



WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

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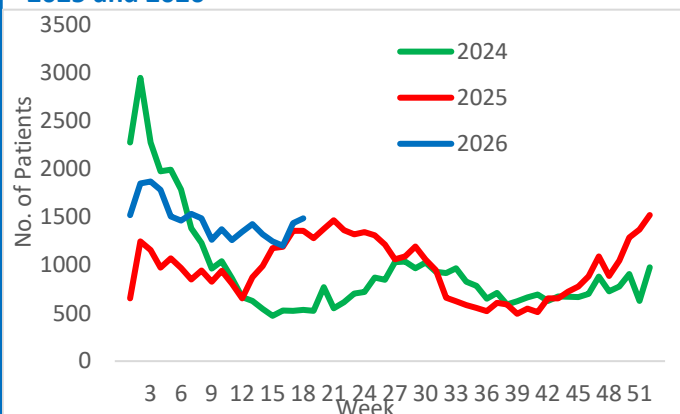
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DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During the 18th week, 1486 suspected dengue cases were reported across all 26 districts, compared to 1438 cases in the previous week, reflecting an 3.2% increase. The Western Province accounted for 52.6% of total cases, with the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) contributing 3.8%, the rest of Colombo District 21.4%, Gampaha District 18.9%, and Kalutara District 8.5%. Outside the Western Province, notable case contributions were reported from Ratnapura (9%), Matara (6.2%), Kandy (5.5%), Galle (5%), Kegalle (3.5%), Kurunegala (3.2%), and Kalmunai (2.3%) (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 18th week of 2026, 42 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas were identified as high-risk, including 10 newly flagged areas (highlighted in light blue in Table 2). Previously classified 11 high-risk MOH areas in week 17, were not identified as high-risk in the 18th week of 2026 (Table 2).

MIDNIGHT TOTAL OF DENGUE PATIENT ADMISSIONS

* After incorporating delayed hospital reports, the average midnight total for the 17th week increased from 500 to 503.

In the 18th week of 2026, the average midnight total of dengue patients across 74 sentinel hospitals was 500. Compared to the previous week, in the 18th week, 16 hospitals reported an increase, while 26 reported a decrease.

Table 3 highlights sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals and changes in dengue admissions during the 18th week.

Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 18 and week 17 of 2026

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2025		2026		Up to Week 18	
	Week 17	Week 18	Week 17	Week 18	2025	2026
Colombo	336	335	370	374	4920	7178
Gampaha	184	203	273*	281	2712	4163
Kalutara	68	49	125	126	739	1670
Kandy	68	64	48*	81	1083	1012
Matale	29	21	11	6	532	352
Nuwara Eliya	3	2	2*	9	59	91
Galle	27	49	91	74	828	1751
Hambantota	19	15	24	16	330	784
Matara	16	19	85	92	657	1842
Jaffna	23	8	28*	20	443	495
Kilinochchi	2	1	2	1	31	35
Mannar	Nil	8	4	2	82	34
Vavuniya	Nil	2	1	2	20	46
Mullaitivu	Nil	Nil	2	2	7	21
Batticaloa	107	84	39	28	1146	773
Ampara	1	3	7	8	52	195
Trincomalee	43	63	23	12	564	320
Kalmunai*	12	18	27*	34	224	498
Kurunegala	30	26	28	47	397	684
Puttalam	17	12	21*	25	319	468
Anuradhapura	16	16	4	11	227	208
Polonnaruwa	9	7	10	14	120	191
Badulla	10	13	14	11	262	331
Monaragala	7	18	15	25	340	359
Ratnapura	305	280	142	133	1824	1650
Kegalle	20	36	42	52	464	695
Total*	1352	1352	1438*	1486	18382	25846

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 17	Week 18		Week 17	Week 18		Week 17	Week 18		Week 17	Week 18
WESTERN PROVINCE			CMC			Ragama			EASTERN PROVINCE		
Colombo District			D2A-CMC			Seeduwa			Kalmunai District		
Battaramulla	25	19	D3-CMC			Wattala			Addalaichchenai	16	14
Boralesgamuwa	12	13	D4-CMC			Kalutara District			NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE		
Egodauyana	11	10	Gampaha District			Horana			Puttalam District		
Gothatuwa	27	27	Aththanagalla			Ingiriya			Wennappuwa		
Hanwella	18	23	Biyagama			Panadura			SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE		
Homagama	12	15	Gampaha			SOUTHERN PROVINCE			Ratnapura District		
Kaduwela	45	41	Ja-Ela			Matara District			Embilipitiya	12	16
Kahathuduwa	12	14	Katana			Akuressa			Rathnapura MC	24	31
Maharagama	54	64	Kelaniya			Kamburupitiya			Kegalle District		
Nugegoda	3	17	Mahara			Matara MC			Dehiovita		
Padukka	12	15	Minuwangoda			CENTRAL PROVINCE					
Pitakotte	17	14	Negombo			Kandy District					
Rathmalana	12	15	Pugoda(Dompe)			Kandy MC					
						Yatinuwara					

Table 3: Sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals in the 18th week

Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total		
	Week 17	Week 18			Week 17	Week 18			Week 17	Week 18	
NIID	59	59	-	DGH - Gampaha	13	16	↑	BH - Wathupitiwala	6	6	-
TH - Ratnapura	36	42	↑	NH - Kandy	12	14	↑	TH - Batticaloa	7	6	↓
TH - Colombo South	31	32	↑	TH - Peradeniya	6	14	↑	BH - Wathupitiwala	6	6	-
TH - Colombo North	31	29	↓	DGH - Awissawella	11	12	↑	DGH - Embilipitiya	5	5	-
DGH - Horana	18	29	↑	TH - Kalutara	12	12	-	BH - Balapitiya	4	4	-
TH-Matara	24	21	↓	BH - Panadura	10	9	↓	DGH - Ampara	3	4	↑
DGH - Negambo	20	20	-	BH - Kamburupitiya	13	8	↓	TH - Kuliypitiya	0	4	↑
NH - Galle	21	19	↓	BH - Tangalle	9	6	↓	BH - Minuwangoda	4	4	-
LRH	18	17	↓	BH - Balangoda	6	6	-	BH - Marawila	2	4	↑
TH - Kurunegala	13	17	↑	PGH - Badulla	10	6	↓				

Table 4: Dengue related deaths

	2025	2026		2025	2026
Reported Deaths	29	12	Case Fatality Rate	0.05%	0.05%

Deaths reported in 2026 [Districts/Admin area]					
District/area	No	District/area	No	District/area	No
Colombo	3	Gampaha	3	NIHS Kalutara	1
Hambantota	2	Galle	1	Kandy	1
Ratnapura	1				

Deaths reported in 2026 [Age & Sex]					
Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female	Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female
0-14	1	1	45 - 54	0	1
15-24	0	1	55 - 64	0	1
25-34	1	0	> 64	0	4
35-44	0	2	Total	2	10

