

## Introduction

Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2002 (HIES 2002) was conducted during the period from January 2002 to December 2002. Total sample of the survey was equally sub divided among 12 monthly rounds to capture the seasonal variation of (i) Income (ii) Expenditure and (iii) Consumption data. The survey was planned to provide national level estimates and the sub national levels down to district. The sample size of HIES 2002 is not adequate to provide estimates at Divisional Secretariat (DS) level. (Note: Data based on the survey conducted using a restricted sample in the Northern and Eastern provinces is published separately).

The information contained in this bulletin supersedes the preliminary results, which have so far been published, based on (i) first 3 monthly rounds and (ii) first 6 monthly rounds data.

## Household Income

Household income is the income received by all the members of the household from all sources such as wages and salaries, income from properties, agricultural activities, non-agricultural activities and income in kind etc.

Survey results revealed that the mean household income per month is Rs. 12,803 with 95% confidence limits (95% C.L.) of Rs. 12,377 to Rs. 13,230 for Sri Lanka. (Table 1). As usual, mean household income of Urban sector is the highest among sectors and the value is Rs. 22,420 per month, with the 95% C.L. being Rs. 20,521 to Rs. 24,319.

Among the districts, households in Colombo district report the highest mean income per month. i.e. Rs. 21,088 with 95% C.L. of Rs. 19,252 to Rs. 22,923.

The lowest household income is reported from Kegalle district. The mean household income of Kegalle district is Rs. 8,342 (with 95% C.L. Rs. 7,348 to Rs. 9,336). Poorest 40 percent of the households in Sri Lanka receive less than Rs. 7,050 per month while the highest 10% of the households receive more than Rs. 24,042 per month. (Table not included)

**Table 1:** Mean household income per month by Sector, Province and District – 2002.

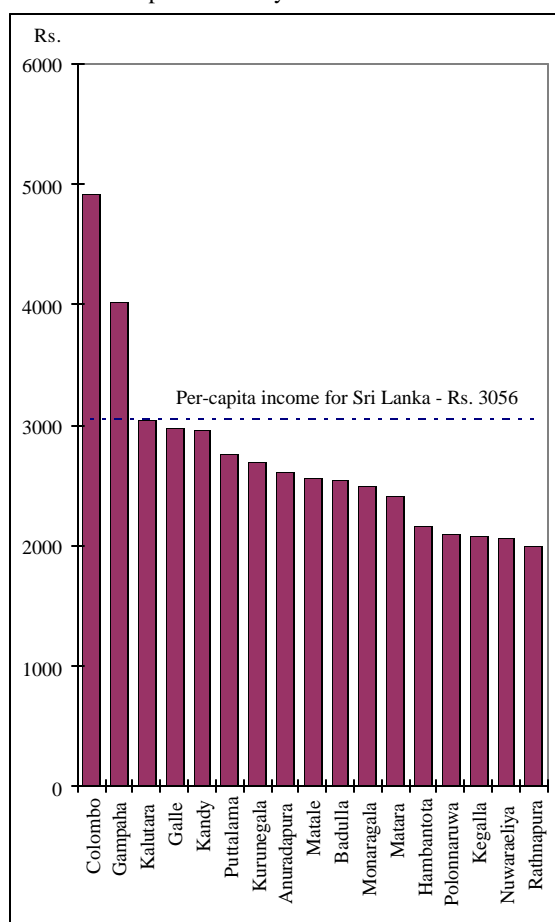
Sector, Province and District	Mean household income (Rs.)	95% Confidence Interval	
		Lower (Rs.)	Upper (Rs.)
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>12,803</b>	<b>12,377</b>	<b>13,230</b>
<b>Sector</b>			
Urban	22,420	20,521	24,319
Rural	11,712	11,282	12,143
Estate	7,303	6,638	7,968
<b>Province</b>			
Western	17,732	16,689	18,775
Central	11,175	10,352	11,998
Southern	11,229	10,515	11,944
North western	10,918	9,874	11,961
North central	9,926	8,972	10,880
Uva	10,388	8,701	12,075
Sabaragamuwa	8,439	7,877	9,000
<b>District</b>			
Colombo	21,088	19,252	22,923
Gampaha	16,794	15,029	18,559
Kalutara	12,907	11,813	14,001
Kandy	12,674	11,289	14,059
Matale	10,390	9,038	11,742
Nuwara Eliya	8,973	7,943	10,003
Galle	12,724	11,421	14,027
Matara	10,529	9,550	11,508
Hambantota	9,392	8,262	10,521
Kurunegala	10,771	9,628	11,914
Puttalam	11,222	9,060	13,384
Anuradapura	10,496	9,137	11,856
Polonnaruwa	8,724	7,978	9,471
Badulla	10,377	8,316	12,437
Monaragala	10,411	7,474	13,347
Ratnapura	8,518	7,900	9,136
Kegalle	8,342	7,348	9,336

## Per-capita Income:

Total household income per month divided by total number of persons usually live in the household gives the per-capita income per month. Mean per-capita income per month is reported as Rs. 3,056 (95% confidence limit Rs. 2,952 to Rs. 3,159). The highest per-capita income per month is reported from Colombo district (i.e. Rs. 4,923) and the lowest is reported from Ratnapura district (i.e. Rs. 2,004).

When the persons belonging to a household with a given per capita income values are considered to be in the same income level, poorest 40% of the persons receive less than Rs. 1672 per month, while the richest 10% of the persons receive more than 5717 per month.

**Chart 1:** Per capita income by district – 2002.



Average per-capita income per month for Sri Lanka is highly influenced by the per-capita income of Colombo and Gampaha districts. Per-capita income of all other districts is less than the national average per-capita income of Rs. 3056.

**Table 2:** Mean per-capita income by Sector, Province and District – 2002.

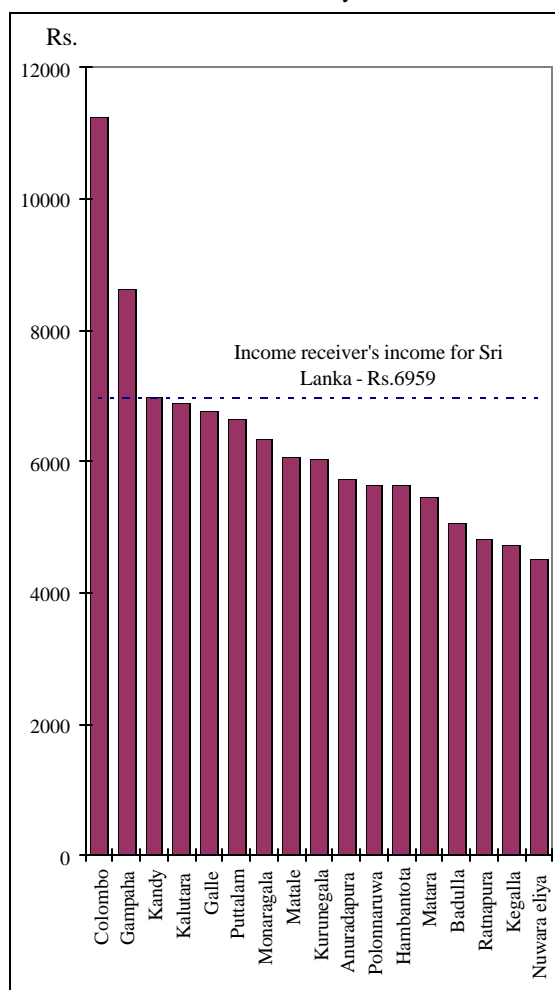
Sector, Province, and District	Per capita income (Rs)	95% Confidence Interval	
		Lower (Rs)	Upper (Rs)
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>3056</b>	<b>2952</b>	<b>3159</b>
<b>Sector</b>			
Urban	4997	4556	5438
Rural	2835	2730	2941
Estate	1663	1524	1802
<b>Province</b>			
Western	4187	3935	4439
Central	2623	2428	2818
Southern	2598	2433	2762
North western	2717	2452	2981
North central	2437	2201	2673
Uva	2528	2121	2935
Sabaragamuwa	2036	1904	2169
<b>District</b>			
Colombo	4923	4475	5370
Gampaha	4013	3588	4439
Kalutara	3046	2787	3305
Kandy	2956	2624	3289
Matale	2568	2221	2914
Nuwara Eliya	2061	1846	2276
Galle	2975	2662	3289
Matara	2406	2192	2621
Hambantota	2165	1918	2413
Kurunegala	2695	2415	2975
Puttalam	2761	2194	3328
Anuradapura	2602	2263	2942
Polonnaruwa	2098	1913	2283
Badulla	2544	2043	3044
Monaragala	2498	1798	3199
Ratnapura	2004	1860	2147
Kegalle	2079	1839	2319

## Income Receiver's Income

Total household income per month divided by total number of income receivers gives the mean income per income receiver per month. Those who received an income less than Rs. 100 per month are not considered as income receivers for this survey and such income was added to the income of the head of the household. Table 3 shows that average income per income receiver is Rs. 6,959 per month. (95% C.L. Rs. 6,731 to Rs. 7,187).

The highest mean income receiver's income is reported from Colombo district. i.e. Rs. 11,235 (95% C.L. Rs. 10,297 to Rs. 12,172) per income receiver per month and the lowest is reported from Nuwara Eliya district; i.e. Rs. 4,512 (95% C.L. Rs. 4,052 to Rs. 4,971). Poorest 40 percent of the income receivers have received less than Rs. 3518 per month, while the highest income receiving 10 percent of the income receivers have received more than Rs. 13,250 per month.

**Chart 2:** Income receiver's income by district – 2002



**Table 3:** Mean income receiver's income by Sector, Province and District – 2002.

Sector, Province and District	Mean Income Receiver's income (Rs.)	95% Confidence Interval	
		Lower (Rs.)	Upper (Rs.)
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>6959</b>	<b>6731</b>	<b>7187</b>
<b>Sector</b>			
Urban	11624	10660	12588
Rural	6491	6256	6726
Estate	3386	3110	3662
<b>Province</b>			
Western	9317	8778	9855
Central	6051	5613	6489
Southern	6082	5695	6469
North western	6225	5669	6781
North central	5709	5187	6231
Uva	5438	4521	6355
Sabaragamuwa	4784	4482	5085
<b>District</b>			
Colombo	11235	10297	12172
Gampaha	8630	7719	9541
Kalutara	6895	6328	7462
Kandy	6970	6209	7730
Matale	6071	5273	6869
Nuwara Eliya	4512	4052	4971
Galle	6760	6045	7475
Matara	5470	4999	5941
Hambantota	5633	4937	6330
Kurunegala	6032	5426	6637
Puttalam	6649	5478	7821
Anuradapura	5735	5028	6442
Polonnaruwa	5645	5181	6109
Badulla	5071	4019	6122
Monaragala	6349	4522	8175
Ratnapura	4825	4482	5168
Kegalle	4733	4210	5257

## Household Expenditure

Data pertaining of household expenditure was collected under three major sections viz. (i) Expenditure on food (ii) Expenditure on non-food and (iii) Expenditure incurred by boarders and domestic servants. To gather more accurate and detailed information on food items, data collection was done in 7 consecutive days for each household; and different reference periods from one month to twelve months were used for non-food items. Using this information, the household consumption and expenditure, per-capita expenditure etc. were estimated.

According to Table 4 average household expenditure per month is Rs. 13,147 for Sri Lanka (95% CL Rs. 12,816 to Rs. 13,477). In Urban sector, average household expenditure is Rs. 22,196 per month. Among the sectors lowest average monthly expenditure is reported from Estate sector i.e. Rs. 8,786 (95% C.L. Rs. 7,905 to Rs. 9,665).

When comparing the household expenditure reported by districts, the highest average household expenditure is reported from Colombo district, Rs. 21,595; and the lowest is reported from Hambantota district Rs. 8,844 per month. The lowest income receiving 40 percent of the households spend Rs. 6,840 per month and highest income receiving 10 percent of the households spend Rs. 35,099 per month on average.

Average household expenditure on food is Rs. 5,848 per month for Sri Lanka and the ratio of expenditure on food to total expenditure (food ratio) is 44.5 percent (95% C.L. 43.6 percent to 45.4 percent). The lower food ratio reported in Sri Lanka in 2002 indicates a better socio economic situation in the society. According to food ratios of household expenditure deciles of Sri Lanka 70 percent of households have reported that they spent over 50 percent of their total expenditure on food alone and the food ratio of highest spending 10 percent households of total households is 25.3 percent.

**Table 4:** Household expenditure (monthly) on all items, food items, food ratio and household consumption quantities of Rice, Wheat flour and Bread – 2002.

Sector, Province and District	Expenditure on		Food ratio (%)	Consumption quantity		
	All items (Rs.)	Food items (Rs.)		Rice (kg)	Wheat flour (kg)	Bread (kg)
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>13,147</b>	<b>5,848</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>Sector</b>						
Urban	22,196	7,959	35.9	27.1	2.2	15.3
Rural	12,063	5,575	46.2	36.1	2.2	9.8
Estate	8,786	5,120	58.3	41.3	22.4	4.9
<b>Province</b>						
Western	18,600	7,094	38.1	29.1	1.4	14.6
Central	11,589	5,563	48.0	37.0	10.0	8.8
Southern	11,180	5,614	50.2	38.7	1.1	10.1
North western	10,202	5,182	50.8	35.4	2.0	7.1
North central	10,480	5,179	49.4	40.9	3.2	7.3
Uva	9,352	4,587	49.1	41.2	6.1	5.2
Sabaragamuwa	9,762	5,009	51.3	38.9	3.1	8.2
<b>District</b>						
Colombo	21,595	7,800	36.1	26.7	1.5	15.0
Gampaha	17,427	6,749	38.7	29.3	1.3	14.5
Kalutara	14,952	6,366	42.6	33.4	1.2	13.9
Kandy	13,106	5,921	45.2	35.4	6.2	10.7
Matale	9,878	4,824	48.8	34.9	4.5	7.9
Nuwara Eliya	9,973	5,407	54.2	41.5	20.6	6.0
Galle	11,901	6,011	50.5	35.4	1.2	13.7
Matara	11,865	5,516	46.5	39.6	1.2	8.4
Hambantota	8,844	5,002	56.6	43.9	1.0	5.9
Kurunegala	10,285	5,066	49.3	36.8	1.8	6.1
Puttalam	10,030	5,421	54.1	32.5	2.4	9.2
Anuradapura	10,309	5,142	49.9	38.7	3.3	7.4
Polonnaruwa	10,840	5,257	48.5	45.5	3.0	7.0
Badulla	9,350	4,569	48.9	39.5	8.2	5.6
Monaragala	9,355	4,624	49.4	44.5	2.1	4.4
Ratnapura	9,936	5,143	51.8	42.8	3.0	7.7
Kegalle	9,548	4,844	50.7	34.1	3.2	8.9

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