

2.3 Educational attainment

The percentage distribution of population 5 years of age and over by educational attainment for sectors is shown in Table 2.5. Among the educational categories shown in Table 2.5 the highest percentage passed Grade 6-10 (41.7 percent). Those who never attended school are 4.8 percent in Sri Lanka. When sectors are considered, estate sector shows the poor educational qualifications among sectors. In estate sector the percentage of population with educational attainment, passed G.C.E. (O.L.) and above is only 5.6 percent. Further it can be noticed that the proportion of never attended school is 11.3 percent. Further analysis, considering all persons in the country who passed G. C. E. (A.L.) and above, in estate sector only 0.7 is achieved that goal.

Table 2.5: Percentage distribution of population by level of education and by sector – 2006

Sector	Educational attainment					
	Total	No schooling	Up to grade 5	Passed grade 6 - 10	Passed G.C.E.(O/L)	Passed G.C.E. (A/L) and above
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Sri Lanka	100	4.8	26.5	41.7	16.4	10.7
Urban	100	3.4	22.2	37.6	20.7	16.1
Rural	100	4.6	25.8	42.9	16.4	10.3
Estate	100	11.3	47.2	35.9	4.1	1.5

As discussed earlier (Table 2.5) the poor educational attainment is also shown in estate sector for heads of households (Table 2.6). In estate sector 16 percent of heads had never attended school. The proportion of heads of households passed G.C. E. (A.L.) and above is ignorable (0.3 percent).

Table 2.6: Percentage distributions of head of the household by level of education and by sector – 2006

Sector	Level of education of head of the household					
	Total	No schooling	Up to grade 5	Passed grade 6 - 10	Passed G.C.E.(O/L)	Passed G.C.E. (A/L) and above
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Sri Lanka	100	5.2	27.3	41.3	16.4	9.9
Urban	100	3.3	18.2	36.9	23.5	18.1
Rural	100	4.8	27.1	43.1	15.9	9.0
Estate	100	16.1	53.9	25.0	4.7	0.3