

### Consumer Price Indices <sup>(13)</sup>

Urban Consumer Price Index (Base Year 1983/84 = 100)

1997/98	National	Kathmandu	Hill	Terai
Food and Beverages	376.8	419.1	354.6	354.4
Non-food and Services	358.9	391.0	322.3	347.0
Overall Index	370.0	407.8	342.8	351.8

### 1998/99

Food and Beverages	442.1	474.9	415.1	427.2
Non-food and Services	374.4	405.4	334.0	364.2
Overall Index	417.1	447.1	385.5	405.3

### Monetary Survey (Billion Rs.) <sup>(13)</sup>

	Mid - July		
	1997	1998	1999 P
Money Supply	38.46	45.16	51.15
Currency held by public	27.33	30.89	34.98
Demand Deposit held by public	11.13	14.27	16.17

### Foreign Trade (Billion Rs.) <sup>(13)</sup>

	1996/97 R	1997/98 R	1998/99 R
Exports, f.o.b.	22.64	27.51	35.68
(a) India	5.23	8.79	12.53
(b) Other Countries	17.41	18.72	23.15
Imports, c.i.f.	93.55	89.00	87.52
(a) India	24.85	27.33	32.12
(b) Other Countries	68.70	61.67	55.41
Trade Balance	-70.92	-61.49	-51.85
(a) India	-19.63	-18.54	-19.59
(b) Other Countries	-51.29	-42.95	-32.26

### Miscellaneous (14)

#### Refugee

Bhutanese	1998 (May)	1999 (May)	2000 (May)
Male	48091	49330	50114
Female	46353	47287	48086
Total	94444	96617	98200
Tibetan (1999/00)	14745 (Tentative)		

#### Natural Disaster

	1998	1999
Persons dead	1190	1489
Affected Family	36987	17842
Property Loss (Million Rs.) <sup>E</sup>	2229.97	508.54

P: Provisional R: Revised E: Estimated

### PRINCIPAL INDICATORS

Population 2000 <sup>E</sup>	22903598
Life expectancy at birth	58.95
Literate % (1991, Census) <sup>(1)</sup>	39.6
Per capita GDP (NRS.) 1999/00 <sup>P</sup>	16681
Per capita GNP (NRS.) 1999/00 <sup>P</sup>	17284
Percent change in G.D.P. for 1998/99 <sup>R</sup> - 1999/00 <sup>P</sup>	
(Base year 1984/85 = 100)	6.0
Consumer price index 1998/99 (Base year 1983/84 = 100)	417.1

E: Estimated. R: Revised P: Provisional

The numbers within <sup>(1)</sup> indicate the sources of data

1. Central Bureau of Statistics.
2. Ministry of Population and Environment.
3. Department of Health Services.
4. Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operative.
5. Economic Survey 1999/00, Ministry of Finance.
6. National Planning Commission Secretariat & Department of Irrigation.
7. Ministry of Education & Sports.
8. Tribhuvan University & Mahendra Sanskrit University.
9. Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation.
10. Nepal Electricity Authority & Nepal Oil Corporation.
11. Department of Postal Services & Department of Information.
12. Department of Roads.
13. Nepal Rastra Bank.
14. Ministry of Home.

Note : Some of the data herein may vary from those in our other publications owing to their revision by the sources themselves.

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# NEPAL IN FIGURES 2000

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT  
NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARIAT  
CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS  
THAPATHALI, KATHMANDU



## Introduction

Situated in the lap of Himalaya Nepal is located in between the latitude 26°22' N to 30° 27' North and longitude 80°4' E to 88° 12' East and elevation ranges from 90 to 8848 meters. The average length being 885 km. east to west and average breadth is about 193 km. north to south. The country is bordering between the two most populous countries of the world, India in the east, south, west and China in the north. Nepal is a land locked country and home place of natural beauty with traces of artifacts. The northern range (Himalaya) is covered with snow over the year where the highest peak of the world, the Mount Everest, stands. The middle range (Hill) is captured by gorgeous mountains, high peaks, hills, valleys and lakes. The Southern range (Terai) is the gangaitic plain of alluvial soil and consist of dense forest area, national parks, wildlife reserves and conservation areas. The temperature and rainfall differ from place to place. In the geographic diversity and varied climatic conditions 22.9 million people of more than 60 caste/ethnic groups are accommodated in the country. Nepal presents an example of being united in diversity over the history and has maintained it's proud to be an independent sovereign state. There is constitutional monarchy where people exercise rights of adult franchise. The executive, Legislative and Judiciary bodies function and exercise their rights independently. There is two tier system of legislation, the Upper House, called the Rastriya Sabha, consists of 60 members and the Lower House, called the Pratinidhi Sabha, is the House of Representatives for which members are elected from 205 electoral constituency distributed in 75 districts of the country. The government is headed by the Prime Minister.

Geographically the country is divided in three regions; Mountain, Hill and Terai accommodating 7, 46 and 47 percent of the population respectively. Based on area of districts these regions constitute 35, 42 and 23 percent of the total land area. There are 5 development regions and 75 administrative districts. Districts are further divided into smaller units, called Village Development Committee (VDC) and Municipality.

Currently, there are 3,914 VDCs and 58-Municipalities in the country. Each VDC is composed of 9 wards, Municipality ward ranges from 9 to 35. Kathmandu is the capital city.

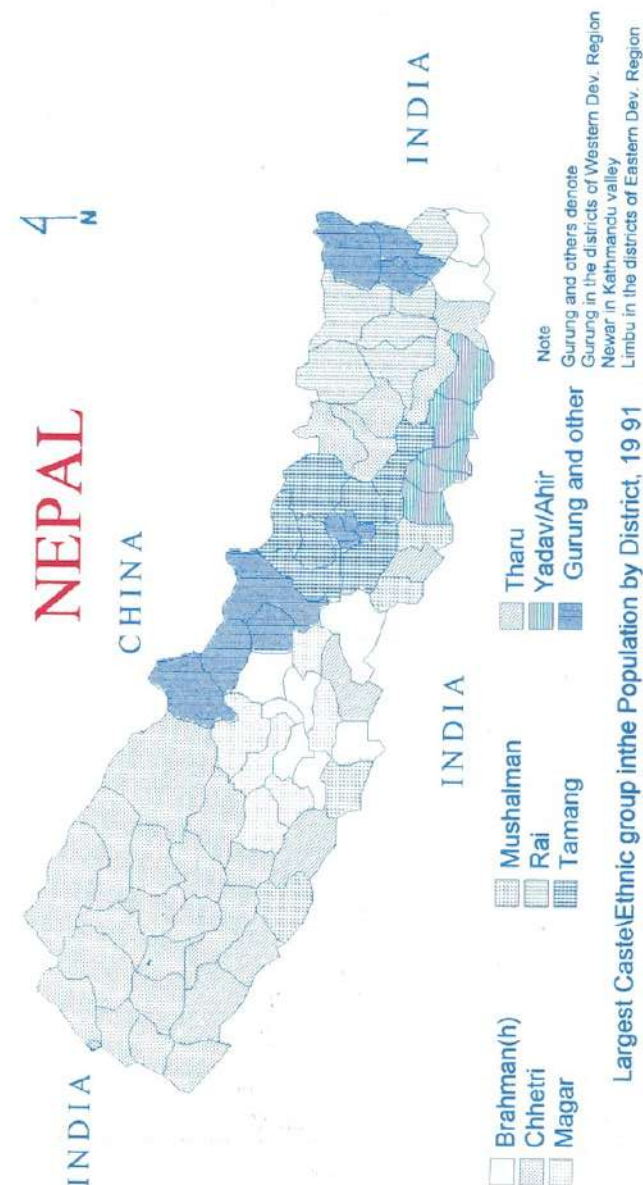
There are number of peaks, rivers and lakes in the country. Major peaks are - the Mount Everest (8848 m.), Mt. Kanchanjanga the third highest peak of the world and the second highest in the country (8586 m.), Mt. Lhotse (8516 m.), Mt. Makalu (8463 m.), Mt. Choyoyu (8201 m.), Mt. Dhawalagiri (8167m.), Mt. Manaslu (8163 m.), Mt. Annapurna (8091m.), Mt. Gaurisankar (7134 m.), Mt.3 Machhapuchhre (6996 m.) and many other gracious peaks.

Major rivers are - Koshi, Gandaki (Narayani), Karnali, Mechi, Mahakali, Bagmati, Rapti.

Major lakes are - Mahendra Tal (Rara Daha), Phewa Tal, Sheyphoksundo Tal, Roopa Tal, Begnas Tal, Salyabati Tal, Khaptad Tal, Tilicho Tal (at the highest altitude in the world):

Main Glaciers are - Mahalangur, Kumbhakarna, Kanchanjanga, Khumbu, Langtang Machhapuchhare. Nepal is a member of the United Nations and has established diplomatic relation with 113 (Jan 2000) countries of the world. Major export commodities are Paste, Pulses, Oil cake, Catechu, Jute goods Sacking, Twins, Carpets (Hand knited wollen), Readymade garments, handicrafts, ginger.

Economic growth of the country has not improved markedly over time to over take population growth. As the current population growth is 2.4 percent per annum, the gain achieved by developmental activities has been concealed by growing population. Little over half (57%) of the population of working age reported economically active in 1991 and among them 81 percent were engaged in agricultural activities. In the development scale, Human Development Index (HDI) computed for Nepal for year 2000 is 0.474 (HDI lies between 0 and 1). This value is only 51.3% of the world average. Contribution of non agricultural activities are gradually increasing in the GDP. Per capita GDP is estimated in the order of US \$242 (provisional estimate) for 1999/00. The currency is Nepalese Rupee.





Total Area of the Kingdom 147181 Sq.Km.

Total Agricultural Holdings <sup>(1)</sup> 2598970 Ha.

#### Population <sup>(1)</sup>

##### Population 1991 Age Group

		0-4	5-14	15-74	75+	Total*
Overall	Total	2707352	5133419	10462638	185165	18491097
	Male	1371225	2640068	5117406	91322	9220974
	Female	1336127	2493351	5345232	93843	9270123
Households		-	-	-	-	3328721
Rural	Total	2503565	4704511	9416450	168543	16795378
	Male	1267425	2415518	4571609	83547	8338973
	Female	1236140	2288993	4844841	84996	8456405
Urban	Total	203787	428908	1046188	16622	1695719
	Male	103800	224550	545797	7775	882001
	Female	99987	204358	500391	8847	813718

##### Population (Projected) 2000 <sup>(2)</sup>

Overall	Total	3447477	5825994	13420608	209519	22903598
	Male	1767573	2969920	6605245	95214	11437952
	Female	1679904	2856074	6815363	114305	11465646

#### Vital Statistics <sup>(1)</sup>

	1991	2000 (Estimated)
Crude Birth Rate	41.2	33.58
Crude Death Rate	13.3	9.96
Total Fertility Rate	5.6	4.3
Infant Mortality Rate	97.5	64.1
Life Expectancy at Birth	54.3	58.95

#### Medium age (Year) of Marriage (1991) <sup>(1)</sup>

Male	21.4
Female	18.1

#### Family Planning <sup>(2)</sup>

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Acceptors of Contraceptions ('000 Couples)	285	396	420

\* Population total includes age not stated.

#### Health Services <sup>(5)</sup>

	1997/98 *	1998/99 *
Hospitals	82	83
Hospitals Beds	4189	4955
Health Posts	736	723
Health Centres	17	13
Sub Health Posts	3192	3187
Primary Health Centers	120	140
Doctors*	894	923
Health Assistants*	12397	12500
Nurses**	3588	3925
Kaviraj (Ayurvedic Physician)**	290	201
Vaidya (Ayurvedic Physician)	219	195
Ayurvedic Services Center**	230	260

#### Gross Domestic Product at Current Prices by Industry (Million Rs.) <sup>(1)</sup>

	1997/98	1998/99 <sup>R</sup>	1999/00 <sup>P</sup>
Agri., Fisheries & Forestry	112495	132373	145597
Mining & Quarrying	1553	1613	1719
Manufacturing	26987	29599	34366
Electricity, Gas & Water	4383	4625	6193
Construction	30483	31890	34340
Trade, Restaurant & Hotel	33687	39104	42977
Transport, Communication & Storage	22598	24631	27692.38
Finance & Real Estate	29778	33191	36441
Community & Social Services	27782	30419	33609
Sub -Total	289746	327445	362934.38
Less Imputed Value of Bank Service Charges	7896	9467	10774
Total GDP at Factor Cost	281850	317978	352160.38
Plus Indirect Taxes (Net)	189430	21405.59	24273
GDP at Producers Prices	300793	339383.6	376433.38

#### Some Important Macro Economic Indicators <sup>(1)</sup>

	1997/98	1998/99 <sup>R</sup>	1999/00 <sup>P</sup>
Consumption/GDP (%)	86.23	86.71	86.83
Investment/GDP (%)	24.83	20.21	20.94
Gross Domestic Saving/GDP (%)	13.77	13.29	13.17
Export/GDP (%)	22.83	23.03	26.70
Import/GDP (%)	33.89	29.95	34.47

\* : Government Sector only. \* : HMG Employed only. # : Includes HA, Health workers(MCHW), Village level health workers. ## : Only registered in nursing council. ++ : Includes Ayurvedic Officers \*\* : Zonal & Dist. AHC R : Revised Estimate P : Preliminary Estimate.

#### Indicators of Manufacturing Establishments (1996/97) <sup>(1)</sup>

Region	No. of Estbs	Census Inputs (in million Rs.)	Census Outputs (in million Rs.)	Census V Added (in million Rs.)
Eastern	704	6970	10136	3166
Central	2019	22090	38724	16634
Western	519	2683	4190	1506
Mid-Western	182	941	1355	413
Far - Western	133	365	520	154
Total	3557	33049	54925	21873
No of person engaged		196708		
No of employees		187316		

#### Total value of shipment of selected commodities (Rs. 000) <sup>(1)</sup>

Commodities	1991/92	1996/97
Beer	507055	1479693
Liquor Rectified	397630	710517
Sugar	596876	1413251
Processed Tea	129549	252366
Cigarette	1871071	3675848
Toilet Soap	69135	612063
Washing Soap	354156	685265
Cotton Clothes	246652	638909
Cement	727768	1282182
Garments	2268377	3762415
Processed Leather	341162	447394
Matches	66503	151720
Woolen Carpet	5546581	7272597

#### Agriculture

Food Grains	1997/98 <sup>(1)</sup>		1998/99 <sup>(1)</sup>	
	A	P	A	P
Paddy *	1506	3641	1514	3709
Maize	799	1367	8023	1346
Wheat	647	1001	641	1086
Barley	37	37	32	32
Millet	262	285	264	291
Cash Crops				
Sugarcane	49	1718	54	1972
Oil Seed	179	109	190	120
Tobacco	6	5	4	4
Potato	111	935	118	1091

A: Area in '000 HA. P: Production in '000 M T

\* Census of Manufacturing Establishments, CBS

**Livestock ('000) <sup>(1)</sup>**

	1996/97 <sup>(1)</sup>	1997/98 <sup>(1)</sup>	1998/99 <sup>(4)</sup>
Cattle	7025	7048	7031
Buffalow	3362	3389	3471
Sheep	870	869	855
Goats	5922	6080	6205

**HMG Budget (In Rs.'000)<sup>(5)</sup>**

	1998/99 <sup>A</sup>	1999/00 <sup>R</sup>	2000/01 <sup>B</sup>
Total Expenditure	59579023	67564726	91621335
Regular Expenditure	31047691	34272761	43512746
Development Expenditure	28531332	33291965	48108589
Sources of Financing	41587603	48303299	64828673
Revenue	37251038	42582653	52987046
Existing Sources	37251038	42582653	47929946
New Proposal	-	-	5057100
Foreign Grants	4336565	5720646	11841627
Bilateral Grants	3583541	4876256	9633985
Multilateral Grants	753024	844390	2207642
Surplus (+) Deficit (-)	-17991420	-19261427	-26792662
Sources of Deficit Financing			
Foreign Loans	11852434	13650082	19792662
Bilateral Loans	584010	768980	1890917
Multilateral Loans	11268424	1288102	17901745
Domestic Borrowings	4710000	5500000	7000000
Banking System	2850000	3300000	3000000
Non- Banking System	1860000	2200000	4000000
Cash Balance (-Surplus)	1428986	111345	-

**Irrigation <sup>(6)</sup>**

	Hectares
Irrigation Facilities Provided upto 1998/99	854010

**Education****School Education <sup>(7)</sup>**

	1997			1998		
	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student
Primary	23284	91464	3460756	23885	91879	3587665
Lower Sec.	6062	20641	828767	6617	22095	842762
Secondary	3322	16494	358634	3624	16677	375076
Total	32668	128599	4648157	34126	130651	4805503

A : Actual Expenditure R : Revised Estimate B : Budget

**Higher Education <sup>(8)</sup>**

	Students enrolled		
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Educational Institute			
Education	10984	10996	14980
Medicine	1173	1212	1371
Forestry	410	353	435
Agriculture & Animal Science	602	598	696
Engineering	1998	2172	2369
Science & Technology	12047	11700	13620
Humanities & Social Sciences	42001	39582	48704
Management	31534	28229	36037
Law	3877	4417	4745
Sanskrit	1017	964	1375

**Literacy Rate - (1991 Census)**

Male 54.5% Female 25.1% Total 39.6%

**Tourism <sup>(9)</sup>**

	1996	1997	1998
Incoming Tourists ('000)			
By Air (No.)	343	371	398
(%)	87	88	86
By Land (No.)	50	51	66
(%)	13	12	14
Annual Rate of Change (%)	8.3	7.2	9.9
Gross Foreign exchange Earning ('000 US \$)	116644	115904	152500

**Energy****(a) Electricity (MWH) <sup>(10)</sup>**

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Hydro Generation	1166596	1043068	1120760
Diesel Generation	39729	106489	111507
Import from India	129622	210290	225609
Export to India	100218	63329	64158
Electricity loss	325347	328539	344392

**Consumers by Type**

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Domestic	491915	536695	593468
Industrial	12875	14009	14996
Commercial	3378	2574	2948
Others	7973	9245	10951
Total	516141	562523	622363

**(b) Other Energy Consumptions<sup>(10)</sup>**

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Petrol (In K.Litre)	44709	46934	49994
Diesel (In K.Litre)	257910	300729	315780
Kerosene (In K.Litre)	243810	281865	294982

**Communication<sup>(11)</sup>****a. Number of Regd. Newspapers**

	Up to 1998/99
Daily	181
Weekly	935
Fortnightly	189
Monthly	679

**b. Postal Services**

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
District Post Offices	75	75	75
Ilaka Post Offices	747	767	787
Additional Post Offices	2364	2748	3030
Local Post Offices	474	246	85
Total Post Offices	3660	3836	3977

**Transport <sup>(12)</sup>****a. Types of Road(km)**

	1996/97*	1997/98	1998/99*
Black-topped	3655	4080	4148
Gravelled	3011	3489	3710
Earthen	5048	5654	5851
Total	11714	13223	13709

Number of districts without motorable road (out of 75 districts) - 11

**b. Vehicle Registered (Up to June-July 1999) <sup>(12)</sup>**

Type	Number
Car/Jeep/Van	49426
Bus/MiniBus	11438
Truk / Tanker	19182
Tampo	5913
Motorcycle	127402
Dozer/Crane	335
Tractor	17927
Others	3613

\* : Includes only roads built by DOR in the respective year.