

Table 5.5: Share of income to total household income by household income decile and by sector - 2006

Decile group	Sri Lanka		Urban		Rural		Estate	
	Income group (Rs.)	Share of income (%)	Income group (Rs.)	Share of income (%)	Income group (Rs.)	Share of income (%)	Income group (Rs.)	Share of income (%)
All groups		100		100		100		100
1	Less than- 6402	1.7	Less than 9049	1.6	Less than 6166	1.8	Less than 5997	2.7
2	6402- 9048	3.1	9049 -12803	2.6	6166 - 8751	3.3	5997 - 8125	4.5
3	9049 - 11312	4.0	12804 - 16000	3.4	8752 - 11067	4.3	8126 - 8971	5.4
4	11313 - 13743	4.9	16001 - 19410	4.2	11068 - 13460	5.3	8972 - 10138	6.4
5	13744 - 16494	5.9	19411 - 23000	4.9	13461 -15783	6.4	10139 - 11287	6.8
6	16495 - 19841	7.1	23001 - 27947	5.9	15784 - 19251	7.7	11288 - 11909	7.2
7	19841 - 24227	8.6	27948 - 36197	7.6	19252 - 23470	9.2	11910 - 13647	7.9
8	24228 - 32143	10.9	36198 - 49158	9.8	23471 - 30543	11.5	13648 - 16933	10.7
9	32144 - 45676	15.0	49159 - 78500	14.5	30544 - 43223	15.7	16934 - 23082	11.2
10	More than 45676	38.7	More than 78500	45.6	More than 43223	34.8	More than 23082	37.3

The share of income to total household income shows the similar pattern for decile groups in Sri Lanka as well as in all sectors. For example 10 th decile group has recorded the highest share of income to total household income in all sectors. The corresponding figures for urban, rural and estate sectors are 46 percent, 35 percent and 37 percent respectively.

Further it can be seen that the richest 20 percent (9 th and 10 th group) receives nearly 54 percent of the total income in Sri Lanka while the poorest 20 percent (1st and 2nd group) receives only 5 percent of the total income. When the poorest 40 percent is considered, the corresponding figure is reported as 13.7 percent for Sri Lanka. (Table 5.6) This pattern remains unchanged for last 20 years period.

Table 5.6: Percentage of income received by poorest and richest households by sector - 2006

Sector	Richest 20%	Poorest 20%	Middle 60%	Poorest 40%
Sri Lanka	53.8	4.8	41.4	13.7
Urban	60.1	4.2	35.8	11.7
Rural	50.5	5.1	44.4	14.7
Estate	48.4	7.2	44.4	19.0