



WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

Week 40 (28th September – 04th October 2026)

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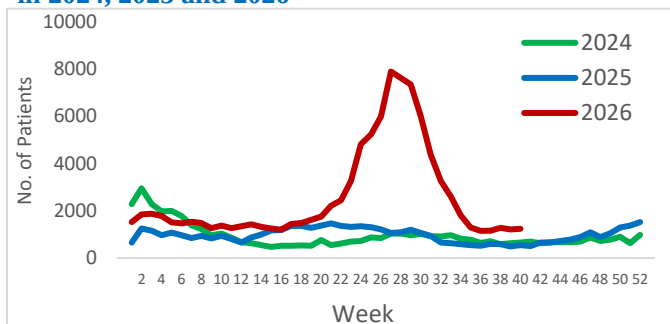


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DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During the 40th week, **1240** suspected dengue cases were reported across 24 districts/regions, compared to 1216 cases in the previous week, reflecting **2% increase**. The Western Province accounted for **43.2%** of total cases, with the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) contributing **5.4%**, the rest of Colombo District **14.8%**, Gampaha District **17.3%**, and Kalutara District **5.6%**. Outside the Western Province, notable case contributions were reported from Kandy (**12.6%**), Galle (**5.6%**), Ratnapura (**4.4%**), Matale (**4.2%**), Kalmunai (**4.2%**), Kegalle (**3.8%**), Kurunegala (**3.5%**), Matara (**3.1%**), Jaffna (**2.7%**), Hambantota (**2.3%**), Batticaloa (**2%**) and Anuradhapura (**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 40th week of 2026, 35 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas were identified as high-risk, including 11 newly flagged areas (highlighted in light red in Table 2). Previously classified 9 high-risk MOH areas in week 39, were not identified as high-risk in the 40th week of 2026 (Table 2).

MIDNIGHT TOTAL OF DENGUE PATIENT ADMISSIONS

** After incorporating delayed hospital reports, the average midnight total for the 39th week increased from 435 to 437. In the 40th week of 2026, the average midnight total of dengue patients across 73 sentinel hospitals was 411. Compared to the previous week, in the 40th week, 19 hospitals reported an increase, while 28 reported a decrease. Table 3 highlights sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals and changes in dengue admissions during the 40th week.*

Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 40 and week 39 of 2026

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2025		2026		Up to Week 40	
	Week 39	Week 40	Week 39	Week 40	2025	2026
Colombo	133	150	232*	251	9886	23892
Gampaha	58	82	261*	215	5834	21447
Kalutara	19	31	71	70	1745	7757
Kandy	42	33	161*	156	3477	7779
Matale	16	14	30*	52	908	1123
Nuwara Eliya	3	9	14	17	228	822
Galle	30	35	71*	70	1848	5537
Hambantota	11	8	24*	28	739	2668
Matara	13	16	41	39	1300	6322
Jaffna	14	12	23	33	873	1080
Kilinochchi	Nil	3	3	Nil	63	100
Mannar	Nil	4	Nil	1	129	96
Vavuniya	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	40	167
Mullaitivu	Ni	1	1	1	22	79
Batticaloa	13	16	16	25	1658	1620
Ampara	6	4	6	10	138	720
Trincomalee	5	10	4	3	869	701
Kalmunai*	5	8	32	52	379	1292
Kurunegala	12	7	27	43	1200	2852
Puttalam	4	5	25	10	552	2197
Anuradhapura	5	7	30	25	417	1076
Polonnaruwa	7	3	10	8	295	797
Badulla	9	8	18	16	623	1599
Monaragala	13	7	18	14	706	1277
Ratnapura	55	56	29*	54	4406	5278
Kegalle	20	15	69*	47	1152	3090
Total*	493	546	1216	1240	39487	101368

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 in the 40th week

MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported	
	Week 39	Week 40		Week 39	Week 40		Week 39	Week 40		Week 39	Week 40
WESTERN PROVINCE			D3-CMC	10	19	SOUTHERN PROVINCE			Yatinuwara	28	22
Colombo District			Gampaha District			Matale District			Ukuwela	10	16
Dehiwala	11	16	Aththanagalla	20	16	Nuwara Eliya District			Rigillaksgada	8	10
Gothatuwa	15	17	Biyagama	36	30	NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE			Kurunegala District		
Hanwella	19	16	Gampaha	12	17	Kandy District			Ambanpola	0	20
Homagama	14	18	Ja-Ela	30	24	CENTRAL PROVINCE			EASTERN PROVINCE		
Kaduwela	39	29	Katana	14	10	Kandy MC			Kalmunai RDHS		
Kolonnawa	6	11	Kelaniya	18	12	Kundasale			Kalmunai North		
Maharagama	13	15	Mahara	15	23	Menikhinna			Thirukkivil		
Piliyandala	12	12	Meerigama	18	10	Waththegama					
CMC			Pugoda(Dompe)	50	29	Werellagama					
D1-CMC	10	16	Wattala	9	11						
D2B-CMC	4	13	Kalutara District								

Table 3: Sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals in the 40th week

Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total		
	Week 39	Week 40			Week 39	Week 40			Week 39	Week 40	
NH – Kandy	24	26	↑	PGH – Badulla	11	11	-	BH – Karawanella	8	6	↓
NIID	30	25	↓	BH – Tangalle	9	11	↑	TH – Kurunegala	4	5	↑
TH – Peradeniya	23	23	-	DGH – Matale	10	11	↑	DGH – Kegalle	4	5	↑
NHSL	19	21	↑	TH – Kalutara	10	10	-	TH – Anuradhapura	3	5	↑
TH – Colombo South	20	20	-	DGH – Awissawella	14	10	↓	DGH – Nawalapitiya	3	5	↑
NH – Galle	19	19	-	BH – Mawanella	12	9	↓	BH – Kahawatta	4	4	-
DGH – Gampaha	18	18	-	BH – Kalmunai North	5	8	↑	BH – Balangoda	3	4	↑
DGH – Negambo	25	18	↓	BH – Wathupitiwala	13	8	↓	BH – Gampola	5	4	↓
TH - Colombo North	18	16	↓	TH – Ratnapura	7	7	-	BH – Rikillagaskada	5	4	↓
LRH	17	15	↓	BH – Panadura	9	7	↓	BH – Kiribathgoda	3	4	↑
DGH – Matara	13	13	-	BH - Mahiyanganaya	2	6	↑	DGH - Embilipitiya	5	4	↓

Table 4: Dengue related deaths

	2025	2026		2025	2026
Reported Deaths	29	78	Case Fatality Rate	0.056%	0.077%

Deaths reported in 2026 [Age & Sex]					
Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female	Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female
0-14	2	4	45 - 54	4	9
15-24	2	6	55 - 64	4	4
25-34	4	7	> 64	9	16
35-44	1	6	Total	26	52

Deaths reported in 2026 [Districts/Admin area]					
District/area	No*	District/area	No*	District/area	No*
Colombo	17	Gampaha	16	Matara	8
Ratnapura	6	Kalutara	6	Kandy	5
Kurunegala	3	Galle	3	Kegalle	3
Puttalam	3	Hambantota	2	Badulla	1
Batticaloa	1	Anuradhapura	1	Trincomalee	1
Polonnaruwa	1	Matale	1		

* The number of deaths reported in each district/area may change following institutional death reviews or field investigations

Dengue Viral Serotyping 2026

DENGUE VIRAL SEROTYPING 2026* UP TO SEPTEMBER

