

The majority of students in Sri Lanka (35 percent) had to travel an average distance of 1 km –3 km to school from their usual residences. In estate sector, most primary schools are located within estates. Therefore most students (67 percent) in estate sector had to be traveled less than one kilometer to school from their residences. (Table 3.3)

Table 3.3: Percentage distribution of distance to school from house for persons (age 5-20 years ) who are currently attending school by sector - 2006

Sector	Distance					
	Total	Less than 1km	1km to less than 3 km	3km to less than 5 km	5km to less than 10 km	10 km or more than 10km
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>
Urban	100	28.7	34.3	15.2	13.8	7.8
Rural	100	26.6	35.6	13.3	13.2	11.3
Estate	100	66.6	23.5	4.3	2.5	3.2

Main mode of travel using by students to go to school is also collected in this survey. The survey results reveal that walking (48.4 percent) is major mode of travel in Sri Lanka. This situation highly reflects in estate sector, where the large numbers of students (93 percent) go to school on their foot. In urban sector 22 percent of students travel to school by school van.

Table 3.4: Percentage distribution of main mode of travel for persons (age 5-20 years) who are currently attending school by sector - 2006

Sector	Mode of travel					
	Total	Walking	Bicycle/ Motor Bicycle/Three Wheel/Car	School van	Bus/ Train	Other
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Urban	100	33.9	19.9	22.0	22.8	1.4
Rural	100	47.9	14.4	13.7	23.8	0.2
Estate	100	93.0	0.5	0.8	5.8	0.0