

Indicator - 02
Poverty gap ratio by province,
district and sector - 2006/07

Background Characteristics		Poverty gap ratio (%)
Sri Lanka		3.1
Province	Western	1.5
	Central	4.6
	Southern	2.6
	Eastern	2.1
	North-Western	2.9
	North-Central	2.8
	Uva	6.2
	Sabaragamuwa	4.9
District	Colombo	1.0
	Gampaha	1.4
	Kalutara	2.7
	Kandy	3.8
	Matale	3.7
	Nuwara eliya	6.8
	Galle	2.9
	Matara	2.4
	Hambantota	2.5
	Batticaloa	1.5
	Ampara	2.4
	Kurunegala	3.1
	Puttalam	2.3
	Anuradhapura	2.8
	Polonnaruwa	2.8
	Badulla	5.3
	Monaregala	7.8
	Ratnapura	5.3
Kegalle	4.3	
Sector	Urban	1.3
	Rural	3.2
	Estate	6.2

Definition

Poverty gap ratio is the mean distance separating the population from the poverty line (with the non poor being given a distance of zero), expressed as a percentage of the poverty line.

Source : Household Income and Expenditure Survey - 2006/07

Note : Data excludes Northern province and Trincomalee district in Eastern province