

both urban and rural sectors report the same figure (4.3) but a high variation of household expenditure can be observed between those two sectors.

The highest mean expenditure per month per household is reported from Western province (Rs 32872), which compared to other provinces. The mean household expenditure for all provinces other than Western province in Sri Lanka is reported below the national level figure.

Table 6.1: Average monthly household expenditure and household size by sector and province - 2006

Sector and Province	Mean household expenditure (Rs.)	Household size
Sri Lanka	22671	4.1
Sector		
Urban	37978	4.3
Rural	20620	4.0
Estate	12879	4.3
Province		
Western	32872	4.2
Central	16927	4.1
Southern	22194	4.0
Eastern	19011	4.1
North Western	18309	4.0
North Central	20057	3.6
Uva	15674	4.2
Sabaragamuwa	14669	4.2

Table 6.2: Average monthly household expenditure by expenditure decile and by sector – 2006

Decile group	Sri Lanka		Urban		Rural		Estate	
	Expenditure group (Rs.)	Mean expenditure (Rs.)	Expenditure group (Rs.)	Mean expenditure (Rs.)	Expenditure group (Rs.)	Mean expenditure (Rs.)	Expenditure group (Rs.)	Household expenditure (Rs.)
All groups		22671		37978		20620		12879
1	Less than 7310	5384	Less than 11448	8535	Less than 7001	5203	Less than 6114	4705
2	7310 - 9525	8573	11448 - 15063	13455	7001 - 9260	8290	6114 - 8077	7345
3	9526 - 11415	10456	15064 - 18450	16785	9261 - 10909	10084	8078 - 9903	8994
4	11416 - 13600	12547	18451 - 21427	19977	10910 - 13045	11947	9904 - 11001	10355
5	13601 - 15899	14743	21428 - 24937	23435	13046 - 15218	14083	11002 - 12348	11657
6	15900 - 18833	17271	24938 - 29137	26970	15219 - 17811	16428	12349 - 13484	12814
7	18834 - 22962	20813	29138 - 35121	32189	17812 - 21618	19559	13485 - 14646	14106
8	22963 - 28883	25681	35122 - 47088	40786	21619 - 26896	24105	14647 - 16079	15337
9	28884 - 40815	34036	47089 - 71948	59422	26897 - 37408	31554	16080 - 19365	17661
10	More than 40815	77305	More than 71948	141367	More than 37408	65097	More than 193	26546