

8.5 Toilet facilities

Nearly 90 percent of households in occupied housing units have a toilet of their own. A toilet sharing with another household or using public convenience is reported as 7.3 percent. The survey also reveals that 2.7 percent of households are not using a toilet at all.

Table 8.7: Percentage distribution of households by availability of toilet and by sector
- 2006

Sector	Toilet facilities			
	Total (%)	Exclusive for the household (%)	Sharing with another household (%)	No toilet facilities (%)
Sri Lanka	100	90.0	7.3	2.7
Urban	100	87.2	9.9	2.9
Rural	100	91.5	5.9	2.6
Estate	100	73.0	22.3	4.7

8.6 Disposal of garbage

Disposal of garbage is a severe problem in most households in Sri Lanka especially in urban sector. Interesting differences are exhibited by disposal of garbage with regard to residential sectors. In urban sector, the highest number of households (62.3 percent) removes their garbage by garbage collecting truck. In rural sector, the majority of households (61.8 percent) burn or bury their garbage. In estate sector, the majority of households (48.5 percent) throw away their garbage outside the premises.

Table 8.8: Percentage distribution of households by disposal of garbage and by sector
- 2006

Sector	Disposal of garbage						
	Total (%)	Collected by garbage truck (%)	Buried/ burned (%)	Process for fertilizer (%)	Dumped within premises (%)	Thrown away outside premises (%)	Other (%)
Sri Lanka	100	12.7	54.1	5.1	20.1	7.3	0.7
Urban	100	62.3	23.1	2.0	2.5	8.9	1.2
Rural	100	4.8	61.8	5.5	23.0	4.3	0.6
Estate	100	0.0	19.7	7.8	23.4	48.5	0.6