



WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

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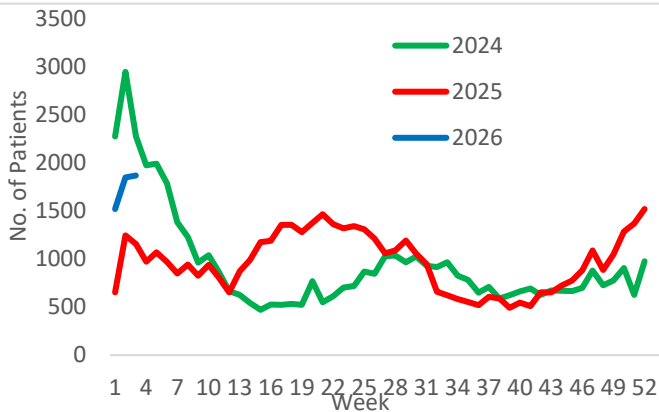
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DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During the 3rd week, 1871 suspected dengue cases were reported across all 26 districts, compared to 1852 cases in the previous week, reflecting a 1% increase. The Western Province accounted for 52% of total cases, with the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) contributing 7.2%, the rest of Colombo District 25.8%, Gampaha District 13.3%, and Kalutara District 5.7%. Outside the Western Province, notable case contributions were reported from Galle (7.5%), Matara (7.4%), Hambantota (6.2%), Ratnapura (5.1%), Kandy (3.3%), Kegalle (2.3%), and Batticaloa (2%) (see Table 1).

WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION OF DENGUE PATIENTS in 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: NaDSys – National Dengue Surveillance System

HIGH RISK MOH AREAS

As presented in Table 2, during the 03rd week of 2026, 56 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas were identified as high-risk, including 15 newly flagged areas (highlighted in light blue in Table 2). Previously classified 11 high-risk MOH areas in week 02, were not identified as high-risk in the 03rd week of 2026 (Table 2).

MIDNIGHT TOTAL OF DENGUE PATIENT ADMISSIONS

* After incorporating delayed hospital reports, the average midnight total for the 2nd week rose from 610 to 650.

In the 3rd week of 2026, the average midnight total of dengue patients across 74 sentinel hospitals was 596. During this period, 21 hospitals reported an increase in dengue admissions, while 31 hospitals reported a decrease.

Table 3 highlights sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals and changes in dengue admissions during the 3rd week.

Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 03 and week 02 of 2026

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2025		2026		Up to Week 03	
	Week 02	Week 03	Week 02	Week 03	2025	2026
Colombo	316	314	634	617	826	1574
Gampaha	184	164	280*	249	484	699
Kalutara	36	57	96	106	123	264
Kandy	72	77	95	61	191	211
Matale	30	43	25	27	80	76
Nuwara Eliya	3	1	5	8	8	17
Galle	100	38	125*	141	200	319
Hambantota	38	29	43	116	90	173
Matara	37	33	131*	138	100	336
Jaffna	79	29	35	31	125	95
Kilinochchi	4	1	2	2	7	7
Mannar	23	7	Nil	1	36	5
Vavuniya	Nil	1	4	5	3	9
Mullaitivu	1	Nil	3	2	1	5
Batticaloa	62	77	26*	38	179	70
Ampara	4	1	22	7	7	40
Trincomalee	41	26	25	22	76	60
Kalmunai*	22	14	21*	27	45	64
Kurunegala	19	26	54*	31	75	109
Puttalam	23	15	41	32	65	88
Anuradhapura	14	27	10	15	62	34
Polonnaruwa	4	7	10	7	15	21
Badulla	25	24	26	30	58	65
Monaragala	24	23	24	19	67	62
Ratnapura	45	88	71*	96	166	219
Kegalle	45	28	44	43	102	105
Total*	1251	1150	1852*	1871	3191	4727

Source: NaDSys (Dengue Surveillance, National Dengue Control Unit)

*Ampara district is divided into two Regional Directorates of Health Services (RDHS) as Ampara & Kalmunai

■ Districts reporting higher number of cases.

* Week total may vary slightly due to the deletion of duplicate entries. Inter-district transfers can affect the district totals.

Table 2: High risk MOH areas

MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported	
	Week 02	Week 03		Week 02	Week 03		Week 02	Week 03		Week 02	Week 03
WESTERN PROVINCE											
Colombo District											
Battaramulla	41	51	D2A-CMC	21	24	Panadura	25	26	Medadumbara	16	11
Boralesgamuwa	17	18	D2B-CMC	21	19	Kalutara	8	11	EASTERN PROVINCE		
Dehiwala	35	31	D3-CMC	41	29	SOUTHERN PROVINCE					
Egodauyana	24	12	D4-CMC	30	15	Galle District					
Gothatuwa	66	76	D5-CMC	25	27	MC-Galle					
Hanwella	14	20	Gampaha District			Akmeemana					
Homagama	15	24	Attanagalla	15	11	Baddegama					
Kaduwela	46	41	Biyagama	29	31	Ambalangoda					
Kahathuduwa	9	14	Divulpitiya	6	10	Balapitiya					
Kolonnawa	20	19	Gampaha	39	18	Matara District					
Maharagama	28	38	Ja Ela	25	25	Akuressa					
Moratuwa	33	26	Katana	11	11	Dickwella					
Nugegoda	39	19	Kelaniya	36	24	Matara MC					
Piliyandala	19	20	Mahara	18	26	Weligama					
Pitakotte (Kotte)	20	15	Meerigama	6	14	Devinuwara					
Rathmalana	35	37	Minuwangoda	14	18	Hambantota District					
CMC											
D1-CMC	14	16	Seeduwa	13	21	Beliatta					
			Wattala	36	20	Tangalle					
			Kalutara District			CENTRAL PROVINCE					
			Horana	2	10	Kandy District					

Table 3: Sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals in the 03rd week

Hospital	Average Midnight Total		Hospital	Average Midnight Total		Hospital	Average Midnight Total	
	Week 02	Week 03		Week 02	Week 03		Week 02	Week 03
NIID	71	67	TH - Kalutara	9	12	DGH - Trincomalee	4	5
TH - Colombo South	61	55	PGH - Badulla	10	11	BH - Kalmunai North	5	5
NHSL	56	52	BH - Panadura	17	11	BH - Balangoda	7	5
TH-Matara	47	45	DGH Hambantota	12	11	BH - Wathupitiwala	7	5
NH - Galle	35	36	NH - Kandy	15	10	DGH - Kegalle	5	5
BH - Tangalle	32	27	DGH - Embilipitiya	6	9	DGH - Matale	4	4
DGH - Negombo	22	23	BH - Balapitiya	8	9	BH - Mirigama	2	4
LRH	22	21	DGH - Kiribathgoda	10	8	BH - Minuwangoda	3	4
DGH - Gampaha	18	19	DGH-Avissawella	6	8	BH - Marawila	7	4
TH - Ratnapura	19	17	TH - Peradeniya	11	7	BH - Warakapola	4	4
TH - Colombo North	24	13	BH - Kahawatta	6	6			
TH - Kurunegala	18	12	DGH - Horana	2	5			
TH - Batticaloa	6	12						

Table 4: Dengue related deaths

	2025	2026		2025	2026
Reported Deaths	29	00	Case Fatality Rate	0.05%	0.00%

Deaths reported in 2025 [Districts/Admin area]					
District/area	No	District/area	No	District/area	No
Colombo	7	Monaragala	1	Ratnapura	7
Gampaha	5	Batticaloa	1	Galle	2
Matara	1	Kandy	2	Kurunegala	1
Matale	1	Badulla	1		

Deaths reported in 2025 [Age & Sex]					
Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female	Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female
5-14	2	0	45 - 54	0	3
15-24	2	1	55 - 64	1	3
25-34	2	3	> 64	2	2
35-44	3	5	Total	12	17

