

6.3 Food Expenditure

Table 6.8 shows the relationship between household income and household expenditure on food and drink by national household income decile. It shows that the first decile group (poorest 10 percent) is reported more than 100 percent of expenditure on food and drink when their monthly income and food expenditure are considered. Further it also shows that 50 percent of households (half of the households) have spent more than half their total income for food and drink. But the richest 10 percent of households (10 th decile group) have only spent 12.8 percent of their total income.

Table 6.8: Average monthly household expenditure on food and drink by national household income decile - 2006

Decile group	Sri Lanka income group (Rs.)	Mean income (Rs.)	Expenditure on food and drink (Rs.)	Expenditure on food & drink as % of income
All groups		25414	8105	31.9
1	Less than 6401	4412	4535	102.8
2	6402- 9048	7789	5950	76.4
3	9049 - 11312	10207	6294	61.7
4	11313 - 13743	12472	7041	56.5
5	13744- 16494	14999	7620	50.8
6	16495 - 19841	18107	8058	44.5
7	19841 - 24227	21898	8872	40.5
8	24228 - 32143	27654	9433	34.1
9	32144 - 45676	38213	10662	27.9
10	More than 45678	98500	12599	12.8

Table 6.9: Average monthly household expenditure on food and drink by national household expenditure decile - 2006

Decile group	Sri Lanka Expenditure group (Rs.)	Total income (Rs.)	Expenditure on food and drink (Rs.)	Expenditure on food and drink as a % of income (%)	Expenditure on non food items (Rs.)	Expenditure on non food items as a % of income (%)
All groups		25414	8105	31.9	14565	57.3
1	Less than 7310	6962	3276	47.1	2108	30.3
2	7310 - 9525	11208	4899	43.7	3675	32.8
3	9526 - 11415	14065	5851	41.6	4605	32.7
4	11416 - 13600	14831	6807	45.9	5740	38.7
5	13601 - 15899	17643	7526	42.7	7217	40.9
6	15900 - 18833	20197	8161	40.4	9110	45.1
7	18834 - 22962	22211	9189	41.4	11624	52.3
8	22963 - 28883	28272	10147	35.9	15533	54.9
9	28884 - 40815	39825	11376	28.6	22661	56.9
10	More than 40815	79038	13842	17.5	63463	80.3

Table 6.9 shows the relationship between household income and household expenditure on food and drink by national household expenditure decile.