



WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

Week 35 (24th – 30th August 2026)

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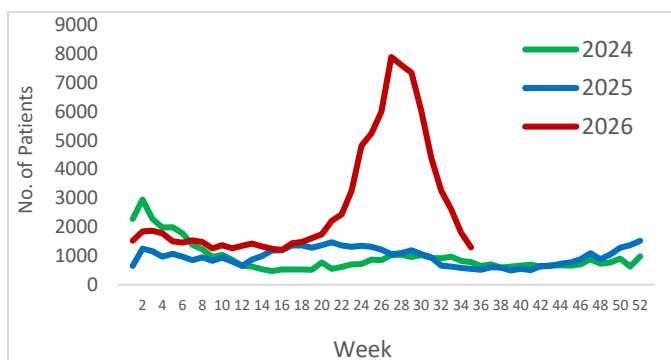
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DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During the 35th week, 1296 suspected dengue cases were reported across 24 districts, compared to 1802 cases in the previous week, reflecting 28.1% decrease. The Western Province accounted for 50.9% of total cases, with the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) contributing 3.5%, the rest of Colombo District 19.3%, Gampaha District 20.9%, and Kalutara District 7.3%. Outside the Western Province, notable case contributions were reported from Kandy (11.7%), Kegalle (5%), Ratnapura (4.2%), Galle (4.2%), Matara (3.3%), Kurunegala (2.9%), Puttalam (2.9%), and Kalmunai (2.4%). (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 35th week of 2026, 40 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas were identified as high-risk, including 6 newly flagged areas (highlighted in light red in Table 2). Previously classified 16 high-risk MOH areas in week 34, were not identified as high-risk in the 35th week of 2026 (Table 2).

MIDNIGHT TOTAL OF DENGUE PATIENT ADMISSIONS

* After incorporating delayed hospital reports, the average midnight total for the 34th week increased from 641 to 646.

In the 35th week of 2026, the average midnight total of dengue patients across 73 sentinel hospitals was 495. Compared to the previous week, in the 35th week, 10 hospitals reported an increase, while 43 reported a decrease.

Table 3 highlights sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals and changes in dengue admissions during the 35th week.

Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 35 and week 34 of 2026

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2025		2026		Up to Week 35	
	Week 34	Week 35	Week 34	Week 35	2025	2026
Colombo	114	121	441*	295	9210	22725
Gampaha	63	68	369	271	5449	20307
Kalutara	44	32	137*	94	1604	7393
Kandy	74	72	187*	152	3191	6962
Matale	17	19	15	11	791	988
Nuwara Eliya	6	3	18	10	202	741
Galle	37	37	92	54	1691	5214
Hambantota	11	13	45*	15	691	2532
Matara	18	19	56*	43	1225	6129
Jaffna	7	10	16	17	814	960
Kilinochchi	Nil	3	1	Nil	58	92
Mannar	1	2	2	1	119	95
Vavuniya	3	Nil	1	3	37	165
Mullaitivu	1	Nil	2	Nil	19	73
Batticaloa	6	11	24	17	1604	1523
Ampara	1	Nil	11	23	119	667
Trincomalee	1	2	8	3	841	679
Kalmunai*	2	2	29	31	347	1103
Kurunegala	22	13	49	38	1140	2690
Puttalam	7	9	34	38	523	2071
Anuradhapura	15	5	42	15	396	952
Polonnaruwa	6	5	15	4	274	748
Badulla	15	15	42*	25	568	1492
Monaragala	13	7	25	17	659	1193
Ratnapura	75	70	58	54	4091	5060
Kegalle	24	14	83	65	1068	2777
Total*	583	553	1802	1296	36731	95331

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 34	Week 35		Week 34	Week 35		Week 34	Week 35		Week 34	Week 35
WESTERN PROVINCE			Gampaha District			Wadduwa			SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE		
Colombo District			Aththanagalla			NIHS			Ratnapura District		
Battaramulla	46	22	Biyagama			Aluthgama			Kuruvita	11	11
Boralesgamuwa	10	14	Gampaha			Pyagala			Kegalle District		
Gothatuwa	21	13	Ja-Ela			SOUTHERN PROVINCE			Ruwanwella		
Hanwella	22	14	Katana			Galle District			Yatiyanthota		
Homagama	26	23	Kelaniya			MC-Galle			NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE		
Kaduvela	39	32	Mahara			CENTRAL PROVINCE			Puttalam District		
Maharagama	55	38	Minuwangoda			Kandy District			Wennappuwa		
Nugegoda	14	18	Pugoda(Dompe)			Gampola			EASTERN PROVINCE		
Padukka	7	12	Ragama			Kandy MC			Kalmunai RDHS		
Piliyandala	40	21	Wattala			Kundasale			Kalmunai North		
Pitakotte	16	10	Kalutara District			Pasbage					
CMC			Horana			Werellagama					
D3-CMC	16	15	Panadura			Yatinuwara					

Table 3: Sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals in the 35th week

Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total		
	Week 34	Week 35			Week 34	Week 35			Week 34	Week 35	
NIID	56	40	↓	NH – Galle	22	12	↓	DGH - Matale	5	5	-
TH - Colombo South	38	27	↓	BH - Panadura	13	11	↓	BH – Kalmunai North	8	5	↓
TH – Colombo North	29	27	↓	TH - Kurunegala	10	10	-	DGH - Chilaw	3	5	↑
NHSL	32	25	↓	BH - Karawanella	16	9	↓	BH - Marawila	10	5	↓
NH - Kandy	31	24	↓	PGH - Badulla	12	8	↓	DGH - Horana	7	5	↓
DGH - Negambo	29	23	↓	BH - Gampola	11	8	↓	BH - Balangoda	8	4	↓
DGH - Gampaha	30	20	↓	DGH - Nawalapitiya	12	7	↓	DGH - Monaragala	3	4	↑
TH - Peradeniya	25	19	↓	BH - Kamburupitiya	10	7	↓	BH - Mirigama	3	4	↑
LRH	16	17	↑	TH - Anuradhapura	9	7	↓	BH - Kahawatta	4	4	-
DGH - Matara	18	15	↓	BH - Tangalle	6	7	↑	BH - Balapitiya	6	4	↓
BH - Wathupitiwala	14	15	↑	BH - Mahiyanganaya	5	6	↑	BH - Dambadeniya	7	4	↓
TH - Kalutara	19	14	↓	DGH - Ampara	5	6	↑				
TH - Ratnapura	21	14	↓	BH - Mawanella	5	6	↑				
DGH - Avissawella	14	14	-	TH - Kuliapitiya	5	5	-				

Table 4: Dengue related deaths

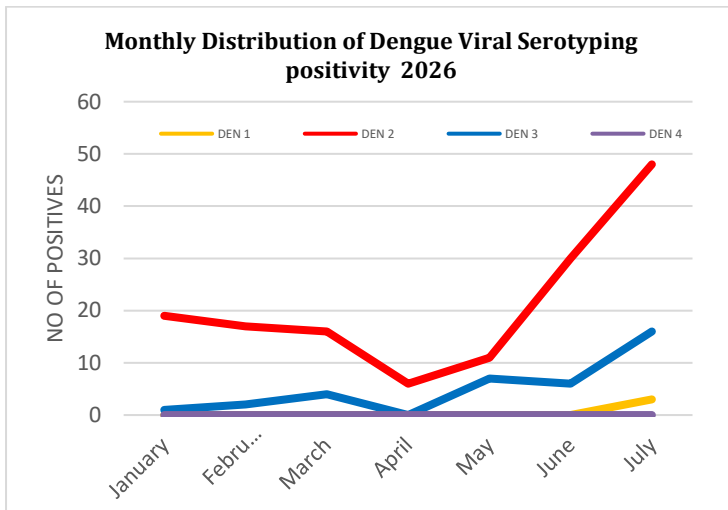
	2025	2026		2025	2026
Reported Deaths	29	72	Case Fatality Rate	0.05%	0.075%

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	4
25-34	3	7	> 64	7	16
35-44	1	5	Total	21	51

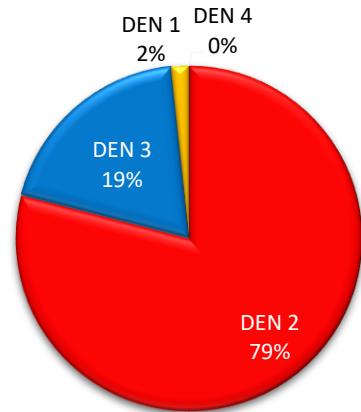
Deaths reported in 2026 [Districts/Admin area]					
District/area	No*	District/area	No*	District/area	No*
Colombo RDHS	15	Gampaha	12	Matara	8
Kandy	4	Kalutara RDHS	5	Galle	3
Kurunegala	3	Ratnapura	6	Kegalle	3
Puttalam	3	Anuradhapura	1	Badulla	1
Batticaloa	1	Hambantota	2	NuwaraEliya	1
Polonnaruwa	1	CMC	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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