

Table 6.6: Average monthly household expenditure on food and drink and non food items by sector and province - 2006

Sector and province	Household expenditure (Rs.)	Food and drink (Rs.)	Food ratio (%)	Non food items (Rs.)	Non food ratio (%)
Sri Lanka	22671	8105	35.8	14565	64.2
Sector					
Urban	37978	10604	27.9	27375	72.1
Rural	20620	7753	37.6	12868	62.4
Estate	12879	6790	52.7	6089	47.3
Province					
Western	32872	9750	29.7	23122	70.3
Central	16927	7193	42.5	9734	57.5
Southern	22194	8008	36.1	14186	63.9
Eastern	19011	9039	47.5	9972	52.5
North Western	18309	7620	41.6	10689	58.4
North Central	20057	6763	33.7	13294	66.3
Uva	15674	6613	42.2	9061	57.8
Sabaragamuwa	14669	6696	45.6	7973	54.4

Figure 6.1 shows the food ratio by different survey periods. It has decreased from 65 percent to 35.8 percent during the last three decades. Sri Lanka is a developing country and this point out the improvement of the living condition in the country.

Figure 6.1 Food ratio by different survey period

