

8.8 Cooking fuel

Table 8.10 shows that majority of households in Sri Lanka use firewood as cooking fuel (80 percent). Gas and kerosene are used 16.2 and 2.7 percent respectively. It is obvious that most households in urban sector use gas as a main source of cooking fuel (48.5 percent). Firewood is commonly used as cooking fuel in remote areas as well as estate sector. Therefore it is reported as 98 percent for estate sector, while it is reported as 86.2 percent for rural sector.

For cooking purposes, about 70 percent of households in Sri Lanka collect firewood from their own land, any other land or a forest (Table 8.11). Of Those households, majority of them (54.5percent) collect firewood within their premises. Also 15 percent of households travel more than 500 meters to collect firewood from any other land or a forest. (Table 8.12)

Table 8.10: Percentage distribution of households by principal type of cooking fuel and by sector - 2006

Sector	Cooking fuel				
	Total (%)	Firewood (%)	Gas (%)	Kerosene (%)	Other (%)
Sri Lanka	100	80.0	16.2	2.7	1.1
Urban	100	38.3	48.5	12.3	1.0
Rural	100	86.2	11.6	1.2	1.1
Estate	100	98.1	0.5	0.5	1.0

Figure 8.2: Percentage of household by principal type of cooking fuel and by sector

