

Consumer Price Indices ⁽¹³⁾

Urban Consumer Price Index (Base Year 1995/96 = 100)

1998/99	National	Kathmandu	Hill	Tera
Food and Beverages	135.5	128.7	137.8	138.7
Other Goods and Services	124.6	121.3	122.9	127.3
Overall Index	130.4	125.1	130.8	133.6

1999/00

Food and Beverages	136.1	130.9	139.0	138.1
Other Goods and Services	133.4	128.4	131.8	137.1
Overall Index	134.8	129.7	135.6	137.7

Monetary Survey (Billion Rs.) ⁽¹³⁾

	Mid - July		
	1998	1999	2000 ^P
Money Supply	45.16	51.06	61.00
Currency held by public	30.89	34.98	42.14
Demand Deposit held by public	14.27	16.10	18.84

Foreign Trade (Billion Rs.) ⁽¹³⁾

	1997/98 ^R	1998/99 ^R	1999/00 ^R
Exports, f.o.b.	27.51	35.68	51.62
(a) India	8.79	12.53	22.62
(b) Other Countries	18.72	23.15	29.00
Imports, c.i.f.	89.00	87.52	106.97
(a) India	27.33	32.12	40.93
(b) Other Countries	61.67	55.41	66.04
Trade Balance	-61.49	-51.85	-55.34
(a) India	-18.54	-19.59	-18.31
(b) Other Countries	-42.95	-32.26	-37.03

Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁴⁾**Refugee**

Bhutanese	1999 (May)	2000 (May)	2001 (May)
Male	49330	50114	50804
Female	47287	48086	48732
Total	96617	98200	99536

Natural Disaster

	1999	2000
Persons dead	1489	377
Affected Family	17842	24900
Property Loss (Million Rs.) ^E	508.54	1141

P : Provisional R : Revised E : Estimated

PRINCIPAL INDICATORS

Population 2001 ^P	23214681
Population (Projected) 2001	23453019
Life expectancy at birth 2001	59.7
Literate % (1991, Census) ⁽¹⁾	39.6
Per capita GDP (NRS.) 2000/01 ^P	17712
Per capita GNP (NRS.) 2000/01 ^P	18451
G.D.P. Growth Rate 1999/00 ^R - 2000/01 ^P	5.73
Consumer price index 1999/00 (Base year 1995/96 = 100)	134.8

R: Revised P: Provisional

The numbers within () indicate the sources of data

1. Central Bureau of Statistics.
2. Ministry of Population and Environment.
3. Ministry of Health & Department of Health Services.
4. Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operative.
5. 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 & Department of Transport Management.
13. Nepal Rastra Bank.
14. Ministry of Home.

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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 23.2 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 elected Prime Minister.

Geographically, the country is divided in three regions; Mountain, Hill and Terai accommodating 7, 44 and 49 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.

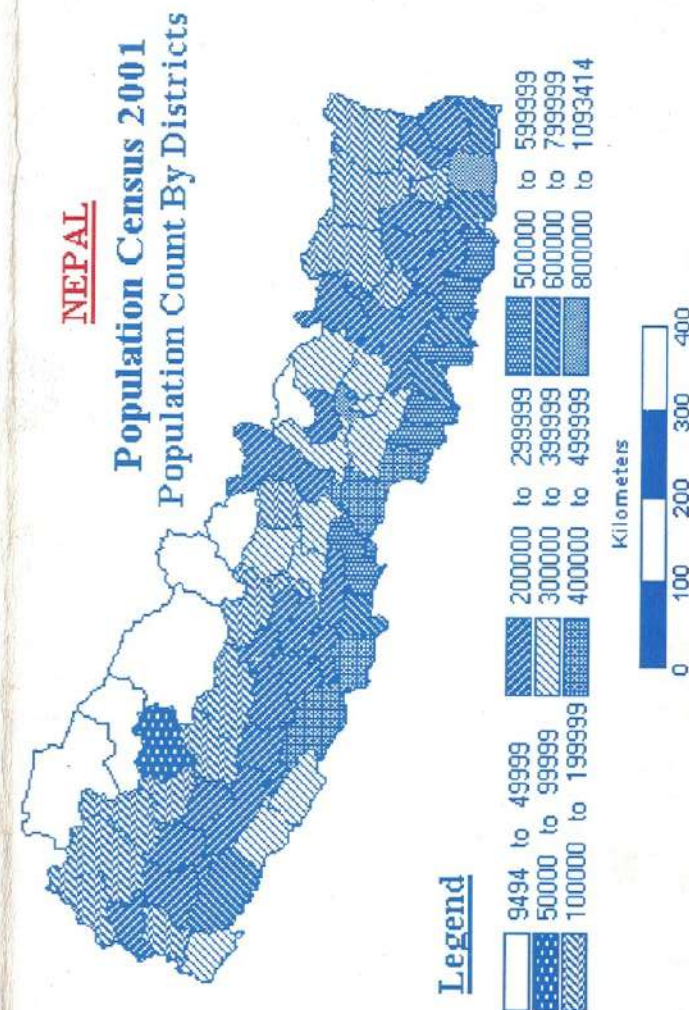
There are number of peaks, rivers and lakes in the country. Major peaks are - the Mount Everest (8848 m.), Mt. Kanchanjangha the third highest peak of the world and the second highest in the country (8586 m.), Mt. Lhotse (8516 m.), Mt. Makalu (8463 m.), Mt. Choyoyu (8201 m.), Mt. Dhawalagiri (8167m.), Mt. Manaslu (8163 m.), Mt. Annapurna (8091m.), Mt. Gaurisankar (7134 m.), Mt. 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, Satyabati Tal, Khaptad Tal, Tilicho Tal (at the highest altitude in the world):

Main Glaciers are - Mahalangur, Kumbhakarna, Kanchanjangha, Khumbu, Langtang Machhapuchhare. Nepal is a member of the United Nations and has established diplomatic relation with 113 (Jun 2001) 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 estimated population growth is 2.3 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. Contribution of non agricultural activities are gradually increasing in the GDP. Per capita GDP is estimated in the order of US \$240 (preliminary estimate) for 2000/01. The currency is Nepalese Rupee.



Total Area of the Kingdom	147181 Sq.Km.
Total Agricultural Holdings ⁽¹⁾ (1991)	2598970 Ha.
Provisional Population 2001	Total 23214681
	Male 11587547
	Female 11627134

Population ⁽¹⁾

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) 2001 ⁽²⁾

Overall Total	3502219	5948014	13784569	218217	23453019
Male	1795895	3034751	6785058	99245	11714949
Female	1706324	2913263	6999511	118972	11738070

Vital Statistics ⁽¹⁾

	1991	2001 (Estimated)
Crude Birth Rate	41.2	33.06
Crude Death Rate	13.3	9.62
Total Fertility Rate	5.6	4.2
Infant Mortality Rate	97.5	61.5
Life Expectancy at Birth	54.3	59.7

Medium age (Year) of Marriage (1991)⁽¹⁾

	Male	21.4
	Female	18.1

Family Planning ⁽³⁾

	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
Acceptors of Contraceptions('000 Couples)	396	420	486

* Population total includes age not stated.

Health Services* ⁽³⁾

	1999/00	2000/01 **
Hospitals	83	85
Hospitals Beds	5190	5318
Health Posts	711	696
Health Centers	13	13
Sub Health Posts	3179	3174
Primary Health Centers	160	180
Doctors*	1259	1259
Health Assistants (HA+AHW)	5295	5295
Nurse & ANM*	4655	6216
Kaviraj*	211	391
Vaidya	210	347
Ayurvedic Services Centers**	275	285
Health Workers (M.C.H.W.)	3190	3190
Village Level Health Workers	4015	4015
Health Volunteers (TTBAS, FCHVS)	62546	66475
Outreach Clinic(Times)	115618	178968

Gross Domestic Product at Current Prices by Industry (Million Rs.) ⁽¹⁾

	1998/99	1999/00 ^R	2000/01 ^P
Agri., Fisheries & Forestry	132373	142908	144420
Mining & Quarrying	1685	1815	1981
Manufacturing	30337	35387	38714
Electricity, Gas & Water	4574	5895	7715
Construction	33262	36127	39331
Trade, Restaurant & Hotel	39313	43109	45862
Transport, Communication & Storage	24631	29281	33322
Finance & Real Estate	33203	36919	40507
Community & Social Services	30582	34024	40680
Less Imputed Value of Bank Service Charges	9438	10708	11912
Total GDP at Factor Cost	320522	354757	380620
Plus Indirect Taxes (Net)	21456	24898	28633
GDP at Producers Prices	341978	379655	409252

Some Important Macro Economic Indicators ⁽¹⁾

	1998/99	1999/00 ^R	2000/01 ^P
Consumption/GDP (%)	86.40	84.95	83.95
Investment/GDP (%)	20.47	24.33	25.66
Gross Domestic Saving/GDP (%)	13.60	15.05	16.05
Export/GDP (%)	22.85	23.75	23.42
Import/GDP (%)	29.72	32.01	31.76

*: Government Sector only. **: Estimated #: HMG Employee only (Teaching Hospital Doctors are not included) +: Officers Kaviraj also included. ++: Including Zonal Ayurvedic service Center & Dist. Ayurvedic Health Center @: Registered in Nursing Council are reported. R: Revised Estimated P: Preliminary Estimated.

Indicators of Manufacturing Establishments (1996/97) ^{*(1)}

Region	No. of Estbs	Census Inputs (In million Rs.)	Census Outputs (In millionRs.)	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) ^{*(1)}

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	1998/99 ⁽¹⁾		1999/00 ⁽⁴⁾	
	A	P	A	P
Paddy	1514	3709	1551	4030
Maize	802	1346	919	1445
Wheat	641	1086	660	1184
Barley	32	32	28	31
Millet	264	291	263	295
Cash Crops				
Sugarcane	54	1972	58	2103
Oil Seed	190	120	190	123
Tobacco	4	4	4	4
Potato	118	1091	123	1183

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

* Census of Manufacturing Establishments, CBS

Livestock ('000) ⁽¹⁾

	1997/98 ⁽¹⁾	1998/99 ⁽¹⁾	1999/00 ⁽⁴⁾
Cattle	7049	7031	7023
Buffalow	3419	3471	3526
Sheep	869	855	852
Goats	6080	6205	6325

HMG Budget (In Rs.'000)⁽⁵⁾

	1999/00 ^A	2000/01 ^R	2001/02 ^E
Total Expenditure	66272461	83224807	99792219
Regular Expenditure	34523278	43460936	49321941
Development Expenditure	31749183	39763871	50470278
Sources of Financing	48605451	59283974	74372115
Revenue	42893780	49606802	60251320
Existing Sources	42893780	49606802	56546220
New Proposal	-	-	3705100
Foreign Grants	5711671	9677172	14120795
Bilateral Grants	4171177	7820938	11838130
Multilateral Grants	1540494	1856234	2282665
Surplus (+) Deficit (-)	-17667010	-23940833	-2540104
Sources of Deficit Financing			
Foreign Loans	11812247	15941063	16420104
Bilateral Loans	757891	1001634	2684878
Multilateral Loans	11054356	14939429	13735226
Domestic Borrowings	5500000	7000000	9000000
Banking System	3300000	-	-
Non- Banking System	2200000	-	-
Cash Balance (-Surplus)	354763	999770	-

Irrigation ⁽⁶⁾

	Hectares
Irrigation Facilities Provided upto 1999/00	881572*

Education**School Education ⁽⁷⁾**

	1998			1999		
	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student
Primary	23885	90441	3587665	25522	99382	3780314
Lower Sec.	6617	21634	842762	7276	24696	915649
Secondary	3575	16361	375076	4082	19185	385079
Total	34126	130651	4805503	36880	143263	5081042

A : Actual Expenditure R : Revised Estimate E : Estimate * In 1999/00
 I : Land area from Agriculture Development Bank are not included.

Higher Education ⁽⁸⁾

	Students enrolled		
	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
Educational Institute	10996	14980	17452
Education	1212	1371	1453
Medicine	353	435	396
Forestry	598	696	742
Agriculture & Animal Science	2172	2645	3150
Engineering	11700	13620	11874
Science & Technology	39582	48704	52085
Humanities & Social Sciences	29229	36037	36167
Management	4417	4745	4036
Law	1029	1411	1819
Sanskrit			

Literacy Rate - (1991 Census)

Male 54.5% Female 25.1% Total 39.6%

Tourism ⁽⁹⁾

	1997	1998	1999
Incoming Tourists ('000)			
By Air (No.)	371	398	421
(%)	88	86	86
By Land (No.)	51	66	70
(%)	12	14	14
Annual Rate of Change (%)	7.2	9.9	6.0
Gross Foreign exchange			
Earning ('000 US \$)	115904	152500	168100

Energy**a. Electricity (MWH) ⁽¹⁰⁾**

	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
Hydro Generation	1043068	1120760	1414951
Diesel Generation	106489	111507	66775
Import from India	210290	225609	196948
Export to India	63329	64158	98681
Electricity loss	328539	344392	428064
Consumers by Type			
Domestic	536695	407682	447265
Industrial	14009	440720	483623
Commercial	2574	77137	86425
Others	9245	183157	228414
Total	562523	1108696	1245727

b. Other Energy Consumptions⁽¹⁰⁾

	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
Petrol (In K.Litre)	46934	49994	55589
Diesel (In K.Litre)	300729	315780	310561
Kerosene (In K.Litre)	281865	294982	331120

Communication⁽¹¹⁾**a. Number of Regd. Newspapers**

	Upto 1999/00
Daily	189
Half Weekly	8
Weekly	972
Fortnightly	206
Monthly	734
Two Monthly	200
Three Monthly	324
Quarterly	15
Half Yearly	48
Yearly	47
Total	2743

b. Postal Services

	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
District Post Offices	75	75	75
Ilaka Post Offices	767	787	807
Additional Post Offices	2748	3030	3130
Local Post Offices	246	85	-
Total Post Offices	3836	3977	4012

Transport ⁽¹²⁾**a. Types of Road(km)**

	1997/98**	1998/99*	1999/00**
Black-topped	4080	4148	4522
Gravelled	3489	3710	3646
Earthen	5654	5851	7140
Total	13223	13709	15308

Number of districts without motorable road (out of 75 districts) - 10

b. Vehicle Registered (Up to July 2000) ⁽¹²⁾

Type	Number
Car/Jeep/Van	53073
Bus/MiniBus	12054
Truk / Tanker	20011
Tampo	6702
Motorcycle	147157
Dozer/Crane	354
Tractor	20469
Others	3623

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