



WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

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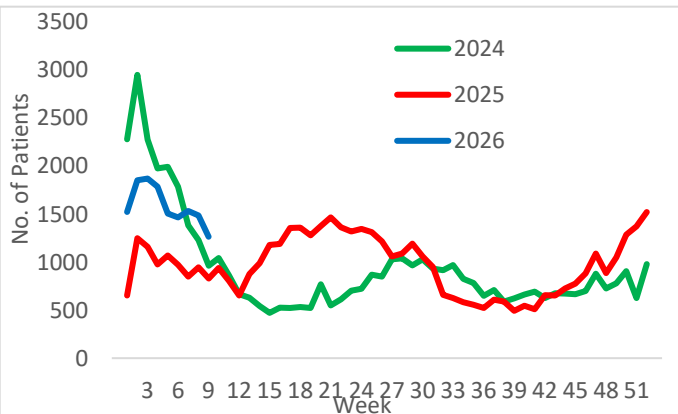
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DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During the 9th week, 1265 suspected dengue cases were reported across 24 districts, compared to 1487 cases in the previous week, reflecting a 14.9% decrease. The Western Province accounted for 50.8% of total cases, with the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) contributing 6.5%, the rest of Colombo District 21.9%, Gampaha District 17.8%, and Kalutara District 4.7%. Outside the Western Province, notable case contributions were reported from Ratnapura (7%), Matara (6.3%), Galle (5.9%), Kandy (3.9%), Batticaloa (3.5%) Hambantota (2.9%), Kurunegala (2.8%) Jaffna (2.8%), Puttalam (2.5%), and Kegalle (2.1%) (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 08th week of 2026, 39 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas were identified as high-risk, including 6 newly flagged areas (highlighted in light blue in Table 2). Previously classified 17 high-risk MOH areas in week 08, were not identified as high-risk in the 09th week of 2026 (Table 2).

MIDNIGHT TOTAL OF DENGUE PATIENT ADMISSIONS

* After incorporating delayed hospital reports, the average midnight total for the 8th week rose from 506 to 512.

In the 9th week of 2026, the average midnight total of dengue patients across 74 sentinel hospitals was 442. During this period, 17 hospitals reported an increase in dengue admissions, while 33 hospitals reported a decrease.

Table 3 highlights sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals and changes in dengue admissions during the 9th week.

Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 09 and week 08 of 2026

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2025		2026		Up to Week 09	
	Week 08	Week 09	Week 08	Week 09	2025	2026
Colombo	257	228	416*	359	2318	4121
Gampaha	151	109	231*	225	1325	2138
Kalutara	36	43	81*	59	348	690
Kandy	53	50	51	49	570	545
Matale	38	27	23	15	257	227
Nuwara Eliya	2	4	4	4	20	46
Galle	28	43	115	75	501	936
Hambantota	10	18	50	37	195	495
Matara	42	34	101	80	355	1017
Jaffna	42	22	21	35	316	308
Kilinochchi	1	2	2	Nil	17	22
Mannar	Nil	6	1	2	61	17
Vavuniya	Nil	Nil	6	3	5	34
Mullaitivu	Nil	Nil	3	Nil	3	13
Batticaloa	78	60	50	44	596	392
Ampara	1	1	18*	5	22	123
Trincomalee	34	25	14	12	244	149
Kalmunai*	11	13	24*	24	119	241
Kurunegala	18	11	41	36	185	344
Puttalam	25	21	33	32	208	245
Anuradhapura	12	18	10	12	149	119
Polonnaruwa	8	6	9	9	60	86
Badulla	11	8	19	14	157	183
Monaragala	11	11	18*	18	143	172
Ratnapura	43	52	104*	89	446	751
Kegalle	29	15	48*	27	243	341
Total*	941	827	1487*	1265	8863	13755

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 08	Week 09		Week 08	Week 09		Week 08	Week 09		Week 08	Week 09
WESTERN PROVINCE			D2A-CMC	11	12	Seeduwa	21	22	Batticaloa	15	12
Colombo District			D2B-CMC	9	11	Wattala	16	15	Kalmunai District		
Battaramulla	22	29	D3-CMC	33	16	Kalutara District			Kalmunai South	2	11
Boralesgamuwa	16	17	D4-CMC	14	17	Ingiriya	5	11	NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE		
Dehiwala	20	11	D5-CMC	17	10	Panadura	13	14	Puttalam District		
Gothatuwa	24	16	Gampaha District			SOUTHERN PROVINCE			Madampe		
Hanwellla	8	11	Attanagalla	11	19	Galle District			9		
Homagama	15	20	Biyagama	28	29	Habaraduwa			12		
Kaduwela	54	42	Gampaha	22	19	Hambanota			SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE		
Kolonnawa	11	12	Ja Ela	13	11	Katuwana			Ratnapura District		
Maharagama	34	46	Kelaniya	22	18	Matara District			Embilipitiya		
Piliyandala	7	12	Mahara	22	18	Devinuwara			12		
Rathmalana	27	15	Meerigama	10	15	Matara MC			9		
CMC			Minuwangoda	17	16	EASTERN PROVINCE			Nivithigala		
D1-CMC	13	16	Pugoda(Dompe)	11	16	Batticaloa District			14		

Table 3: Sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals in the 09th week

Hospital	Average Midnight Total		Hospital	Average Midnight Total		Hospital	Average Midnight Total	
	Week 08	Week 09		Week 08	Week 09		Week 08	Week 09
NIID	52	44	TH - Peradeniya	7	10	BH - Kahawatta	6	6
NHSL	40	40	BH - Balapitiya	8	10	DGH - Chilaw	4	6
TH-Matara	41	31	BH - Tangalle	14	9	NH - Kandy	7	6
TH - Colombo South	39	29	TH - Batticaloa	11	9	DGH-Avissawella	10	5
NH - Galle	28	27	TH - Kurunegala	12	9	BH - Mawanella	2	5
TH - Colombo North	29	16	BH - Wathupitiwala	5	8	DGH Hambantota	6	5
DGH - Gampaha	13	15	BH - Balangoda	6	8	DGH - Kegalle	5	4
LRH	15	15	DGH - Horana	7	7	BH - Kalmunai North	2	4
DGH - Negombo	25	15	TH - Kalutara	6	7	BH - Warakapola	3	4
TH - Ratnapura	15	12	BH - Panadura	8	6			
DGH - Embilipitiya	14	11	PGH - Badulla	8	6			

Table 4: Dengue related deaths

	2025	2026		2025	2026
Reported Deaths	29	04	Case Fatality Rate	0.05%	0.01%

Deaths reported in 2026 [Districts/Admin area]					
District/area	No	District/area	No	District/area	No
Colombo	2	Gampaha	2		

Deaths reported in 2026 [Age & Sex]					
Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female	Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female
5-14	0	0	45 - 54	0	0
15-24	0	1	55 - 64	0	0
25-34	0	0	> 64	0	2
35-44	0	1	Total	0	4

