



WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

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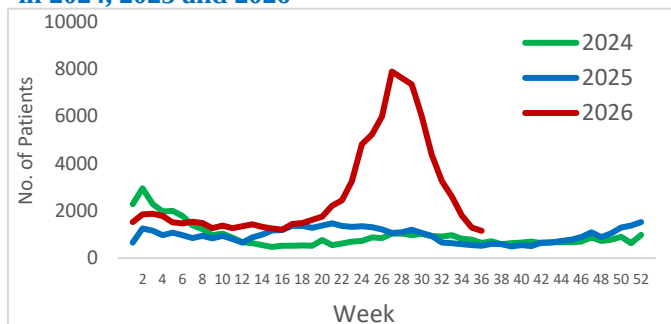
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DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During the 36th week, 1153 suspected dengue cases were reported across 22 districts, compared to 1295 cases in the previous week, reflecting 11% decrease. The Western Province accounted for 44.9% of total cases, with the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) contributing 2.9%, the rest of Colombo District 16.4%, Gampaha District 19.4%, and Kalutara District 6.2%. Outside the Western Province, notable case contributions were reported from Kandy (13.8%), Kegalle (5%), Ratnapura (4.8%), Galle (4.1%), Matara (3.6%), Puttalam (3.2%), Kalmunai (2.9%), Anuradhapura (2.6%), Kurunegala (2.5%), and Badulla (2%) (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 36th week of 2026, 35 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas were identified as high-risk, including 8 newly flagged areas (highlighted in light red in Table 2). Previously classified 13 high-risk MOH areas in week 35, were not identified as high-risk in the 36th week of 2026 (Table 2).

MIDNIGHT TOTAL OF DENGUE PATIENT ADMISSIONS

* After incorporating delayed hospital reports, the average midnight total for the 35th week increased from 495 to 500. In the 36th week of 2026, the average midnight total of dengue patients across 73 sentinel hospitals was 449. Compared to the previous week, in the 36th week, 21 hospitals reported an increase, while 30 reported a decrease. Table 3 highlights sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals and changes in dengue admissions during the 36th week.

Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 36 and week 35 of 2026

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2025		2026		Up to Week 36	
	Week 35	Week 36	Week 35	Week 36	2025	2026
Colombo	121	99	295	222	9309	22944
Gampaha	68	70	269*	224	5519	20527
Kalutara	32	28	94	72	1632	7465
Kandy	72	85	150*	159	3276	7119
Matale	19	21	11	10	812	997
Nuwara Eliya	3	3	10	17	205	758
Galle	37	32	54	47	1723	5261
Hambantota	13	4	15	21	695	2553
Matara	19	17	43	41	1242	6170
Jaffna	10	20	17	19	834	979
Kilinochchi	3	1	Nil	Nil	59	92
Mannar	2	2	1	Nil	121	95
Vavuniya	Nil	Nil	3	Nil	37	165
Mullaitivu	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	19	73
Batticaloa	11	10	17	21	1614	1544
Ampara	Nil	1	24*	11	120	681
Trincomalee	2	Nil	3	5	841	684
Kalmunai*	2	3	31	33	350	1135
Kurunegala	13	14	42*	29	1154	2723
Puttalam	9	7	38	37	530	2108
Anuradhapura	5	3	15	30	399	982
Polonnaruwa	5	5	4	8	279	756
Badulla	15	7	25	23	575	1517
Monaragala	7	4	17	11	663	1206
Ratnapura	70	71	54	55	4162	5115
Kegalle	14	14	63*	58	1082	2833
Total*	553	521	1295*	1153	37252	96482

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 35	Week 36		Week 35	Week 36		Week 35	Week 36		Week 35	Week 36
WESTERN PROVINCE			Biyagama	34	29	MATARA DISTRICT			Yatyanthota	15	11
Colombo District			Divulapitiya	8	14	Weligama			7	11	
Battaramulla	22	14	Gampaha	15	13	GALLE DISTRICT			NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE		
Gothatuwa	13	14	Ja-Ela	23	15	MC-Galle			Anuradhapura District		
Hanwella	17	13	Katana	10	15	CENTRAL PROVINCE			Thalawa		
Homagama	25	23	Kelaniya	24	11	Kandy District			NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE		
Kaduwela	32	21	Mahara	29	18	Kandy MC			Puttalam District		
Kolonnawa	3	11	Minuwangoda	11	18	Kundasale			Wennappuwa		
Maharagama	39	18	Pugoda(Dompe)	33	36	Pasbage			EASTERN PROVINCE		
Piliyandala	21	21	KALUTARA DISTRICT			Udunuwara			Kalmunai RDHS		
Pitakotte	11	13	Bandaragama	3	10	Waththegama			Thirukkivil		
CMC			Panadura	14	13	Yatinuwara			5		
D3-CMC	16	12	NIHS			SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE			10		
Gampaha District			Pyagala	13	10	Kegalle District					
Aththanagalla	35	24	SOUTHERN PROVINCE								

Table 3: Sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals in the 36th week

Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total		
	Week 35	Week 36			Week 35	Week 36			Week 35	Week 36	
NIID	40	37	↓	BH - Karawanella	13	12	↓	TH - Kuliapitiya	5	6	↑
NH - Kandy	24	27	↑	TH - Ratnapura	14	11	↓	BH - Gampola	8	6	↓
DGH - Negambo	23	25	↑	DGH - Matara	15	11	↓	BH - Kamburupitiya	7	6	↓
NHSL	25	23	↓	DGH - Nawalapitiya	7	10	↑	BH - Kalmunai North	5	5	-
TH - Colombo North	27	20	↓	TH - Kalutara	14	10	↓	BH - Mirigama	4	5	↑
TH - Colombo South	28	20	↓	TH - Anuradhapura	7	9	↑	BH - Dambadeniya	4	5	↑
TH - Peradeniya	19	18	↓	PGH - Badulla	8	8	-	DGH - Embilipitiya	2	4	↑
BH - Wathupitiwala	15	18	↑	BH - Tangalle	7	8	↑	DGH - Matale	5	4	↓
NH - Galle	12	15	↑	BH - Mawanella	6	7	↑	DGH - Ampara	6	4	↓
DGH - Avissawella	14	14	-	TH - Kurunegala	10	7	↓	BH - Balangoda	4	4	-
DGH - Gampaha	20	13	↓	BH - Panadura	11	6	↓	BH - Minuwangoda	3	4	↑
LRH	17	12	↓	DGH - Horana	5	6	↑	BH - Kahawatta	4	4	-

Table 4: Dengue related deaths

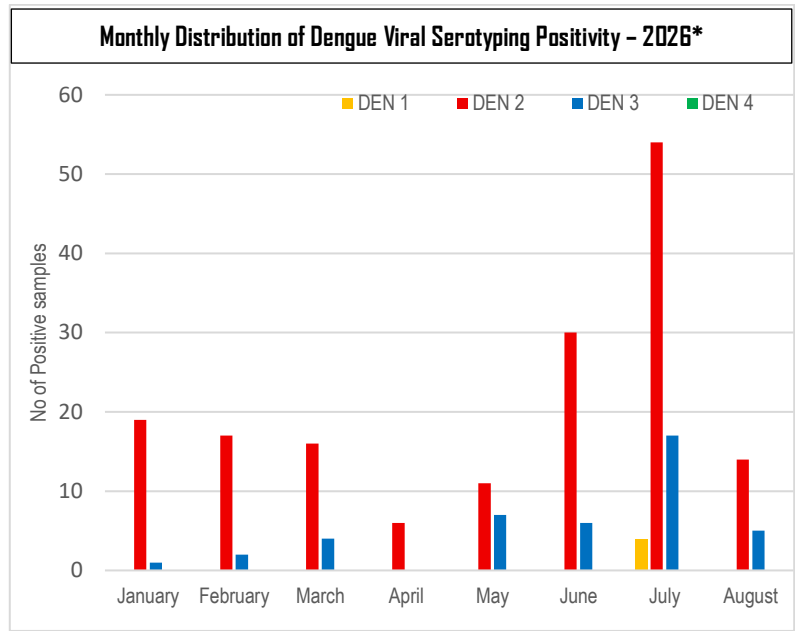
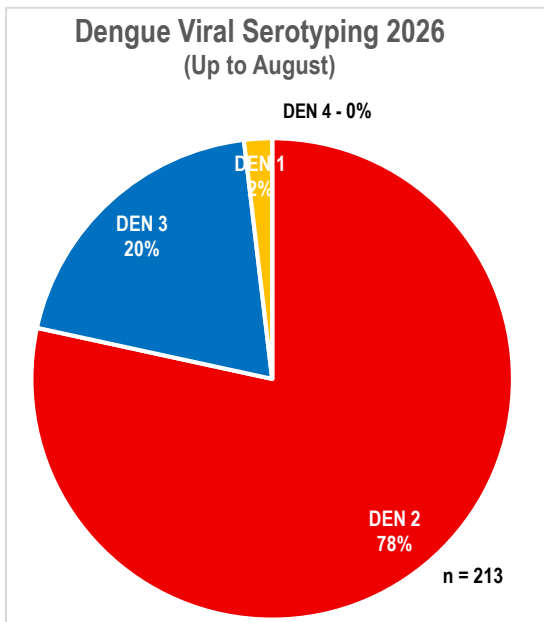
	2025	2026		2025	2026
Reported Deaths	29	73	Case Fatality Rate	0.05%	0.075%

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	8	16
35-44	1	5	Total	22	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	6	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



*(Up to August)

