

Introduction

Nepal is situated in South Asia. It is also known as the land of Mt. Everest, the highest peak of the world and the birth place of Lord Buddha, Lumbini. Nepal is a land locked country, which occupies 0.03 % and 0.3% land area of the World and the Asia respectively. It has diverse topography and climate. It stretches from east to west with an average length of 885 kilometers and widens from north to south with an average breadth of 193 kilometers.

Geographically, Nepal has three east-to-west elongated ecological belts. The northern mountain belt is naturally decorated by an unbroken range of Himalayas, which contains eight peaks higher than 8,000 meters, including the world's highest peak Mt. Everest (8848 meters). Middle hilly belt is enriched by gorgeous hills, valleys and lakes. Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal is situated in this region. Terai belt is the plain area situated in southern part of Nepal, which is usually known as the grain house of the country since most of the crops produced in Nepal are farmed in this region.

The Constitution of Nepal (2015) has declared the country a Federal Democratic Republic with seven states. It is further divided into 753 local levels including 460 Village Municipalities, 276 Municipalities, 11 Sub-metropolises and 6 Metropolises. There are 77 administrative districts in Nepal.

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 millions with sex ratio 94.2.

The preliminary estimate of GDP per capita at current price stands at NRs. 103335 (US\$ 1004) for the fiscal year 2017/18. Growth rate of GDP at basic price is estimated 5.89% for the same fiscal year. About one fourth of the population (25.16%) lives below poverty line as per the Nepal Living Standards Survey 2010/11 and Gini coefficient, which indicates inequality in consumption expenditure stands at 0.328.

Geographical Location and Area

Latitude: 26°22' North to 30°27' North

Longitude: 80°04' East to 88°12' East

Area: 147181 Square kilometer

Area Boarder: North- China

East, West and South- India

Population and Households Characteristics

Population	2001	2011	2017P
Nepal	23151423	26494504	28825709
Male	11563921	12849041	13975678
Female	11587502	13645463	14850032
Total Households	4253220	5423297	
Average Annual Growth	2.25	1.35	

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

Population Distribution by Geographical Region, 2011			
Area/ Region	Male	Female	Total
Nepal	12849041	13645463	26494504
Mountain	862592	919200	1781792
Hill	5440067	5953940	11394007
Terai	6546382	6772323	13318705
Urban Area ^Δ	2306049	2217771	4523820
Rural Area ^{ΔΔ}	10542992	11427692	21970684

Source: Population and Housing Census 2011, CBS

Absent population, 2011				
Area/ Region	Male	Female	Not specified	Total
Nepal	1684029	237400	65	1921494
Mountain	82322	23101	0	105423
Hill	860555	130604	8	991167
Terai	741152	83695	57	824904
Urban Area ^Δ	227632	57774	15	285421
Rural Area ^{ΔΔ}	1456397	179626	50	1636073

Source: Population and Housing Census 2011, CBS

Population by Religion, 2011				(in percent)
Religion	Population	Religion	Population	
Hindu	81.34	Kirant	3.05	
Bouddha	9.04	Christian	1.42	
Islam	4.39	Other*	0.76	

**Including not stated cases*

Source: Population and Housing Census 2011, CBS

Female Headed Households			(% HHs)
Area	2001	2011	
Nepal	14.9	25.7	
Urban Area ^Δ	17.0	28.1	
Rural Area ^{ΔΔ}	14.5	25.2	

Source: Population and Housing Census 2011, CBS

Female Ownership on House & Land or Land Only			(% HHs)
Area	2001	2011	
Nepal	11.7	19.7	
Urban Area ^Δ	15.2	26.8	
Rural Area ^{ΔΔ}	10.0	18.0	

Source: Population and Housing Census 2011, CBS

Δ: Metropolitans, Sub-metropolitans & Municipalities

ΔΔ: Village Development Committes

Household Facilities, 2011			
Facilities	% HHs	Facilities	% 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 2011, CBS

Singulated Mean Age at Marriage				Average Age 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					
Indicators	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	64.0	48.0	40.5		
Mortality Rate Under 5 Year per 1000	91.0	61.0	52.9		

Source: Central Bureau of Statitics *Deomgraphic Health Survey 2006

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 *Deomgraphic Health Survey 2006

Living Standards

Poverty Head Count Rate				
Area	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11	
Nepal	41.8	30.9	25.2	
Urban Area ^Δ	21.6	19.6	15.5	
Rural Area ^{ΔΔ}	43.3	34.6	27.4	

Source: Nepal Living Standard Survey, CBS

Inequality In consumption (Gini Coefficient)				
Area	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11	
Nepal	0.322	0.414	0.328	
Urban Area ^Δ	0.426	0.436	0.353	
Rural Area ^{ΔΔ}	0.308	0.349	0.311	

Source: Nepal Living Standard Survey, CBS

Household Consumption				
Area	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11	
Nominal Household Consumption (RS)	38703	83593	170735	
Share on Household Consumption (in %)				
Food	60.3	59	61.5	
Housing	18.8	9.5	11.0	
Education	-	2.8	5.3	
Other Non-food	27.9	28.7	22.2	

Source: Nepal Living Standard Survey, CBS

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Agriculture

Number of Agriculture Holdings and Area, 2011/12			
Agriculture 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: National Agriculture Census 2011, CBS

Production of Food Grains						(Area in '000' Ha. Production in '000' M.T)
Food Grains	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17*			
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
Paddy	1425	4789	1363	4299	1552	5230
Maize	882	2145	892	2232	898	2320
Wheat	762	1976	745	1737	750	1841
Barley	28	37	28	33	27	32
Buckwheat	11	11	11	11	11	12
Millet	268	308	267	302	263	306

Source: Ministy of Agriculture Development *Estimated

Production of Cash Crops						(Area in '000' Ha. Production in '000' M.T)
Cash Crops	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17*			
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
Sugarcane	67	3063	73	3132	68	3157
Jute	11	17	9	13	8	10
Oil Seed	217	195	223	209	235	212
Tobacco	2	2	2	2		
Potato	190	2842	198	2784	202	2756

Source: Ministy of Agriculture Development *Estimated

Number of Livestock					(Number in '000')
Livestock	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17*	
Cattle	7244	7241	7303	7368	
Buffalo	5179	5168	5169	5170	
Sheep	789	789	801	801	
Goat	10177	10252	10986	11150	

Source: Ministy of Agriculture Development *Estimated

Health Services

Health Human Resources				
Human Resources	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	
Doctors*	16854	19861	20387	
Nurse	33293	38759	43924	
ANM	24202	25398	28698	
Foreign Nurse	805	817	830	

Source: Nepal Nursing Council, *Nepal Medical Council

Some Indicators of Private Hospital				
Year	2013	Year	2013	
No. of Private Hospital	301	Total Employees	22581	
Total Person Engaged	24031	Total Value Added	7994*	

** in Ten Thousands*

Source: Census of Private Hospitals in Nepal 2013, CBS

Health Facilities Under MoHP				
Facilities	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	
Hospital	102	104	107	
Primary Health Centers	201	202	200	
Health Post	3808	3803	3808	
Hospital Beds (Available)	6353	6847	6892	

Source: Department of Health Services

Family Planning Users				
Method	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	
Temporary Methods	668777	696535	792378	
Permanent Methods	30728	28381	30233	

Source: Department of Health Services

Education

Number of School, Teacher, and Student						
Grade		2072/73		2073/74		
	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student
Primary (1-5)	33496	190219	3942354	34736	197797	4135253
Lower Secondary (5-8)	14696	53301	1840772	15170	54624	1859359
Secondary (9-10)	8977	39690	935410	9084	40245	958502
Higher Secondary (11-12)	3226	19564	443868	3673	20021	492984
Total	60395	302774	7162404	62663	312687	7446098

Source: Department of Education

Students Enrolled in Higher Education					
Faculty	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	
Science and Technology	21433	28296	28727	35625	
Management	194846	168843	161515	152555	
Humananities and Social Science	84350	57424	46091	38786	
Education	226477	157793	128985	89622	
Law	4203	3832	4925	6175	
Engineering	15404	18216	15886	16931	
Medicine	18847	17857	21244	19274	
Forestry	1122	597	na	285	
Agriculture and Animal Science	1444	1660	na	1298	
Sanskrit	1151	3862	290	290	
Ayurved	86	na	na	na	
Other	302	241	241	196	
Total	569665	458621	407904	361077	

Source: University Grants Commission

Literacy				(in Percentage)
Area	1991*	2001**	2011**	
National	39.6	54.1	65.9	
Male	54.6	65.5	75.1	
Female	25	42.8	57.4	
Urban Area ^Δ	66.9	71.9	82.2	
Rural Area ^{ΔΔ}	36.8	51	62.5	

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

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

**Literacy rate of six years and above population*

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Manufacturing Establishments

Principle Indicators, 2011/12				(Rs. in '000')
Region	No. of Estbts	Census Ouptput	Census Inputs	Census Value Added
Eastern	872	63327198	48830329	14496869
Central	1642	171804071	118690072	53113999
Western	995	64934096	45680019	19254077
Mid-Western	376	15935863	13039348	2896515
Far-Western	231	4754809	3685958	1068851
Total	4076	320756037	229925726	90830311

Gross Value Added by Industry/ (at Current Prices)

NSIC	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 ^R	2017/18 ^P
Agriculture and Forestry	616572	645697	681062	737322
Fishing	9328	11082	12377	13438
Mining and Quarrying	11875	11630	14233	16872
Manufacturing	118980	120967	133862	146589
Electricity, Gas and Water	22051	21180	30623	32407
Construction	139289	141318	175300	206737
Wholesale and Retail Trade	289566	293248	323827	360769
Hotels and Restaurants	40479	41459	47728	55679
Transport, Storage and Communication	164976	167405	178296	216891
Financial Intermediation	91406	107758	135375	172294
Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	166947	191325	267392	309360
Public Administration and Defense	51422	52720	71421	78252
Education	129363	141613	173589	195090
Health and Social Work	32929	33708	42174	45724
Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities	86521	96545	123773	133296
Total GVA Including FISIM	1971706	2077653	2411031	2720722
FISIM	72616	84093	103445	119783
Gross Domestic Product(GDP) at Basic Prices	1899089	1993560	2307586	2600939
Taxes Less Subsidies on Products	231060	259603	335010	406307
Gross Domestic Product(GDP)	2130150	2253163	2642595	3007246

R: Revised, P: Preliminary

FISIM : Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured

Source: National Accounts of Nepal, CBS

Public Income and Expenditure (Rs. in '000')

Year	Actual 2015/16	Revised Estimate 2016/17	Estimate 2017/18
Revenue and Grants	5,24,78,29,80	6,56,16,15,51	8,02,22,31,98
Revenue	4,85,23,90,25	5,80,98,86,35	7,30,05,55,70
Grants	39,54,39,55	75,17,29,16	72,16,76,28
Expenditure	4,93,33,72,37	8,23,65,42,70	11,38,70,74,24
Recurrent	3,70,98,68,07	5,61,61,93,57	8,03,53,14,54
capital	1,22,35,04,30	2,62,03,49,13	3,35,17,59,70
Budget Surplus(-)/Deficit(+)	-31,44,57,43	1,67,49,27,19	3,36,48,42,26
Financing	-15,90,47,96	-1,35,84,41,02	-2,33,74,79,98
Net Internal Loan	25,49,49,28	35,62,18,80	19,76,28,89
Net Investment	12,70,07,89	21,85,97,29	55,35,55,42
External net Borrowing	-16,66,09,45	-1,22,47,44,71	-1,83,91,42,84
Domestic net Borrowing	-37,43,95,68	-70,85,12,40	-1,24,95,21,45
Under(+)/Over(-)	-47,35,05,39	31,64,86,17	1,02,73,62,28

Source: Ministry of Finance(Budget Speech 2017/18)

Summary of Balance of Payments (Rs. in Million)

Particulars	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
A. Current Account	108319.8	140418.5	-10130.6
Goods: Exports f.o.b	98276.3	74866.1	82127.5
Goods: Imports f.o.b	-761773.0	-756487.9	-977945.8
Balance on Goods	-663496.7	-681621.8	-895818.3
Service: Credit	149288.4	138472.4	158264.9
Service: Debit	-121670.9	-128623.2	-155373.6
Service: Net	27617.5	9849.2	2891.3
Balance on Goods and Services	-635879.2	-671772.6	-892926.9
Income: Credit	42831.5	43085.3	51958.8
Income: Debit	-8589.0	-9080.9	-20963.8
Income: Net	34242.5	34004.3	30995.1
Balance on Goods, services, and Income	-601636.7	-637768.3	-861931.9
Current Transfers: Credit	712522.2	781989.6	855708.8
current Transfers: Debit	-2565.7	-3802.8	-3907.6
Transfer:net	709956.5	778186.8	851801.3

Particulars	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
B. Capital Account(Capital Transfer)	14811.4	16987.3	13362.7
C. Financial Account(Excluding Group E)	18023.8	29638.4	26639.5
D. Miscellaneous Items: Net	18199.6	16891.2	33471.1
Reserves and Related Items	-159354.6	-203935.5	-63342.7
Change in Reserve Net(- Increase)	-145036.0	-188953.2	-82154.7

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, R = Revised P: Provisional, F.O.B: Free on Board

Consumer Price Index (2014/15=100)

Area	2015/16			2016/17		
	Overall Index	Food and Beverages	Non-Food and Services	Overall Index	Food and Beverages	Non-Food and Services
National	109.9	110.9	109.2	114.8	113.0	116.3
Kathmandu	111.6	113.3	110.5	115.0	115.0	115.0
Hill	110.4	110.8	110.1	117.5	114.2	120.5
Terai	108.6	109.7	107.8	113.4	111.4	115.0

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual Average.

National Wholesale Price Index (1999/00=100)

Groups	Weight (%)	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Overall Index	100	296.6	315.3	323.6
Agriculture Commodities	49.59	338.7	374.2	386.1
Domestic Manufactured Commodities	20.37	251.8	267.5	280.3
Imported Goods	30.04	257.7	250.3	249.9

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual Average.

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

Groups	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Overall Index	316.0	342.5	362.3	414.7
Salary Index	234.8	254.6	256.7	304.7
Wage Rate Index	345.9	374.9	401.3	455.3

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual Average.

Production, Producer's & Construction Sector's Index (2014/15=100)

Year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17*
1. Overall IPICS(Material & Labour)	100	118.1	125.2
i. Aggregated Index of Construction Material	100	112.8	118.5
ii. Aggregated Index of Wage	100	130.6	141.3
2. Overall Manufacturing Production Index	100	77.6	109.4
3. Overall Industrial Production Index	100	97.5	NA
4. Overall Manufacturing Producer's Price Index	100	108.7	111.7
5. Overall Industrial Producer's Price Index	100	107.9	112.61

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics,

*Preliminary

Monetary Survey (Rs. in million)

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017
1. Broad Money (M2) (1.1+1.2)	1565967.2	1877801.5	2244578.7	2591702.0
1.1 Money supply (A+B) (M1+)	1130173.7	1376048.6	1634481.7	1623172.5
A. Money Supply (M1)	354830.0	424744.6	503287.1	569402.4
Currency	227537.0	270080.4	327482.7	361745.9
Demand Deposits	127292.6	154664.2	175804.4	207656.4
B. Saving and Call Deposits	775343.7	951303.9	1131194.6	1053770.1
1.2 Time Deposits	435793.5	501753.0	610096.8	968529.5
Foreign Assets	686759.0	847679.0	1069830.7	1107913.3
Foreign Liabilities	87539.3	100391.6	113808.7	93188.6

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank,

Communication

Number of Registered Newspapers	2015	2016	2017
Daily	626	668	695
Half-Weekly	2659	2782	2871
Weekly	32	33	36
Fortnightly	451	461	468
Monthly	2117	2204	2258
Two Monthly	349	363	369
Quarterly	590	605	615
Four Monthly	31	35	37
Half-Yearly	83	82	83
Yearly	88	89	90
Total	7026	7322	7525

Source: Department of Information

Postal Services

Post Office	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Regional Post Office	5	5	5
District Post Office	70	70	70
Ilaka 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 kilometer)

Types of Road	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17*
Black Topped	11798	12173	12305
Gravelled	6287	6460	6865
Earthen	9411	9675	9987
Total	27496	28308	29157

Source: Economic Survey, MoF

*First Eight months

Vehicles Registered

Vehicle Types	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18*
Bus	4353	5342	46346
Mini Bus/Minitruck	4625	2008	23622
Truck/Dozer/Crane/Exavator	8328	12712	78257
Car/Jeep/Van	28361	21292	213320
Pickup	5060	10675	45631
Microbus	1137	841	5724
Tempo	2613	17782	29463
Motorcycle	267439	354071	2189099
Tractor/Power-teller	9786	17085	130566
E-Rikshaw	11894	2247	14141
Others	169	204	7259
Total	343765	444259	2783428

Source: Department of Transport Management

*Registered till 10 sep 2017

Tourism

Tourist Arrival

Year	2014	2015	2016
By Air	585981	407412	572563
By Land	204137	131558	180439
Annual Rate of Change(%)	-0.9	-32	40
Gross Foreign Exchange Earning (in Convertible Currencies '000US\$')	471769	497838	518498

Source: Nepal Tourism Board

Energy

Year	2015	2016	2017
Peak Demand (MW)	1291.10	1385.30	1444.10
Generation Total (NEA)	2368.12	2133.22	2305.45
Hydro Electricity Generation (NEA)	2365.64	2133.14	2305.17
Thermal Generation (NEA)	1.24	0.08	0.28
Power Purchase Total	2638.82	2943.92	3952.28
Power Purchase From India	1369.89	1777.68	2175.04
Power Purchase From IPPS	1268.93	1166.24	1777.24
Available Energy	5005.69	5077.14	6257.73

Source: Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)

P = Provisional

Use of Electricity (Million KWH)

Types of Uses	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Total	3743.71	3718.97	4776.53
Households	1679.35	1796.78	2150.21
Industrial	1352.15	1205.69	1735.05
Commercial	300.25	286.48	352.37
Export	0	3.15	2.69
Other	411.96	426.87	536.21

Source: Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)

P = Provisional

Other Energy Consumption (Kiloliter)

Source of Energy	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Diesel	283567	238755	402278
Petrol	901393	782658	1297066
Kerosene	18628	14870	19459
Aviation Turbine Fuel	139404	80119	164299
FO (M.T)	258299	214263	226079
Liquefied Petroleum Gas (M.T)	883	58	36

Source: Nepal Oil Corporation

FO= Furnace Oil, M.T= Metric Ton

Miscellaneous

Number of Refugees

Country of Refugees	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Bhutani	21551	15500	11647
Male	11229	8113	6122
Female	10322	7387	5525
Tibetan*	12540	12540	12540

Source: UNHCR, * Ministry of Home Affairs

Natural Disaster