



WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

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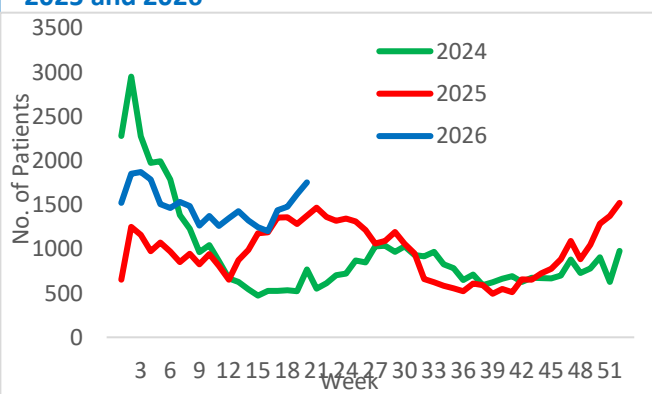
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DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During the 20th week, 1754 suspected dengue cases were reported across 24 districts, compared to 1621 cases in the previous week, reflecting an 8.2% increase. The Western Province accounted for 47% of total cases, with the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) contributing 2.3%, the rest of Colombo District 17.8%, Gampaha District 19.5%, and Kalutara District 7.4%. Outside the Western Province, notable case contributions were reported from Ratnapura (11.5%), Kandy (7.6%), Galle (6.1%), Matara (5.4%), Kegalle (3.8%), Batticaloa (2.6%), Kurunegala (2.5%), and Hambantota (2.5%), (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 20th week of 2026, 50 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas were identified as high-risk, including 17 newly flagged areas (highlighted in light red in Table 2). Previously classified 6 high-risk MOH areas in week 19, were not identified as high-risk in the 20th week of 2026 (Table 2).

MIDNIGHT TOTAL OF DENGUE PATIENT ADMISSIONS

* After incorporating delayed hospital reports, the average midnight total for the 19th week increased from 550 to 554.

In the 20th week of 2026, the average midnight total of dengue patients across 74 sentinel hospitals was 664. Compared to the previous week, in the 20th week, 35 hospitals reported an increase, while 14 reported a decrease.

Table 3 highlights sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals and changes in dengue admissions during the 20th week.

Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 20 and week 19 of 2026

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2025		2026		Up to Week 20	
	Week 19	Week 20	Week 19	Week 20	2025	2026
Colombo	354	347	378*	353	5621	7868
Gampaha	163	215	286*	342	3090	4813
Kalutara	52	44	129	130	835	1941
Kandy	93	100	91	133	1276	1228
Matale	17	10	9	18	559	379
Nuwara Eliya	7	3	5	9	69	107
Galle	53	51	69	107	932	1926
Hambantota	17	20	47*	43	367	879
Matara	16	33	91	94	706	2022
Jaffna	14	19	19	21	476	534
Kilinochchi	1	7	1	Nil	39	36
Mannar	1	6	Nil	4	89	38
Vavuniya	Nil	2	4	7	22	57
Mullaitivu	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7	21
Batticaloa	63	52	46*	45	1261	863
Ampara	3	4	4	12	59	211
Trincomalee	38	37	34*	17	639	372
Kalmunai*	13	11	36	25	248	559
Kurunegala	28	50	56	44	475	786
Puttalam	14	11	31	24	344	522
Anuradhapura	5	9	15	10	241	233
Polonnaruwa	6	11	12	17	137	220
Badulla	7	14	14	17	283	360
Monaragala	13	10	27	15	363	404
Ratnapura	248	263	158*	201	2335	2013
Kegalle	43	40	59	66	932	819
Total*	1269	1369	1621*	1754	21020	29211

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 total

Table 2: High risk MOH areas

MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported	
	Week 19	Week 20		Week 19	Week 20		Week 19	Week 20		Week 19	Week 20
WESTERN PROVINCE			Aththanagalla	14	13	SOUTHERN PROVINCE			Batticaloa	14	18
Colombo District			Biyagama	70	94	Matara District			Kalmunai District		
Battaramulla	13	15	Gampaha	15	13	Matara MC	27	32	Addalaichchenai	18	11
Boralesgamuwa	16	10	Ja-Ela	5	19	Hambantota			SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE		
Dehiwala	6	10	Katana	9	16	Katuwana	12	14	Ratnapura District		
Gothatuwa	43	24	Kelaniya	30	37	Galle District			Embilipitiya	9	15
Hanwella	29	33	Mahara	22	32	Bope Poddala	3	16	Kalawana	8	10
Homagama	9	22	Minuwangoda	24	26	MC Galle	7	12	Kuruvita	8	16
Kaduwela	40	49	Negombo	7	13	Thawalama	3	13	Nivithigala		
Kahathuduwa	14	18	Pugoda(Dompe)	27	21	CENTRAL PROVINCE			Pelmadulla		
Maharagama	56	50	Ragama	5	11	Kandy District			Rathnapura MC		
Moratuwa	7	14	Seeduwa	17	15	Gangawata	11	10	Ratnapura PS		
Piliyandala	16	17	Wattala	19	18	Korale			Kegalle District		
Pitakotte	9	14	Kalutara District			Kandy MC	7	21	Dehiovita	24	15
CMC			Bulathsinhala	6	10	Waththegama	4	11	Mawanella		
D3-CMC	15	10	Horana	22	26	Yatinuwara	16	27			
Gampaha District			Ingiriya	28	18	EASTERN PROVINCE					
			Panadura	20	16	Batticaloa District					

Table 3: Sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals in the 20th week

Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total		
	Week 19	Week 20			Week 19	Week 20			Week 19	Week 20	
NIID	56	74	↑	DGH - Awissawella	16	19	↑	BH - Mawanella	2	6	↑
TH - Ratnapura	54	67	↑	LRH	12	19	↑	DGH - Ampara	1	5	↑
TH-Matara	39	46	↑	NH Kandy	12	18	↑	DGH - Embilipitiya	7	5	↓
TH - Colombo South	24	31	↑	TH - Kalutara	11	12	↑	BH - Balapitiya	4	4	-
TH - Colombo North	24	31	↑	TH - Batticaloa	9	12	↑	DGH - Trincomalee	4	4	-
TH - Kurunegala	30	28	↓	BH - Balangoda	9	10	↑	BH - Minuwangoda	4	4	-
DGH - Horana	24	26	↑	BH - Kahawatta	7	10	↑	BH - Mirigama	3	4	↑
TH - Peradeniya	24	26	↑	BH - Tangalle	9	10	↑	TH - Anuradhapura	1	4	↑
NH - Galle	17	24	↑	PGH - Badulla	9	10	↑	DGH - Nawalapitiya	2	4	↑
DGH - Negambo	20	23	↑	BH - Kamburupitiya	6	9	↑				
DGH - Gampaha	16	20	↑	BH - Panadura	10	7	↓				

Table 4: Dengue related deaths

	2025	2026		2025	2026
Reported Deaths	29	15	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	4	NIHS Kalutara	1
Hambantota	2	Galle	1	Kandy	1
Ratnapura	1	Kalutara	1	Trincomalee	1

Deaths reported in 2026 [Age & Sex]					
Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female	Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female
0-14	1	2	45 - 54	0	1
15-24	0	1	55 - 64	0	1
25-34	1	0	> 64	0	4
35-44	0	4	Total	2	13

