

## 4. POVERTY INDICES

### 4.1 Percentage of Poor Households Based on the Official Poverty Line by District

District	Survey Period			
	2006/07 <sup>(a)</sup>	2009/10 <sup>(b)</sup>	2012/13	2016
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Colombo	3.9	2.5	1.1	0.6
Gampaha	7.2	3.0	1.5	1.3
Kalutara	10.3	4.1	2.5	2.3
Kandy	13.9	8.3	4.6	4.2
Matale	15.7	9.3	6.0	3.2
Nuwara Eliya	27.5	7.1	5.6	4.6
Galle	10.7	7.9	7.7	2.0
Matara	11.7	8.3	6.2	3.7
Hambantota	10.5	5.4	3.8	1.1
Jaffna	..	12.4	6.6	6.0
Mannar	..	..	15.0	0.9
Vavuniya	..	2.0	2.4	1.5
Mullaitivu	..	..	24.7	11.2
Kilinochchi	..	..	10.7	15.0
Batticaloa	9.5	17.0	14.3	8.1
Ampara	8.7	10.0	4.1	2.1
Trincomalee	..	9.0	6.2	6.8
Kurunegala	12.9	8.6	5.0	2.3
Puttalam	10.6	7.5	3.3	1.6
Anuradhapura	12.7	4.6	6.3	2.7
Polonnaruwa	10.0	4.5	5.6	1.7
Badulla	21.0	10.9	10.4	5.9
Moneragala	29.2	13.9	18.8	4.4
Ratnapura	21.5	8.5	7.5	4.8
Kegalle	18.4	9.0	5.4	5.4

(a) Exclude Northern province and Trincomalee district (b) Exclude Mannar, Killinochchi and Mullaitivu districts

Source: Household Income & Expenditure Survey, Department of Census and Statistics

## 4.2 Poverty Lines by District, 2015-2020

District	Poverty Line (Rs.)					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Sri Lanka	3,888	4,034	4,440	4,630	4,829	5,049
Colombo	4,042	4,194	4,820	5,026	5,242	5,481
Gampaha	4,037	4,188	4,673	4,873	5,083	5,314
Kalutara	3,936	4,084	4,650	4,848	5,057	5,288
Kandy	3,882	4,027	4,600	4,797	5,003	5,231
Matale	3,905	4,052	4,518	4,710	4,913	5,137
Nuwara Eliya	3,922	4,070	4,723	4,924	5,136	5,370
Galle	3,759	3,900	4,384	4,571	4,768	4,985
Matara	3,735	3,876	4,243	4,425	4,615	4,825
Hambantota	3,581	3,716	4,259	4,441	4,632	4,843
Jaffna	3,833	3,977	4,340	4,526	4,720	4,935
Mannar	4,016	4,167	4,435	4,624	4,823	5,043
Vavuniya	3,973	4,123	4,351	4,536	4,732	4,947
Mullaitivu	3,846	3,990	4,309	4,493	4,686	4,899
Kilinochchi	3,942	4,090	4,261	4,443	4,634	4,846
Batticaloa	3,936	4,084	4,523	4,716	4,919	5,143
Ampara	3,858	4,003	4,440	4,630	4,829	5,049
Trincomalee	3,888	4,034	4,398	4,586	4,783	5,001
Kurunegala	3,756	3,897	4,374	4,561	4,757	4,974
Puttalam	3,884	4,030	4,334	4,519	4,713	4,928
Anuradhapura	3,678	3,817	4,286	4,469	4,661	4,873
Polonnaruwa	3,835	3,979	4,456	4,646	4,846	5,067
Badulla	3,727	3,867	4,351	4,537	4,732	4,948
Moneragala	3,533	3,666	4,181	4,359	4,547	4,754
Ratnapura	3,778	3,920	4,404	4,592	4,789	5,008
Kegalle	3,925	4,073	4,618	4,815	5,022	5,251

Source: Household Income and Expenditure Survey, Department of Census and Statistics

### 4.3 Poverty Headcount Index and Percentage of Poor Households Based on the Official Poverty Line by Sector

Sector	Poverty Headcount Index				Percentage of Poor Households			
	2006/07(a)	2009/10(b)	2012/13	2016	2006/07(a)	2009/10(b)	2012/13	2016
All Island	15.2	8.9	6.7	4.1	12.6	7.0	5.3	3.1
Urban	6.7	5.3	2.1	1.9	5.0	3.8	1.5	1.3
Rural	15.7	9.4	7.6	4.3	13.1	7.5	6.0	3.3
Estate	32.0	11.4	10.9	8.8	25.8	8.9	8.8	6.8

(a) Exclude Northern province and Trincomalee district (b) Exclude Mannar, Killinochchi and Mullaitivu districts

### 4.4 Average Monthly Household Income (at Current Price) and Gini Coefficient for Household by Sector

Sector	Average Monthly Household Income (Rs.)				Gini Coefficient for Household Income			
	2006/07(a)	2009/10(b)	2012/13	2016	2006/07(a)	2009/10(b)	2012/13	2016
All Island	26,286	36,451	45,878	62,237	0.49	0.49	0.48	0.45
Urban	41,928	47,783	69,880	88,692	0.54	0.48	0.51	0.48
Rural	24,039	35,228	41,478	58,137	0.46	0.49	0.45	0.44
Estate	19,292	24,162	30,220	34,804	0.57	0.43	0.39	0.36

(a) Exclude Northern province and Trincomalee district (b) Exclude Mannar, Killinochchi and Mullaitivu districts

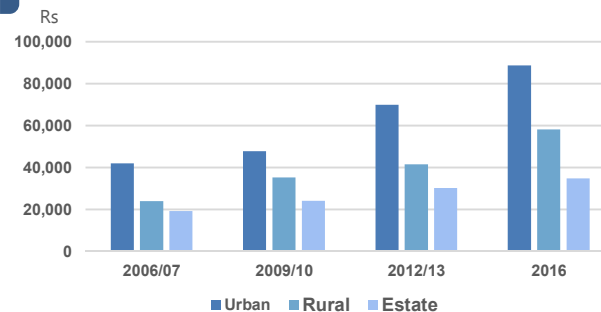
Source: Household Income & Expenditure Survey,  
Department of Census and Statistics

#### 4.5 Poverty Gap and Squared Poverty Gap Indices by Sector

Sector	Poverty Gap Index			Squared Poverty Gap Index		
	2009 /10 <sup>(a)</sup>	2012 /13	2016	2009 /10 <sup>(a)</sup>	2012 /13	2016
All Island	1.7	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1
Urban	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1
Rural	1.8	1.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2
Estate	2.1	1.6	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.3

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Figure 9  
Average Monthly Household Income by Sector



Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka

(a) Exclude Mannar, Killinochchi and Mullaitivu districts

Source: Household Income and Expenditure Survey, Department of Census and Statistics

#### 4.6 Average Monthly Household Expenditure on Selected Food Items

Item	Unit	2009/10 <sup>(a)</sup>		2012/13		2016	
		Qty.	Value (Rs.)	Qty.	Value (Rs.)	Qty.	Value (Rs.)
Rice	kg	36.3	2298	34.8	2,134	33.1	2,452
Wheat flour	kg	2.7	189	2.2	210	1.9	185
Bread	kg	5.1	426	3.6	462	3.6	464
Condiments	kg	-	1209	-	1,416	-	1,881
Pulses	kg	2.8	547	3.0	552	3.1	693
Vegetables		-	1006	-	1,279	-	1,530
Coconut	no.	30.0	737	28.0	962	27.0	1,096
Meat	kg	1.4	517	1.6	669	1.8	918
Fish	kg	3.8	1163	3.7	1,430	4.1	1,820
Dried Fish	kg	1.3	492	1.2	656	1.1	773
Milk	litters	0.4	23	0.4	30	0.4	40
Milk products		-	1015	-	1,359	-	1,522
Eggs	no.	10.0	134	11.0	160	12.0	205
Fruit		-	386	-	461	-	612
Sugar	kg	4.9	452	4.3	459	4.0	418
Other food & drink		-	2671	-	3,412	-	4,505

(a) Exclude Mannar, Killinochchi and Mullaitivu districts

Source: Household Income and Expenditure Survey, Department of Census and Statistics

#### 4.7 Average Monthly Household Expenditure on Major Non-food Expenditure Group

Variable	2009/10 <sup>(a)</sup>	2012/13	2016
Housing	3,446	4,667	6,873
Fuel and Light	1,278	1,755	1,757
Clothing and Textile and Footwear	903	1,194	1,581
Personal Care and Health	1,429	2,181	2,529
Transport and Communication	3,072	4,315	5,548
Education	1,018	1,448	2,066
Cultural and Entertainment	402	515	908
Non-durable Household Goods	264	318	362
Consumer Durables	780	1,018	2,261
Other Non Consumer Expenditure	4,807	7,678	10,945
Liquor and Tobacco	665	705	1,056

Note: (a) Exclude Mannar, Killinochchi and Mullaitivu districts

Source: Household Income and Expenditure Survey, Department of Census and Statistics