

Table 6.2: Female headed households by sector, province and district - 2016

Sector/ province/district	Heads (in thousands)	Female Heads (in thousands)	% of Female Heads
Sri Lanka	5,437	1,404	25.8
Sector			
Urban	905	233	25.7
Rural	4,303	1,109	25.8
Estate	229	62	27.1
Province			
Western	1,504	354	23.5
Central	679	197	29.1
Southern	669	175	26.2
Northern	268	64	23.9
Eastern	421	112	26.6
North-western	667	183	27.4
North-central	351	93	26.5
Uva	348	85	24.5
Sabaragamuwa	529	141	26.6
District			
Mannar	25	4	14.9
Jaffna	144	32	22.6
Hambantota	165	37	22.2
Gampaha	612	140	22.9
Colombo	576	134	23.2
Kilinochchi	30	7	24.0
Ampara	174	41	23.7
Trincomalee	100	24	23.4
Monaragala	127	31	24.4
Badulla	221	54	24.5
Polonnaruwa	112	28	25.1
Ratnapura	304	77	25.5
Kalutara	315	80	25.3
Matara	217	57	26.1
Matale	133	35	26.4
Kurunegala	455	122	26.7
Nuwara Eliya	181	49	26.8
Anuradhapura	239	65	27.2
Mullativu	25	7	28.0
Kegalle	225	63	28.2
Galle	287	82	28.5
Puttalam	212	61	28.8
Vavuniya	45	14	30.8
Kandy	364	114	31.2
Batticaloa	147	47	32.3

Source: Household income and expenditure survey - 2016