

## 8.7 Lighting

Electricity is the major type of lighting in Sri Lanka (80.4 percent) and almost all other households use kerosene as the source of lighting (17.2 percent). When sectors are considered, that the proportion of households availability of electricity for lighting, for urban, rural and estate sectors are recorded as 94.2 percent 78.8 percent and 67 percent respectively.

Table 8.9: Percentage distribution of households by principal type of lighting and by Sector - 2006

| Sector           | Lighting   |                 |              |                  |            |
|------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|------------|
|                  | Total (%)  | Electricity (%) | Kerosene (%) | Solar energy (%) | Other (%)  |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>80.4</b>     | <b>17.2</b>  | <b>2.4</b>       | <b>0.1</b> |
| Urban            | 100        | 94.2            | 5.8          | 0.1              | 0.0        |
| Rural            | 100        | 78.8            | 18.2         | 2.9              | 0.1        |
| Estate           | 100        | 67.0            | 32.0         | 1.0              | 0.0        |

Figure 8.1: Percentage of households by principal type of lighting and by sector

