



WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

Week 34 (17th – 23rd August 2026)

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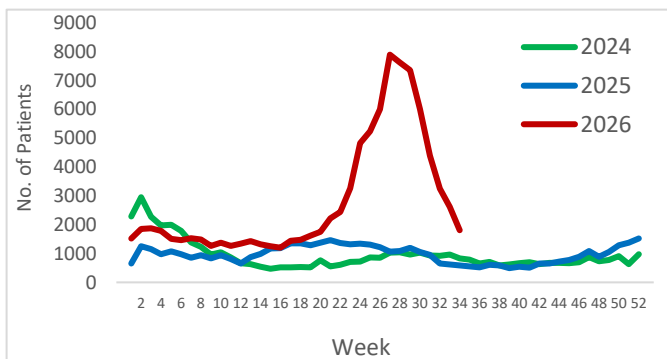
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DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During the 34th week, 1802 suspected dengue cases were reported across all 26 districts, compared to 2613 cases in the previous week, reflecting 31% decrease. The Western Province accounted for 52.6% of total cases, with the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) contributing 3.8%, the rest of Colombo District 20.7%, Gampaha District 20.5%, and Kalutara District 7.5%. Outside the Western Province, notable case contributions were reported from Kandy (10.4%), Galle (5.1%), Kegalle (4.6%), Ratnapura (3.2%), Matara (3.2%), Kurunegala (2.7%), Hambantota (2.4%), Anuradhapura (2.3%), and Badulla (2.3%). (see Table 1) (compared to the previous week, colour of %: red=increase, green=decrease, blue=no change).

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 34th week of 2026, 50 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas were identified as high-risk, including 3 newly flagged areas (highlighted in light red in Table 2). Previously classified 29 high-risk MOH areas in week 33, were not identified as high-risk in the 34th week of 2026 (Table 2).

MIDNIGHT TOTAL OF DENGUE PATIENT ADMISSIONS

* After incorporating delayed hospital reports, the average midnight total for the 33rd week increased from 809 to 813.

In the 34th week of 2026, the average midnight total of dengue patients across 73 sentinel hospitals was 641. Compared to the previous week, in the 34th week, 17 hospitals reported an increase, while 46 reported a decrease.

Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 34 and week 33 of 2026

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2025		2026		Up to Week 34	
	Week 33	Week 34	Week 33	Week 34	2025	2026
Colombo	117	114	625*	442	9088	22436
Gampaha	100	63	605*	369	5381	20036
Kalutara	32	44	165*	136	1572	7298
Kandy	85	74	273	188	3119	6817
Matale	12	17	31*	15	772	977
Nuwara Eliya	8	6	31	18	199	725
Galle	40	37	120*	92	1654	5161
Hambantota	16	11	51	44	678	2510
Matara	29	18	92	57	1206	6092
Jaffna	10	7	9	16	804	943
Kilinochchi	2	Nil	8	1	55	92
Mannar	1	1	1	2	117	94
Vavuniya	Nil	3	9	1	37	162
Mullaitivu	1	1	3	2	19	73
Batticaloa	6	6	32*	24	1593	1506
Ampara	2	1	19	11	119	644
Trincomalee	3	1	15	8	839	676
Kalmunai*	10	2	59	29	345	1072
Kurunegala	22	22	68	49	1127	2652
Puttalam	8	7	65	34	514	2033
Anuradhapura	4	15	37	42	391	937
Polonnaruwa	18	6	19	15	269	744
Badulla	13	15	65*	41	553	1466
Monaragala	18	13	25	25	652	1176
Ratnapura	49	75	85*	58	4021	5001
Kegalle	16	24	101*	83	1054	2712
Total*	622	583	2613*	1802	36178	94035

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 33	Week 34		Week 33	Week 34		Week 33	Week 34		Week 33	Week 34
WESTERN PROVINCE			D3-CMC	19	17	Kalutara District			Kundasale	11	13
Colombo District			D4-CMC	13	13	Bandaragama			Pasbage	30	18
Battaramulla	29	42	D5-CMC	9	11	Horana			Udunuwara	10	11
Boralesgamuwa	21	10	Gampaha District			Panadura			Waththegama	10	10
Dehiwala	23	19	Aththanagalla			NIHS			Werellagama	25	15
Gothatuwa	30	26	Biyagama			Kalutara			Yatinuwara	21	19
Hanwella	29	22	Gampaha			SOUTHERN PROVINCE			SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE		
Homagama	135	26	Ja-Ela			Galle District			Ratnapura District		
Kaduwela	40	39	Katana			MC-Galle			Kuruvita		
Kahathuduwa	14	10	Kelaniya			Hambantota District			Kegalle District		
Maharagama	58	55	Mahara			Katuwana			Ruwanwella		
Moratuwa	26	15	Meerigama			Tangalle			Yatiyanthota		
Nugododa	13	14	Minuwangoda			CENTRAL PROVINCE			EASTERN PROVINCE		
Piliyandala	32	40	Negombo			Kandy District			Kalmunai RDHS		
Pitakotte	26	16	Pugoda(Dompe)			Bambaradeniya			Kalmunai North		
CMC			Ragama			Kandy MC					
D2A-CMC	15	11	Seeduwa								

Table 3: Sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals in the 34th week

Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total		
	Week 33	Week 34			Week 33	Week 34			Week 33	Week 34	
NIID	60	56	↓	BH - Wathupitiwala	19	14	↓	DGH - Kegalle	11	7	↓
TH - Colombo South	44	38	↓	BH - Karawanella	13	14	↑	BH - Minuwangoda	6	6	-
NHSL	38	32	↓	BH - Panadura	19	13	↓	BH - Tangalle	14	6	↓
NH - Kandy	44	31	↓	DGH - Nawalapitiya	17	12	↓	BH - Balapitiya	8	6	↓
DGH - Gampaha	31	30	↓	PGH - Badulla	9	12	↑	TH - Kuliyapitiya	6	5	↓
DGH - Negambo	42	29	↓	BH - Gampola	8	11	↑	BH - Mawanella	10	5	↓
TH - Colombo North	43	29	↓	TH - Kurunegala	14	10	↓	DGH - Ampara	4	5	↑
TH - Peradeniya	24	25	↑	BH - Kamburupitiya	12	10	↓	BH - Mahiyanganaya	6	5	↓
NH - Galle	32	22	↓	BH - Marawila	15	10	↓	DGH - Matale	10	5	↓
TH - Ratnapura	21	21	-	TH - Anuradhapura	13	9	↓	DH - Wethara	2	4	↑
TH - Kalutara	19	19	-	BH - Balangoda	4	8	↑	BH - Dickoya	3	4	↑
DGH - Matara	27	18	↓	BH - Kalmunai North	10	8	↓	DGH - Embilipitiya	7	4	↓
LRH	19	16	↓	BH - Dambadeniya	15	7	↓	BH - Kahawatta	7	4	↓
DGH - Avissawella	23	14	↓	DGH - Horana	7	7	-	DGH - Polonnaruwa	7	4	↓

Table 4: Dengue related deaths

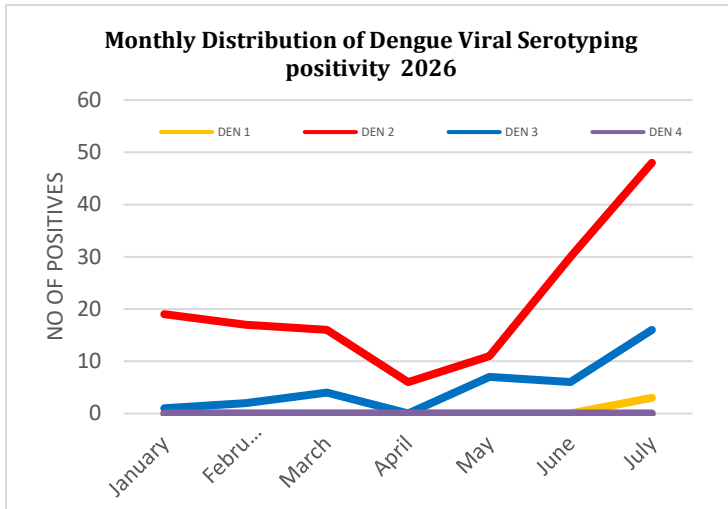
	2025	2026		2025	2026
Reported Deaths	29	71	Case Fatality Rate	0.05%	0.075%

Deaths reported in 2026 [Age & Sex]					
Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female	Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female
0-14	2	4	45 - 54	3	9
15-24	2	6	55 - 64	3	3
25-34	3	7	> 64	7	16
35-44	1	5	Total	21	50

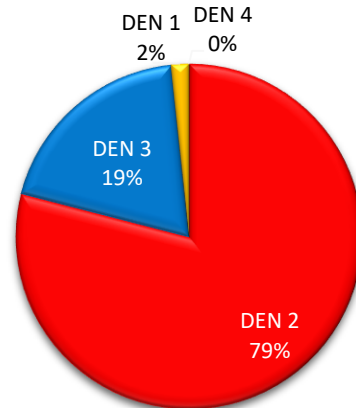
Deaths reported in 2026 [Districts/Admin area]					
District/area	No*	District/area	No*	District/area	No*
Colombo RDHS	14	Gampaha	12	Matara	8
Kandy	4	Kalutara RDHS	5	Galle	3
Kurunegala	3	Ratnapura	6	Kegalle	3
Puttalam	3	Anuradhapura	1	Badulla	1
Batticaloa	1	Hambantota	2	NuwaraEliya	1
Polonnaruwa	1	CMC	1	Trincomalee	1
Matale	1				

*Number of deaths in district/area may vary after the field investigation.

Dengue Viral Serotyping 2026



DENGUE VIRAL SEROTYPING 2026 (Upto 31st July)



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