



WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

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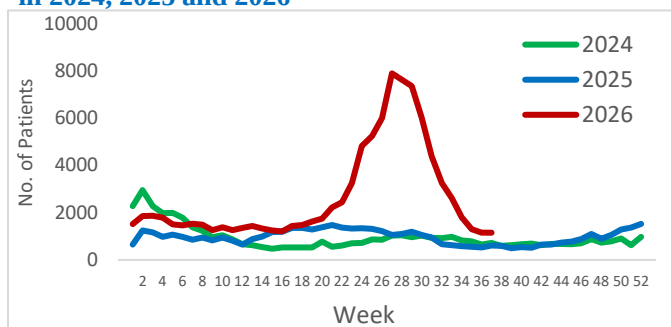


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DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During the 37th week, **1156** suspected dengue cases were reported across 25 districts, compared to 1152 cases in the previous week, reflecting **0.35% increase**. The Western Province accounted for **43.1%** of total cases, with the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) contributing **3.2%**, the rest of Colombo District **14.7%**, Gampaha District **18.9%**, and Kalutara District **6.3%**. Outside the Western Province, notable case contributions were reported from Kandy (**15.1%**), Kegalle (**6%**), Galle (**6%**), Ratnapura (**3.8%**), Kurunegala (**3.3%**), Matara (**3.3%**), Puttalam (**2.9%**), Kalmunai (**2.7%**), and Badulla (**2.2%**) (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 37th week of 2026, 34 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas were identified as high-risk, including 9 newly flagged areas (highlighted in light red in Table 2). Previously classified 10 high-risk MOH areas in week 36, were not identified as high-risk in the 37th week of 2026 (Table 2).

MIDNIGHT TOTAL OF DENGUE PATIENT ADMISSIONS

** After incorporating delayed hospital reports, the average midnight total for the 36th week increased from 449 to 450. In the 37th week of 2026, the average midnight total of dengue patients across 73 sentinel hospitals was 447. Compared to the previous week, in the 37th week, 29 hospitals reported an increase, while 20 reported a decrease. Table 3 highlights sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals and changes in dengue admissions during the 37th week.*

Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 37 and week 36 of 2026

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2025		2026		Up to Week 37	
	Week 36	Week 37	Week 36	Week 37	2025	2026
Colombo	99	144	222	207	9453	23161
Gampaha	70	95	224	218	5614	20741
Kalutara	28	35	71*	73	1667	7537
Kandy	85	56	158*	174	3332	7289
Matale	21	34	10	12	846	1010
Nuwara Eliya	3	5	18*	14	210	773
Galle	32	31	47	69	1754	5329
Hambantota	4	13	21	22	708	2575
Matara	17	14	41	38	1256	6207
Jaffna	20	6	19	22	840	1001
Kilinochchi	1	Nil	Nil	3	59	95
Mannar	2	4	Nil	Nil	125	95
Vavuniya	Nil	1	Nil	1	38	166
Mullaitivu	Nil	1	Nil	1	20	74
Batticaloa	10	12	21	13	1623	1557
Ampara	1	9	12*	10	121	692
Trincomalee	Nil	12	5	5	853	689
Kalmunai*	3	12	32*	31	362	1165
Kurunegala	14	13	29	38	1167	2760
Puttalam	7	9	37	33	539	2141
Anuradhapura	3	4	30	11	403	993
Polonnaruwa	5	1	8	12	280	768
Badulla	7	17	23	25	592	1542
Monaragala	4	11	11	11	674	1217
Ratnapura	71	66	55	44	4228	5159
Kegalle	14	12	58	69	1094	2901
Total*	521	606	1152*	1156	37858	97637

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 36	Week 37		Week 36	Week 37		Week 36	Week 37		Week 36	Week 37
WESTERN PROVINCE			Gampaha District			Kalutara District			SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE		
Colombo District			Aththanagalla	23	12	Panadura	12	13	Yatinuwara	18	16
Battaramulla	15	14	Biyagama	29	26	SOUTHERN PROVINCE			Kegalle District		
Dehiwala	4	10	Divulapitiya	13	10	Galle District			Mawanella	8	12
Gothatuwa	12	11	Ja-Ela	15	16	MC-Galle	10	16	Ruwanwella	6	11
Hanwella	13	14	Kelaniya	11	11	CENTRAL PROVINCE			Warakapola	9	12
Kaduwela	21	18	Mahara	18	19	Kandy District			NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE		
Maharagama	18	24	Meerigama	10	14	Kandy MC	31	25	Puttalam District		
Piliyandala	21	19	Minuwangoda	18	12	Kundasale	11	13	Wennappuwa	10	11
Pitakotte	13	13	Negombo	5	10	Pasbage	20	14			
CMC			Pugoda(Dompe)	37	38	Udunuwara	10	14			
D3-CMC	10	10	Ragama	6	16	Waththegama	16	15			
			Wattala	7	10	Werellagama	7	15			

Table 3: Sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals in the 37th week

Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total		
	Week 36	Week 37			Week 36	Week 37			Week 36	Week 37	
NIID	37	27	↓	TH – Kalutara	10	12	↑	BH – Balangoda	4	6	↑
NH – Kandy	27	26	↓	BH - Wathupitiwala	18	12	↓	BH – Marawila	3	6	↑
TH – Colombo South	20	25	↑	TH – Kurunegala	7	12	↑	TH – Anuradhapura	9	6	↓
NHSL	23	24	↑	DGH – Nawalapitiya	10	10	-	BH – Dambadeniya	5	5	-
TH – Peradeniya	18	22	↑	BH – Mawanella	7	9	↑	BH - Gampola	6	5	↓
TH - Colombo North	20	20	-	BH – Karawanella	12	8	↓	DGH – Embilipitiya	4	4	-
NH – Galle	15	18	↑	PGH – Badulla	8	8	-	DGH – Kegalle	3	4	↑
DGH – Negambo	25	18	↓	BH – Panadura	6	8	↑	BH – Warakapola	3	4	↑
DGH – Gampaha	13	18	↑	TH – Ratnapura	11	7	↓	DGH – Hambantota	2	4	↑
LRH	12	14	↑	BH – Kahawatta	4	7	↑	BH – Tangalle	8	4	↓
DGH – Matara	11	13	↑	BH – Kalmunai North	5	6	↑				
DGH - Avissawella	14	12	↓	DGH – Matale	4	6	↑				

Table 4: Dengue related deaths

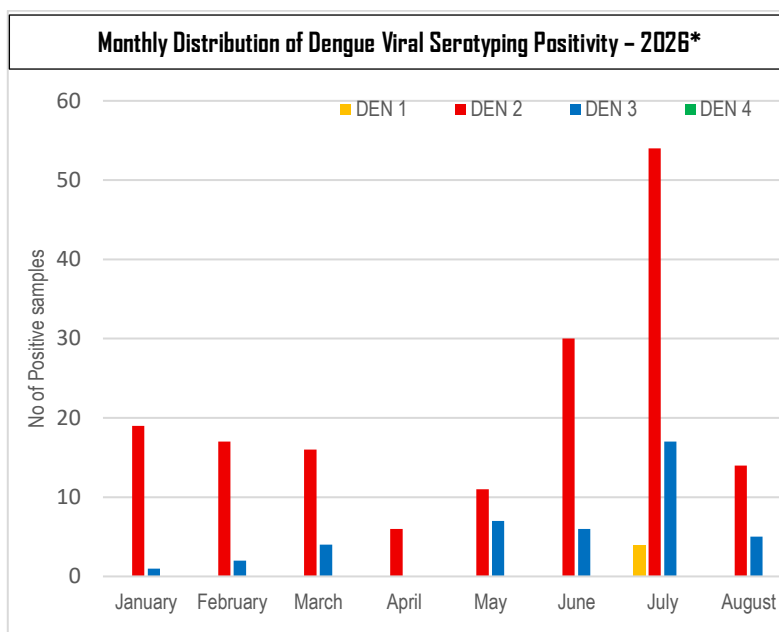
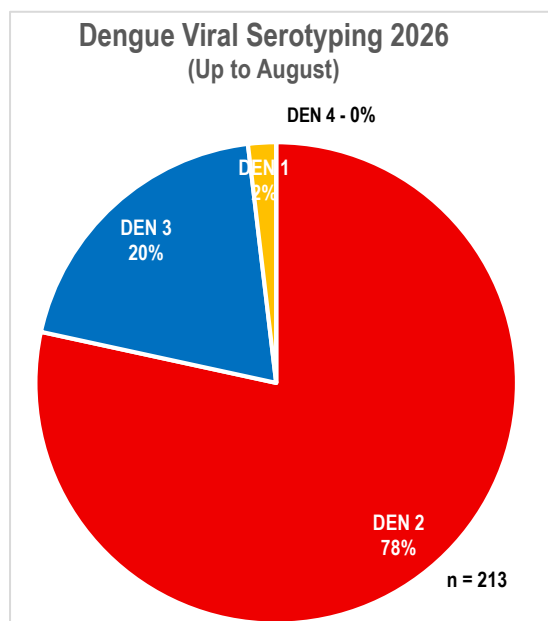
	2025	2026		2025	2026
Reported Deaths	29	74	Case Fatality Rate	0.05%	0.075%

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	4	7	> 64	8	16
35-44	1	5	Total	23	51

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

