

Introduction

Nepal is a landlocked country situated in South Asia. It is also known as Land of Mt. Everest and the birth place of Lord Buddha. Though Nepal occupies 0.03% and 0.3% of total land area of world and Asia respectively, the country has an extreme topography and climate. The country stretches from east to west with mean length of 885 kilometers and widens from north to south with mean breadth of 193 kilometers.

Geographically, the country is divided into three East-West ecological belt: the Northern Range - Mountain, the Mid Range - Hill and the Southern Range - Terai (flat land). In the northern range, the Himalayas form an unbroken mountain range which contains eight peaks higher than 8,000 meters, including world's highest peak Mt. Everest. The middle range is captured by gorgeous mountains, high peaks, hills, valleys and lakes. The Capital City of Nepal, Kathmandu Valley lies in this region. Terai region is located on the bottom part of Nepal. It is usually known as the grain house of Nepal.

Current Constitution of Nepal declared the Federal Democratic State of Nepal with seven states. Nepal is further divided into 75 administrative districts. Nepal currently has 217 municipalities (including 1-metropolis, 12- sub metropolis) and 3157 village development committees (VDC). VDCs are considered as rural and municipalities are considered as urban area of the country.

According to the National Population Census 2011, the annual growth rate of population is 1.35 percent and the total population has recorded about 26.5 million with sex ratio 94.2.

The preliminary estimate of per capita GDP at current prices stands at NRs. 74992 (US\$ 762) for the year 2014/15. Growth rate of GDP is estimated 3.04 percent in the year 2014/15. About one fourth of the population (25.16%) lives below poverty lines as per the Nepal Living Standards Survey 2010/11 and the Gini-Coefficient, which indicates inequality in income distribution, is 0.328.

Geographical Location and Area:

Latitude : 26°22' North to 30°27' North
 Longitude : 80°04' East to 88°12' East
 Area : 147181 Sq.Km.
 Boarder : North - Tibet, Autonomous Region of China
 : East, West and South - India

Population and Household Characteristics

Population

	2001	2011	2015 ^P
Nepal	23151423	26494504	28037904
Male	11563921	12849041	13593069
Female	11587502	13645463	14444835
Total households	4253220	5423297	
Annual population growth rate	2.25%	1.35%	

P.:Projected Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Population Distribution by Geographical Region, 2011

Area	Male	Female	Total
Nepal	12849041	13645463	26494504
Mountain	862592	919200	1781792
Hill	5440067	5953940	11394007
Terai	6546382	6772323	13318705
Urban	2306049	2217771	4523820
Rural	10542992	11427692	21970684

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Absent Population, 2011

Area	Male	Female	Not Stated	Total
Nepal	1684029	237400	65	1921494
Mountain	82322	23101	0	105423
Hill	860555	130604	8	991167
Terai	741152	83695	57	824904
Urban	227632	57774	15	285421
Rural	1456397	179626	50	1636073

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Population by Religion, 2011

Religion	Population	Religion	Population
Hindu	81.34	Kirat	3.05
Bouddha	9.04	Christian	1.42
Islam	4.39	Others*	0.76

* Including not stated cases

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Female-headed Households

Area	2001	2011
National	14.9	25.7
Urban	17	28.1
Rural	14.5	25.2

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Female Ownership on House & Land or Land Only

Area	2001	2011
National	11.7	19.7
Urban	15.2	26.8
Rural	10	18

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

HHs: Households

Household Facilities, 2011

Facility	% HHs	Facility	% HHs
Radio	50.8	Mobile phone	64.6
Television	36.5	Motor	1.6
Cable television	19.3	Motorcycle	9.6
Computer	7.3	Cycle	32.4
Internet	3.3	Other vehicle	0.7
Telephone	7.4	Refrigerator	7.2

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Singulate Mean Age at Marriage (Year)

Sex	1981	1991	2001	2011
Male	20.7	21.4	22.9	23.8
Female	17.2	18.1	19.5	20.6

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Some Vital Indicators

Indicator	2001	2006*	2011
Crude Birth Rate (CBR) per 1000	33.1	27.7	21.8
Crude Death Rate (CDR) per 1000	9.6	8.3	7.3
Total Fertility Rate (per woman)	4.1	3.1	2.5
Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) per 1000 live birth	64	48	40.5
Mortality Rate under 5 per 1000	91	61	52.9

Average life expectancy at birth (Year)

	2001	2006*	2011
Total	60.4	64.1	66.6
Male	60.1	63.6	65.5
Female	60.7	64.5	67.9

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics; * Demographic Health Survey 2006

Living Standards

Poverty Head Count Rate (Percent)

Area	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11
Nepal	41.8	30.9	25.2
Urban	21.6	9.6	15.5
Rural	43.3	34.6	27.4

Source: Nepal Living Standards Survey, CBS

Inequality Measures (Gini Coefficient)

Area	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11
Nepal	0.322	0.414	0.328
Urban	0.426	0.436	0.353
Rural	0.308	0.349	0.311

Source: Nepal Living Standards Survey, CBS

Household Consumption

Area	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11
Nominal HH consumption (Rs.)	38703	83593	170735

Share on Household Consumption (Percent)

Food	60.3	59	61.5
Housing	11.8	9.5	11
Education		2.8	5.3
Other non-food	27.9	28.7	22.2

Source: Nepal Living Standards Survey, CBS

Agriculture

Number of Agricultural Holdings and Area, 2011/12

Agricultural Holdings	Number	Area (Ha)
Having land	3715555	2522520
Having no land	115538	3119
Total	3831093	2525639
Total irrigated area	2472296	1313406
Total arable land	3724650	2162751

Source: Agriculture Census, CBS

Production of Food Grains (Area in '000 Ha. Production in '000 M.T.)

Food Grains	2013/14		2014/15	
	Area	Production	Area	Production
Paddy	1487	5047	1425	4789
Maize	929	2283	882	2145
Wheat	754	1883	762	1976
Barley	28	35	28	37
Buckwheat	11	304	11	308
Millet	271	10	268	11

Source: Ministry of Agriculture Development

Production of Cash Crops (Area in '000 Ha. Production in '000 M.T.)

Cash Crops	2013/14		2014/15	
	Area	Production	Area	Production
Sugarcane	66	2998	67	3063
Jute	11	16	11	17
Oil seed	216	185	217	195
Tobacco	2	2	2	2
Potato	198	2798	190	2842

Source: Ministry of Agriculture Development

Number of Livestock (Number in '000)

Livestock	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Cattle	7274	7244	7241
Buffalo	5242	5179	5168
Sheep	809	789	789
Goat	9785	10177	10252

Source: Ministry of Agriculture Development

Health Services

Health Manpower

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Doctors*	13925	15181	16854
Nurses	23022	27924	33293
ANM	20108	22489	24202
Foreign Nurses			805

Source: Nepal Nursing Council *Nepal Medical Council

Some Indicators of Private Hospitals

	2013	2013
No. of Private Hospital	301	Total Employees 22581
Total Persons Engaged	24031	Total Value Added 7994*

Source: Census of Private Hospitals in Nepal, 2013, CBS * in Million Rs.

Health Facilities under MoHP

Facility	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Hospitals	87	95	102
Primary health centers	207	208	201
Health posts	1689	1559	3808
Sub-health posts	2127	2247	
Hospital beds (available)	5127	5998	6353

Source: Department of Health Services, MoHP: Ministry of Health & Population

Family Planning Users

Methods	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Temporary methods	617001	623857	662902
Permanent methods	46415	39213	30836

Source: Department of Health Service

Education

School Education

	2013/14			2014/15		
	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student
Primary	34743	183922	4401780	34335	185562	4335355
Lower secondary	14867	51653	1828351	14952	52349	183513
Secondary	8726	38363	896919	8825	38861	900585
Higher secondary	3596	18907	415343	3596	19179	416995
Total	61932	292845	7542393	61708	295951	5836448

Source: Department of Education

Students Enrolled in Higher Education

Faculty	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Buddhist studies	33	302	241
Ayurved	103	86	NA
Forestry	996	1122	597
Agriculture & animal science	1524	1444	1660
Sanskrit	1485	1151	3862
Law	4198	816	3832
Medicine	13782	18817	17857
Engineering	10992	12402	18216
Science & technology	7127	21258	28296
Humanities & social sciences	178666	86580	57424
Management	107087	193716	168843
Education	97706	226390	157793

Source: Ministry of Education

Literacy Rate

Area	(Percent)		
	1991*	2001*	2011**
National	39.6	54.1	65.9
Male	54.5	65.5	75.1
Female	25	42.8	57.4
Urban	66.9	71.9	82.2
Rural	36.8	51	62.5

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

* : Literacy rate of six years and above population.

** : Literacy rate of five years and above population.

Manufacturing Establishments

Principal Indicators, 2011/12

(in '000 Rs.)

Region	No. of Estbs.	Census Output	Census input	Census Value Added
Eastern	872	63327198	48830329	14496869
Central	1642	171804071	118690072	53113999
Western	995	64934096	45680019	19254077
Mid-West.	376	15935863	13039348	2896515
Far-West.	231	4754809	36875958	1068851
Total	4076	320756037	229925726	90830311

Source: Census of Manufacturing Establishments, CBS

Person Involved in Manufacturing Establishments

	2001/02	2006/07	2011/12
No. of person engaged	191853	177550	204360
No. of employees	181943	169891	194989

Source: Census of Manufacturing Establishments, CBS

Total Value of Shipment of Some Commodities

(in Million Rs.)

Commodity	2001/02	2006/07	2011/12
Vegetable ghee	8025	7687	1989
Sugar	2110	2898	1047
Processed tea	643	1144	1587
Alcohol	1544	1951	7347
Beer	2359	2317	4409
Cigarette	5261	9891	15405
Cotton clothes	939	1838	1122
Woolen carpet	3077	2879	1494
Garments	5570	2070	1389
Processed leather	641	540	50
Soap (toilet & washing)	2015	3914	8831
Cement	2068	7394	22277

Source: Census of Manufacturing Establishments, CBS

National Accounts

Some Important Macroeconomic Indicators

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14 ^R	2014/15 ^P	2014/15 ^{P*}
Annual growth rate GDP (%)	4.61	3.46	5.15	4.58	3.04
Per capita GDP, current prices (NRs.)	56880	62196	69919	77311	74992
Per capita GDP, constant prices (NRs.)	24962	25578	26619	27628	26834
Annual change in real per capita GDP (%)	3.39	2.47	4.07	3.61	0.63
Per capita GDP (US\$)	702	707	703	785.14	761.59
Gross Domestic Saving/GDP (%)	10.99	10.1	8.92	12.89	
Gross National Saving/GDP (%)	39.47	40.27	46.44	43.50	
Gross Fixed Capital Formation/GDP (%)	20.77	22.58	23.13	27.20	
Export of goods and services/GDP (%)	10.07	10.7	12.14	11.14	
Import of goods and services/GDP (%)	33.58	37.51	40.3	41.79	
Exchange rate (USD : NRs.)	81.02	87.96	99.43	98.47	98.47

Source: National Accounts of Nepal, CBS

R = Revised, P=Provisional, P*: Preliminary after earthquake 2015

Gross Value Added by Industry (at current prices) (in Million Rs.)

NSIC	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14R	2014/15P	2014/15P*
Agriculture and forestry	500465	527869	576280	614038	611705
Fishing	5819	6646	8659	9261	9261
Mining and quarrying	8166	9616	11003	12366	11961
Manufacturing	91164	100312	112995	125949	123302
Electricity, gas and water	17518	20368	21410	21702	21700
Construction	98539	108979	125846	142840	139701
Wholesale and retail trade	198164	228747	266999	296154	290368
Hotels and restaurants	25307	29886	35309	41620	40595
Transport, storage and communications	122354	140537	158851	173417	167421
Financial intermediation	58529	62183	68276	73190	72728
Real estate, renting and business activities	123213	138587	152984	181030	173973
Public administration and defense	30547	32236	44324	51593	51593
Education	81797	91736	115254	133086	131207
Health and social work	20431	22327	27725	33318	33386
Other community, social & personal service activities	55461	58028	73541	80518	79954
Total GVA including FISIM	1437474	1578058	1799456	1990082	1958855
FISIM	49992	55205	63435	65377	64861
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at basic prices	1387482	1522853	1736022	1924705	1893994
Taxes less subsidies on products	139862	169790	205602	236470	230656
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	1527344	1692643	1941624	2161175	2124650

Source: National Accounts of Nepal, CBS R = Revised, P=Provisional P*: Preliminary after earthquake
FISIM: Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured

Public Income and Expenditure (in Rs. '000)

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15E
Revenue and Grants	333172151	396315164	514821230
Revenue	296021153	356620779	422900000
Grants	35229805	33960165	73385924
Expenditure	302053897	370226473	515706237
Recurrent	247455472	303531746	398951195
Capital	54598425	66694727	116755042
Budget Surplus(-)/Deficit(+)	31118253	-26088691	885007
Financing	24816477	23140738	-885007
Net internal loan	11796792	12927909	34578571
Net investment	8901813	9451003	13893608
External-net borrowing	2220635	-4407730	-29252086
Domestic net borrowing	1897237	5169556	-20205100
Under(+)/Over(-)	6301776	-2947953	0

Source: Ministry of Finance E=Estimate.

Summary of Balance of Payments (in Millions Rs.)

Particulars	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15P
A) Current account	57060	89845	108320
Goods: exports f.o.b.	85990	100961	98276
Goods: imports f.o.b.	-547294	-696373	-761773
Balance on goods	-461305	-595413	-663497
Services: credit	95191	125061	149288
Services: debit	-87605	-104179	-121671
Services: net	7586	20882	27618
Balance on goods and services	-453719	-574531	-635879
Income: credit	23320	39540	43832
Incomes: debit	-10241	-6788	-8589
Incomes: net	13079	32752	34243
Balance on goods, services and income	-440640	-541655	-601637
Current transfers: credit	505068	634855	712522
Current transfers: debit	-7368	-3355	-2566
Transfers: net	497701	631500	709957

Particulars	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15P
B) Capital account (capital transfer)	10348.3	17063.5	14811.4
C) Financial account (excluding group E)	12496.3	10481.8	17720.7
D) Miscellaneous Items, net	3335.4	11927.6	18318.4
E) Reserves and related Items	-83240.7	-129860.5	-159170.3
Changes in reserve net (- increase)	-68939.6	-127127.1	-144851.7

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, R = Revised, P=Provisional, f.o.b. = free on board

Consumer Price Index (2005/06 = 100)

Area	2013/14			2014/15		
	Overall Index	Food & Beverages	Non-Food Services	Overall Index	Food & Beverages	Non-Food Services
National	198.2	238.8	168.5	212.5	261.8	177.2
Kathmandu	204.2	248.6	169	219	274.7	175.8
Hill	199.9	238.3	171	214.5	256.8	183.6
Terai	193	232.2	166.8	206.7	255.7	174.9

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual average.

National Wholesale Price Index (1999/00 = 100)

Groups	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Overall index	258.3	297.7	296.6
Agricultural commodities	279.6	311.1	338.7
Domestic manufactured commodities	224.9	238.4	251.8
Imported goods	245.6	255.9	257.7

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual average.

National Salary and Wage Rate Index (2004/05=100)

Groups	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Overall index	277.9	316	342.5
Salary index	187.3	234.8	254.6
Wage rate index	311.4	345.9	374.9

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual average.

Manufacturing Producers & Construction Sector Price Index

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15*
Input Price Index of Construction Sector (2007/08=100)	174.5	187.5	199.9
Price Index of Construction Materials (2007/08=100)	159.0	170.1	179.6
Wage Index of Construction Sector (2007/08=100)	211.5	229.1	248.43
Manufacturing Producer's Price Index (2008/09=100)	137.4	144.9	148.58
Manufacturing Production Index (2008/09=100)	116.0	124.8	125.7

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics * Preliminary

Monetary Survey (Mid-July)

	2013	2014	2015P
Broad money (M2)	1315376.28	1565967.2	1877801.5
Money supply (M1)	301590.19	354830.03	424744.6
Currency	195874.24	227537	270080.4
Demand deposits	105715.94	127292.6	154664.2
Time deposits	389907.15	435793.45	501753
Foreign assets	554093.55	686759	847494.7
Foreign liabilities	85855.55	87539.31	100391.6

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, P=Provisional

Communication

Number of Registered Newspapers	2015 Oct.
Daily	626
Half-weekly	2659
Weekly	32
Fortnightly	451
Monthly	2117
Two monthly	349
Quarterly	590
Four monthly	31
Half-yearly	83
Yearly	88
Total	7026

Source: Department of Information

Postal Services

Office	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Regional post office	5	5	5
District post office	70	70	70
Illaka post office	842	842	842
Additional post office	3074	3074	3074
Total post office	3991	3991	3991

Source: Department of Postal Services

Transport

Length of Road (in Km.)	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15*
Type			
Black-topped	10659	10810	11,349
Gravelled	5940	5925	6,192
Earthen	8666	8864	9,394
Total	25265	25599	26,935

Source: Economic Survey, MOF * First Eight Months

Vehicles Registered

Vehicle	2012/13	2013/14	Upto 2015 Oct
Bus	2776	3737	36651
MiniBus/Minitruck	1412	2270	16989
Truck/Dozer/Crane/ Excavator	2789	4236	57217
Car/Jeep/ Van	11372	13560	163667
Pickup	5668	6057	29896
Microbus	178	932	3746
Tempo	17	1541	9068
Motorcycle	163945	196383	1567589
Tractor/Power tiller	10070	10524	103695
Others	116	343	6886
Total	198343	239583	1995404

Source: Department of Transport Management

Tourism

Tourist Arrival	2012	2013	2014
By air	598258	594848	585981
By land	204834	202768	204137
Annual rate of change (%)	9.1	-0.7	-0.95
Gross foreign exchange earning (in convertible currencies ('000 US \$))	353979	429216	471769

Source: Nepal Tourism Board

Energy Electricity

(GWH)

	2013	2014	2015P
Peak demand (MW)	1094.62	1200.98	1291.8
Generation total (NEA)	2291.96	2297.88	2366.88
Hydro generation (NEA)	2273.14	2288.23	2365.64
Thermal generation (NEA)	18.82	9.65	1.24
Power purchase total	1968.49	2389.21	2638.81
Power purchase from India	792.52	1318.75	1369.89
Power purchase from IPPs	1175.97	1070.45	1268.93
Available energy	4260.45	4687.09	5005.69

IPPS: Independent Power Producers

Source : Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), P: Provisional

Use of Electricity

(Million KWH)

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15*
Total	3156	3444.26	3636.42
Household	1397.46	1526.84	1612.02
Industrial	1141.07	1246.7	1316.25
Commercial	237.91	285.16	301.07
Exports	0	0	0
Others	379.56	385.56	407.07

Source : Economic Survey Report, MoF * Estimate of February end.

Other Energy Consumptions

(Kilo liter)

	2013/13	2013/14	2014/15
Diesel	716748	811100	901393
Petrol	221676	251451	283567
Kerosene	24721	19064	18628
Aviation turbine fuel	115786	123527	139404
FO (M.T.)	2450	2172	883
Liquefied petroleum gas (M.T.)	207038	232660	258299

Source: Nepal Oil Corporation, FO=Furnace Oil, MT: Metric Ton

Miscellaneous

Number of Refugees

	2013	2014	2015
Bhutanese	35168	24340	21551
Male	18175	12681	11229
Female	16993	11659	10322
Tibetan*	12540	12540	12540

Source: UNHCHR *: Ministry of Home Affairs

Natural Disaster

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Persons dead	289	417	9396
Affected families	812	1501	926758
Property loss (million Rs.)	1203	3236	159817

Source : Ministry of Home Affairs

Statistics Offices of Central Bureau of Statistics

Statistics Office	Districts coverage	Phone/Fax No.
Panchthar	Taplejung, Panchthar, Ilam	024-520116
Morang	Morang, Jhapa	021-524362
Sunsari	Sunsari, Saptari	025-560109
Dhankuta	Dhankuta, Tehrathum	026-520262
Bhojpur	Bhojpur, Sankhuwasabha	029-420104
Okhaldhunga	Okhaldhunga, Solukhumbu	037-520124
Udayapur	Udayapur, Khotang	035-420109
Dhanusha	Dhanusha, Siraha	041-520404\
Mahottari	Mahottari, Sarlahi	044-520028
Sindhuli	Sindhuli, Ramechhap	047-520128
Kavre	Kavre, Dolakha, Sindhupalchok	011-490748
Kathmandu	Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur	01-4781255
Nuwakot	Nuwakot, Rasuwa	010-560252
Makwanpur	Makwanpur, Dhading	057-523682
Parsa	Parsa, Bara, Rautahat	051-521033
Chitwan	Chitwan, Nawalparasi	056-520509
Gorkha	Gorkha, Lamjung, Manang	064-420198
Syangja	Syangja, Parbat	063-420119
Kaski	Kaski, Tanahun	061-465313
Baglung	Baglung, Myagdi, Mustang	068-520276
Palpa	Palpa, Gulmi	075-520512
Kapilbastu	Kapilbastu, Arghakhanchi, Rupandehi	076-560061
Pyuthan	Pyuthan, Rolpa	086-460247
Rukum	Rukum, Jajarkot	088-530238
Dang	Dang, Salyan	082-560018
Banke	Banke, Bardiya	081-523563
Surkhet	Surkhet, Dailekh, Kalikot	083-520204
Jumla	Jumla, Mugu, Dolpa	087-520034
Bajura	Humla, Bajura	097-541019
Doti	Doti, Achham	094-440153
Kanchanpur	Kanchanpur, Kailali	099-521347
Dadeldhura	Dadeldhura, Bajhang	096-410185
Darchula	Darchula, Baitadi	093-420136

Note: • Urban/Rural breakdown is based on previous 58 municipalities and 3915 VDCs.
• Some of the data herein may differ from those in our other publications owing to their revision by the sources themselves.

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