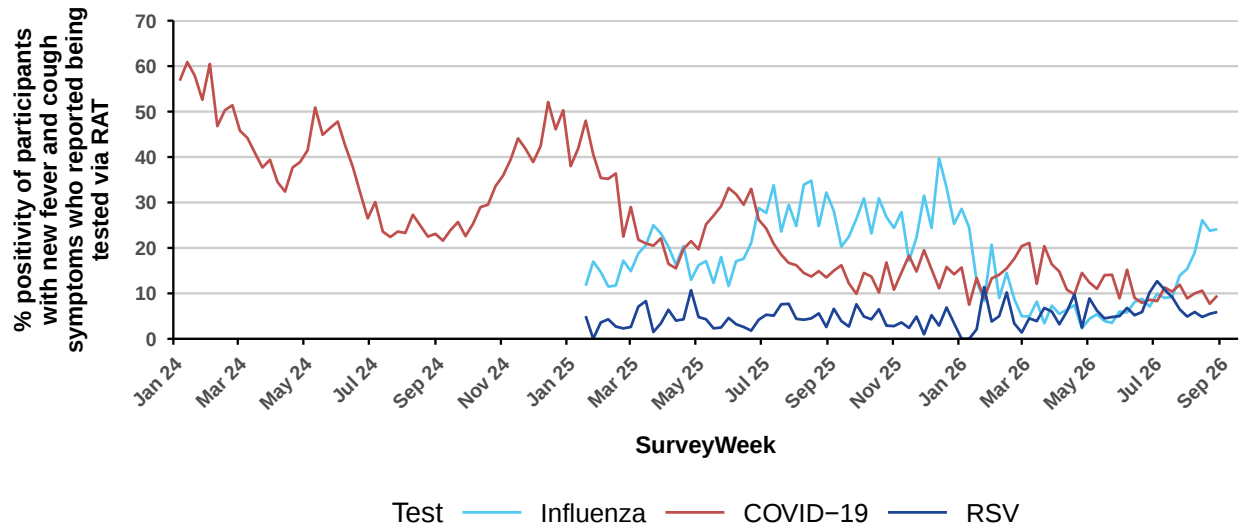


- Influenza PCR: **24.3% (9/37)** this week compared to **24.6%** last week.  
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via influenza PCR).

- COVID-19 PCR: **7.7% (3/39)** this week compared to **4.2%** last week.  
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via COVID-19 PCR).

- RSV PCR: **2.8% (1/36)** this week compared to **7.4%** 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**

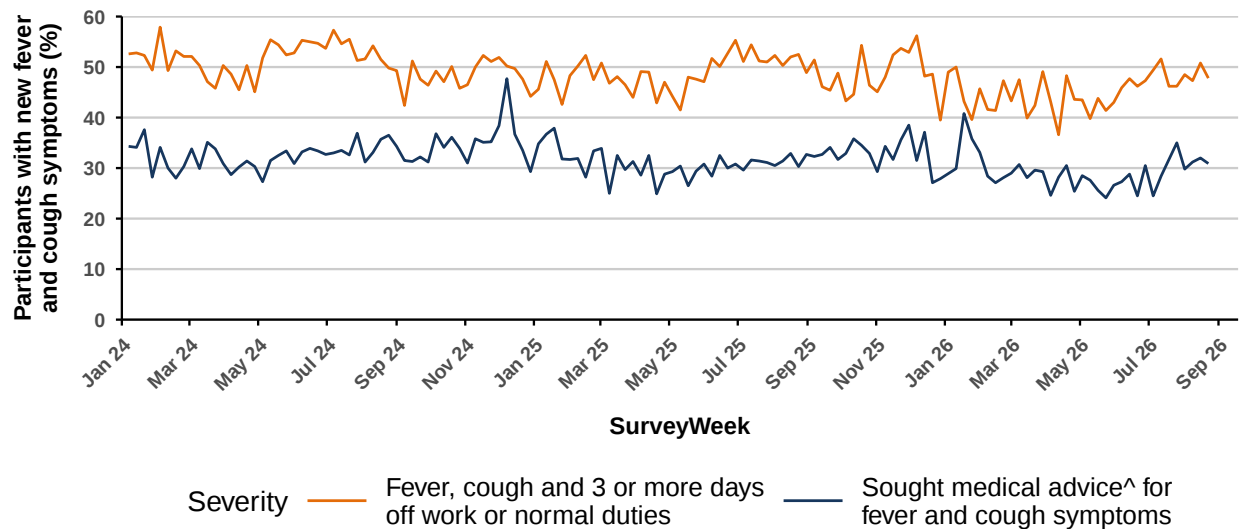


- Influenza RAT: **24.1% (39/162)** this week compared to **23.8%** last week.  
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via influenza RAT).

- COVID-19 RAT: **9.5% (18/189)** this week compared to **7.7%** last week.  
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via COVID-19 RAT).

- RSV RAT: **5.9% (9/153)** this week compared to **5.5%** last week.  
(Denominator is participants who self-reported fever and cough symptoms and tested via RSV RAT).

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



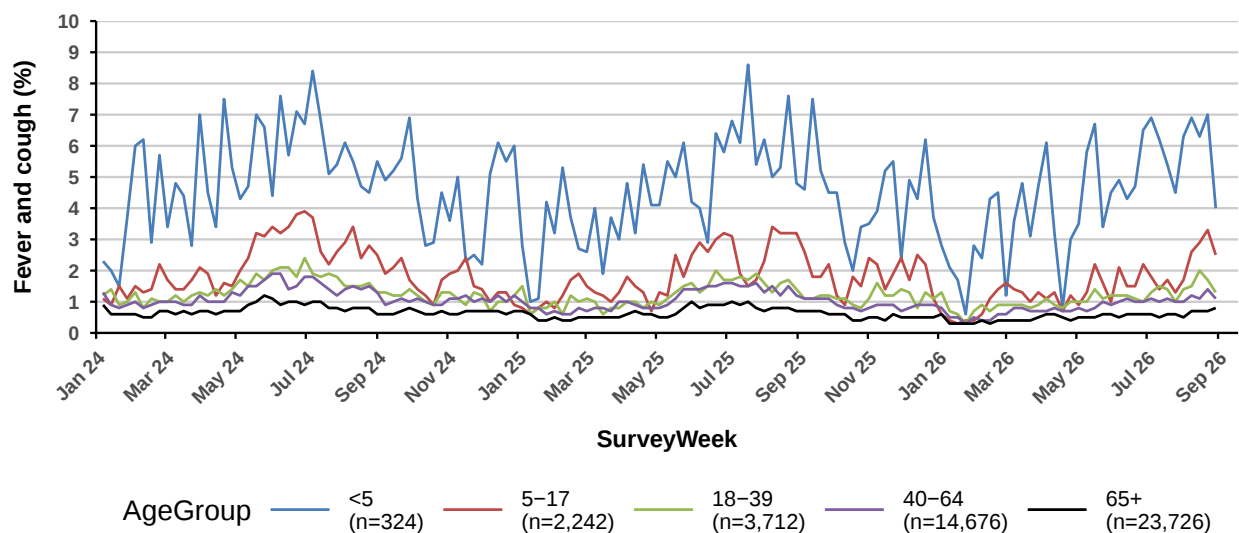
- Fever and cough with an absence of  $\geq 3$  days: **47.8% (274/573)** this report\* compared to **50.8%** last report.

- Sought medical advice^ for fever and cough symptoms: **30.9% (177/573)** this report\* compared to **32%** 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.

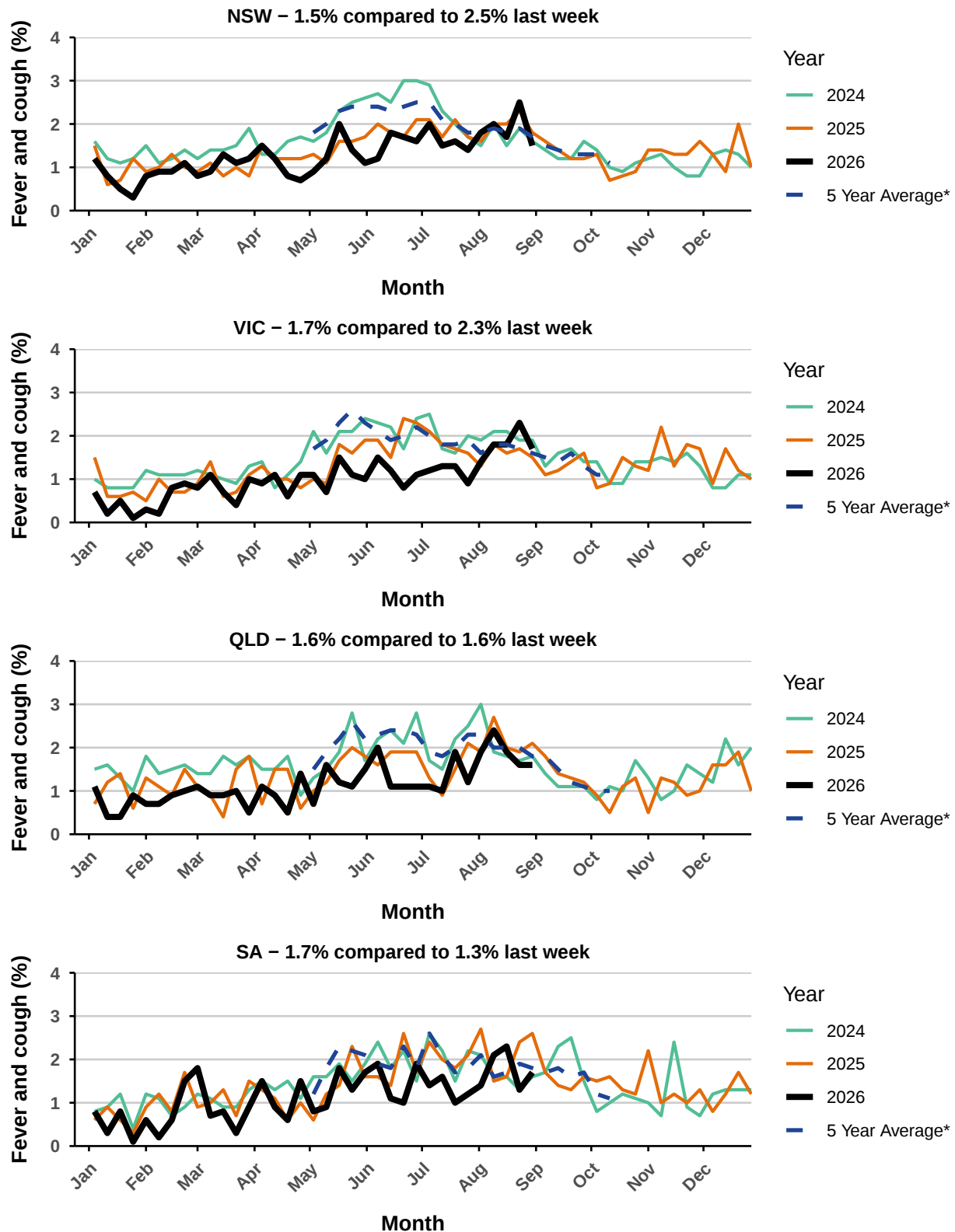
^ Includes those who sought medical advice from a general practitioner, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health clinic, COVID-19 clinic, emergency department, or were admitted to hospital for fever and cough.

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

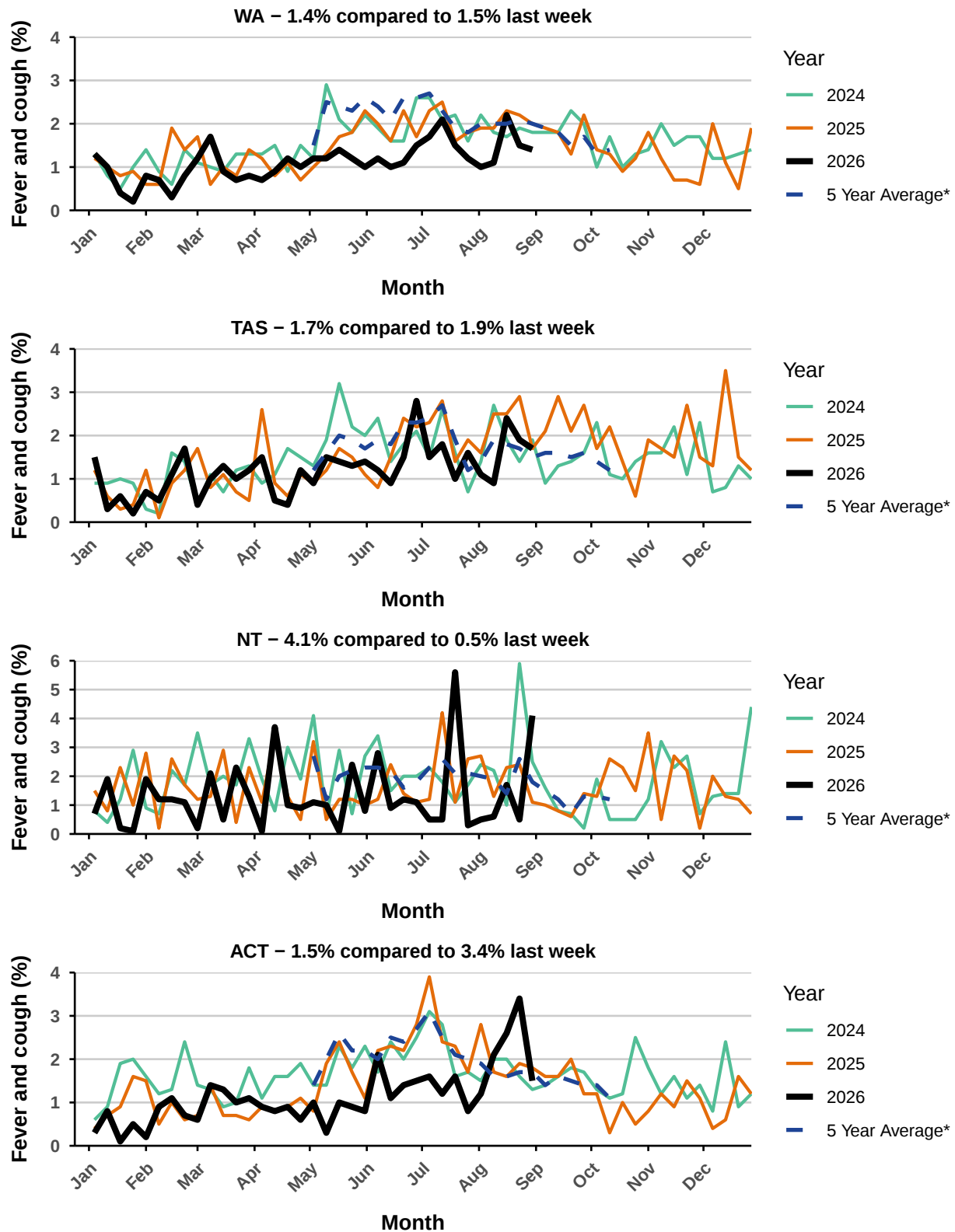


\* n = current reporting week participant count. Use caution when interpreting chart where n is low (e.g. less than 1000).

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



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**Table 1 - Participation**

**44,680** participants (**47,477** last week)

| Jurisdiction | Participants | Percent (%) | Participation Rate/<br>100,000 Population |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>NSW</b>   | 15,982       | 35.8        | 185.0                                     |
| <b>VIC</b>   | 9,003        | 20.1        | 126.4                                     |
| <b>QLD</b>   | 5,398        | 12.1        | 94.5                                      |
| <b>SA</b>    | 3,827        | 8.6         | 200.3                                     |
| <b>WA</b>    | 4,101        | 9.2         | 133.3                                     |
| <b>TAS</b>   | 3,019        | 6.8         | 521.3                                     |
| <b>NT</b>    | 629          | 1.4         | 235.1                                     |
| <b>ACT</b>   | 2,721        | 6.1         | 558.5                                     |
| <b>AUS</b>   | 44,680       | 100.0       | 160.7                                     |

**Table 2 - Influenza vaccination rates**

| Group                                           | Vaccinated (%) |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>&lt;5 years</b>                              | 71.3           |
| <b>5-14 years</b>                               | 57.4           |
| <b>15-49 years</b>                              | 62.8           |
| <b>50-64 years</b>                              | 75.8           |
| <b>65+ years</b>                                | 90.1           |
| <b>Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander</b> | 67.2           |
| <b>Working with patients</b>                    | 84.5           |
| <b>Overall</b>                                  | 80.4           |

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

| Group                                    | Past 6 months | Past 12 months* | Never Vaccinated |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <5 years                                 | 0.9           | 1.2             | 97.8             |
| 5-17 years                               | 3.3           | 3.8             | 26.1             |
| 18-64 years                              | 21.4          | 25.4            | 1.2              |
| 65-74 years                              | 47.6          | 55.0            | 0.5              |
| 75+ years                                | 55.5          | 64.3            | 0.6              |
| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander | 24.1          | 27.3            | 6.3              |
| Working with patients                    | 26.4          | 31.1            | 0.5              |
| Overall                                  | 36.1          | 42.0            | 2.8              |

\* 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)                                | 65.9          |
| <2 years (via child after birth)                     | 14.1          |
| <2 years (both via mother and via child after birth) | 7.1           |
| 50-59 years                                          | 2.0           |
| 60-74 years                                          | 14.0          |
| 75+ years                                            | 74.7          |
| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (60+ years) | 34.2          |