

**Indicator 4 : Prevalence of underweight children under five years of age**

<b>District/Sector</b>		<b>Prevalence of underweight children under five years of age (%)</b>
District	Colombo	14.1
	Gampaha	11.6
	Kalutara	16.9
	Kandy	25.3
	Matale	23.2
	Nuwara Eliya	25.3
	Galle	23.2
	Matara	23.3
	Hambantota	23.8
	Batticaloa	27.5
	Ampara	22.0
	Trincomalee	27.8
	Kurunegala	20.6
	Puttalam	19.2
	Anuradhapura	25.0
	Polonnaruwa	25.6
	Badulla	32.8
Monaragala	26.6	
Ratnapura	23.9	
Kegalle	23.3	
Sector	Urban	16.6
	Rural	21.7
	Estate	29.7
<b>Total</b>		<b>21.6</b>

Source: Demographic & Health Survey 2006/07  
Department of Census & Statistics.

**Definition :**

Numerator: Number of children (0-59) whose weight for age Z- score is less than -2.0 standard deviations (SD) below the median on the NCHS/CDC/ WHO international reference standard.

Denominator: Number of living children between ages 0 and 59 months at the time of the survey.