

Poverty indicators, Household Income & Expenditure information

2006/07

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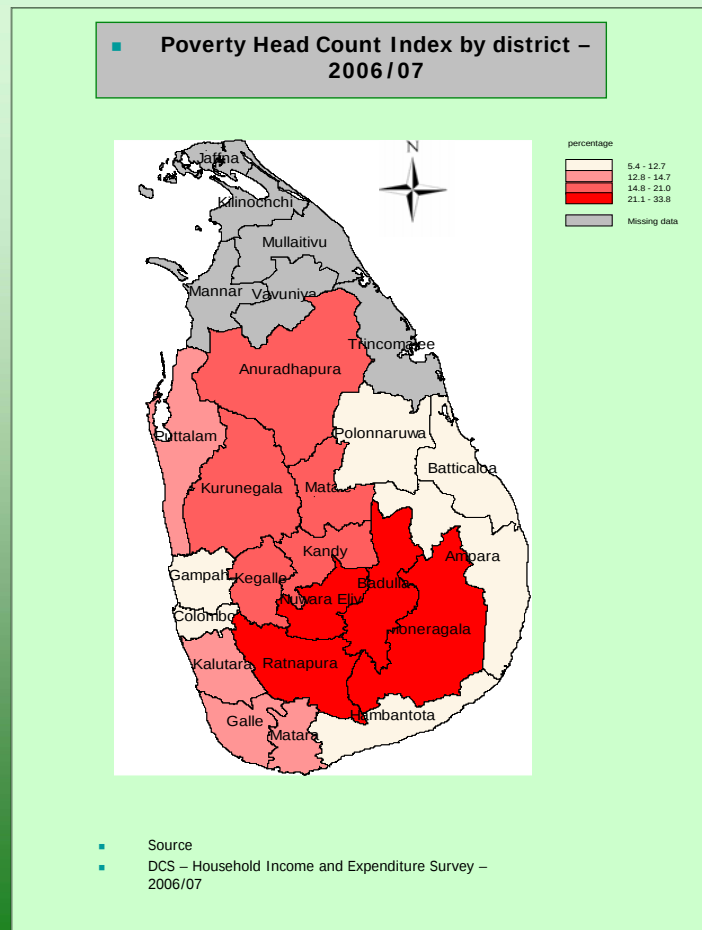
- **Minimum expenditure required to fulfill the basic food and non-food needs per person per month can be defined as a poverty line. In 2002, value of the poverty line was Rs. 1,423.**
- **Estimated poverty line for the period from July 2006 to June 2007 is Rs. 2,233. (per capita expenditure per person per month).**
- **Persons who spend less than the poverty line are defined as poor people.**
- **Percentage of poor population (Poverty headcount index) has decreased from 22.7% in 2002 to 15.2% in 2006/07 .**

Percentage of poor population (Head count index) 2002- 2006/7

District	Head count index 2002	Head count index 2006/07
Sri Lanka	22.7	15.2
Colombo	6.4	5.4
Gampaha	10.7	8.7
Kalutara	20.0	13.0
Kandy	24.9	17.0
Matale	29.6	18.9
Nuwara Eliya	22.6	33.8
Galle	25.8	13.7
Matara	27.5	14.7
Hambantota	32.2	12.7
Batticaloa	NA	10.7
Ampara	NA	10.9
Kurunegala	25.4	15.4
Puttalam	31.3	13.1
Anuradapura	20.4	14.9
Polonnaruwa	23.7	12.7
Badulla	37.3	23.7
Monaragala	37.1	33.2
Rathnapura	34.4	26.6
Kegalle	32.5	21.0

Poverty head count
index has
decreased in almost
all districts from
2002 to 2006/07.
Among those
Hambantota and
Puttalam districts
has reported rapid
decling.

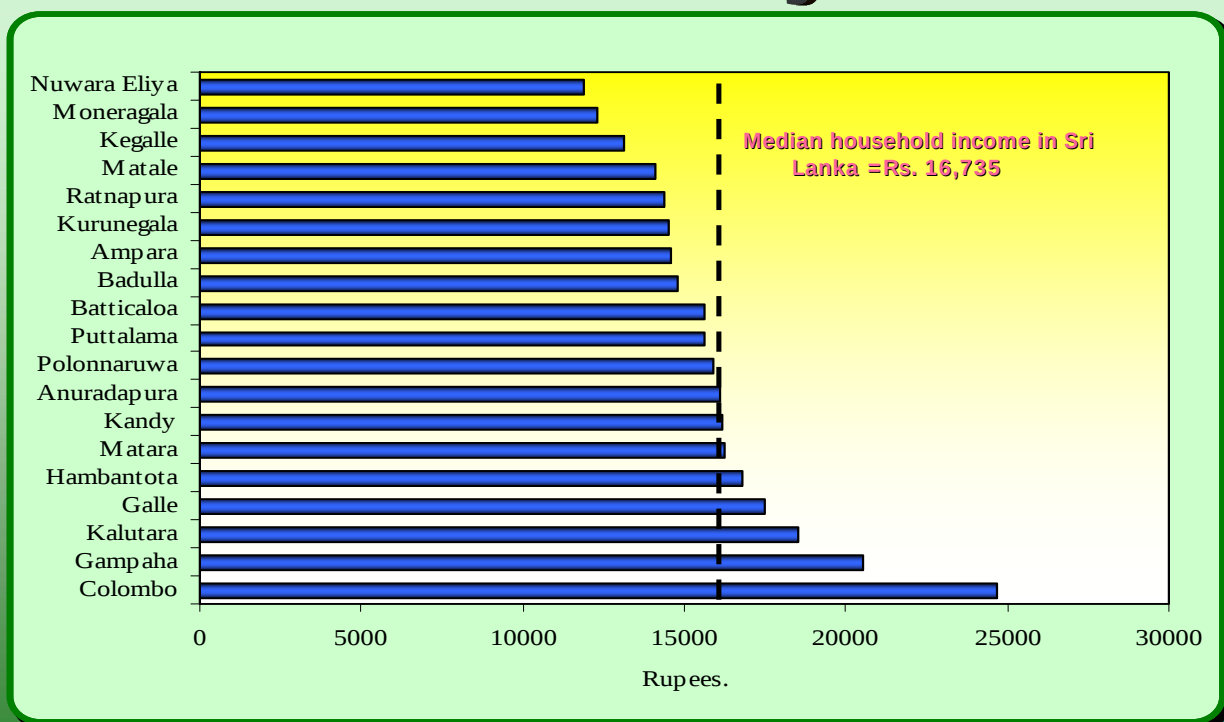
- **Matale, Galle , Matara , Badulla Polonnaruwa and Kegalle also has reported fairly high decrease of poverty.**
- **The highest head count index is reported from Nuwara Eliya district (33.8 %) and the lowest head count index is reported from Colombo district (5.4 %)**



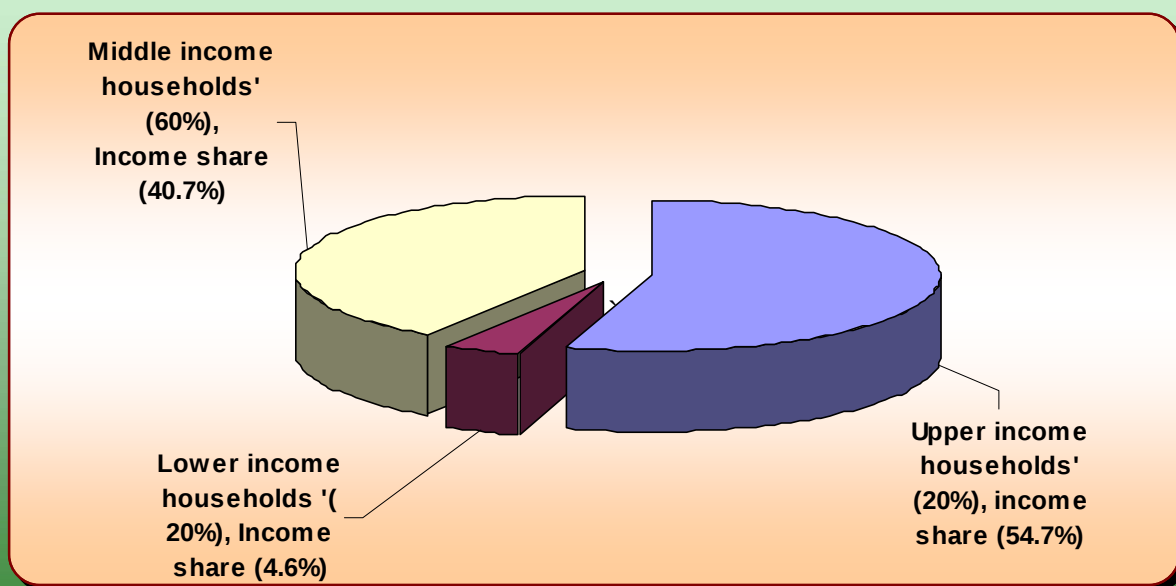
Income - 2006/07

- **The median household income per month for Sri Lanka is Rs. 16,735. (50 % of the households has received less than Rs. 16,735)**
- **The highest median household income is reported from Colombo district (Rs.24,711) and the lowest median household income is reported from Nuwara Eliya district (Rs. 11,914)**

Median income by district



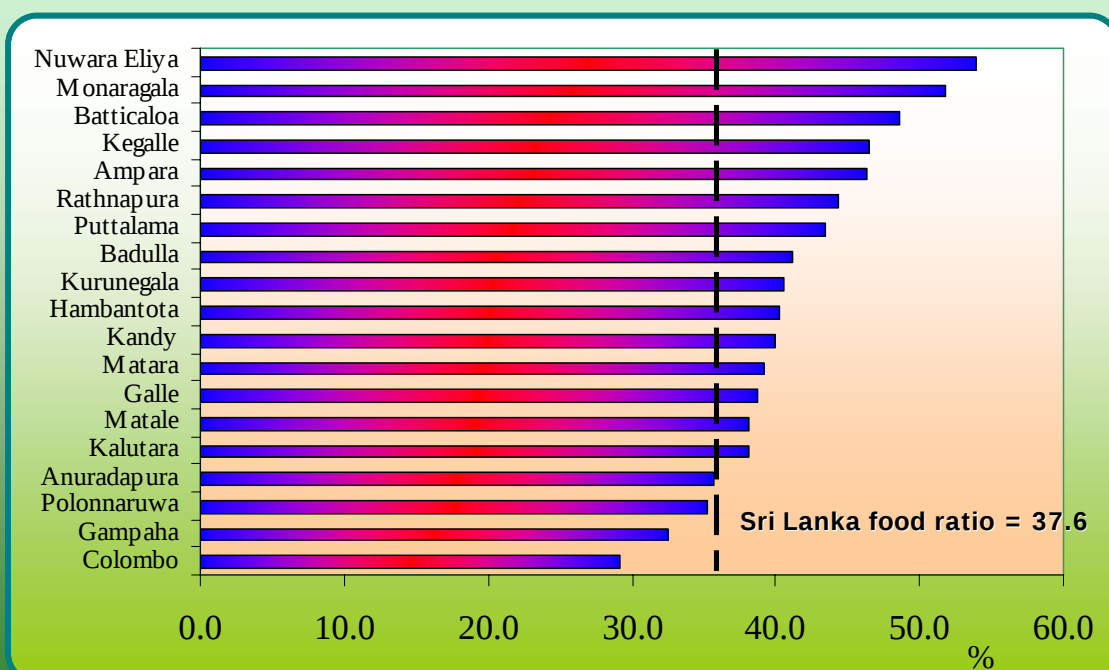
Share of household Income



Upper income households (20%) receives nearly 55 % of the total household income in Sri Lanka while the lower income households (20%) receives only 5% of the total income

- Percentage expenditure on food & drink (non - alcoholic) to total expenditure (food ratio) is 37.6 % for Sri Lanka in 2006/07
- The highest food ratio (53.9 %) is reported from Nuwara Eliya district and the lowest food ratio (29.2 %) is reported from Colombo district

Food ratio by district



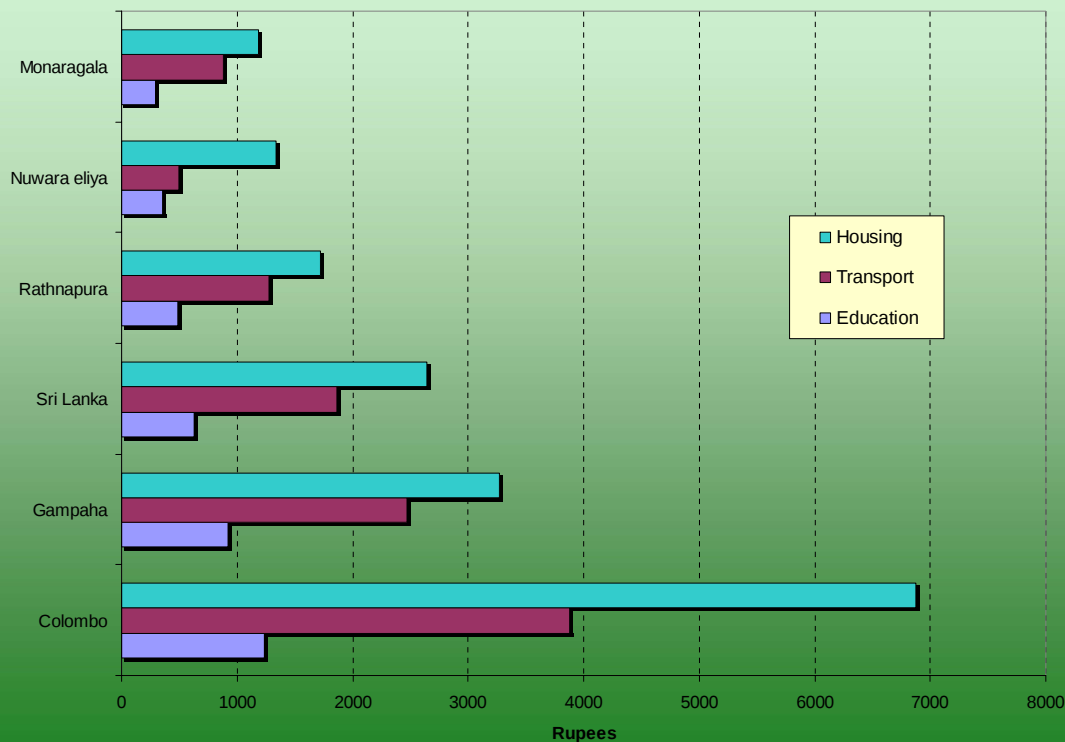
☀ **The mean household expenditure per month for Sri Lanka is Rs.22,952 in 2006/07. Of that Rs. 8,461 is spent on food and drink**

☀ **The highest mean household expenditure Rs.37,011 is reported from Colombo district and the lowest mean household expenditure Rs. 13,155 is reported from Monaragala district.**

Average Household expenditure on Health & Personal care, Fuel & Light, Housing, Transport and Education (some selected non food items)

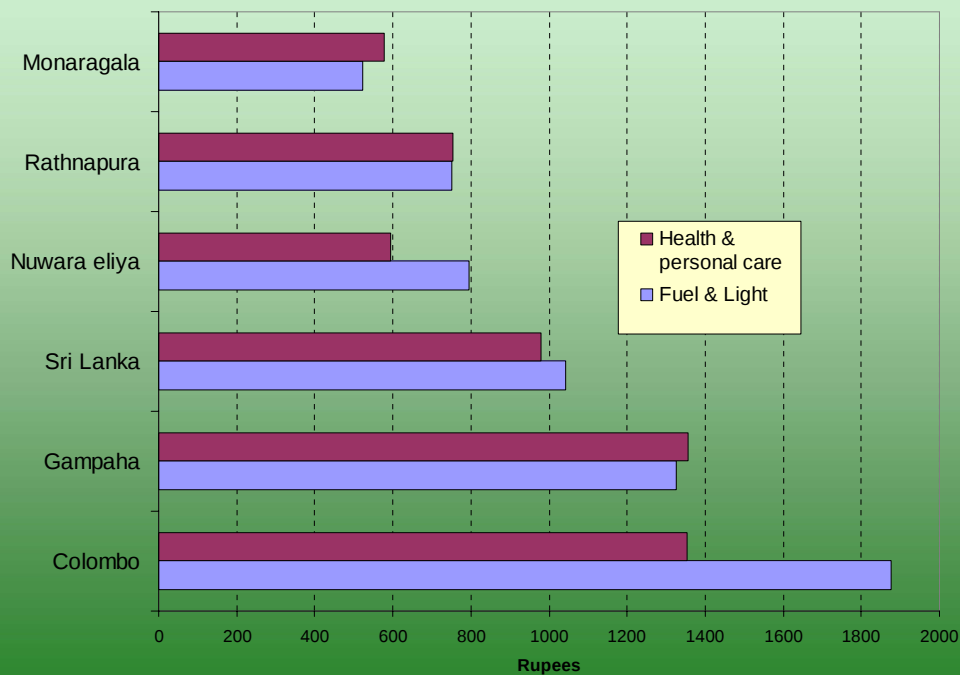
District	Health & Personal care	Fuel & Light	Housing	Transport	Education
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Sri Lanka	980	1042	2639	1862	632
Colombo	1354	1875	6874	3875	1233
Gampaha	1356	1326	3270	2474	925
Nuwara eliya	594	794	1335	495	352
Monaragala	578	523	1182	883	298
Rathnapura	755	750	1725	1272	482

Household Expenditure on Housing, Transport and Education by District



- **Monaragala district shows a comparatively low expenditure on Housing and Education**
- **Nuwara Eliya district shows a comparatively low Transport expenditure**
- **Colombo district shows a comparatively high expenditure on Housing ,Education and Transport**

**Household Expenditure on Health & Personal care
and Fuel & Light**



- **Monaragala district shows a comparatively low expenditure on Health & Personal care and Fuel & Light**
- **Colombo district shows a comparatively high Fuel & Light expenditure**
- **Gampaha & Colombo districts show a comparatively high Health care expenditure**

Thank You