

Consumer Price Indices ⁽¹²⁾

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

2000/01	National	Kathmandu	Hill	Terai
Food and Beverages	133.0	130.5	139.8	132.0
Other Goods and Services	144.2	137.2	145.7	147.9
Overall Index	138.1	133.8	142.6	139.2

2001/02

Food and Beverages	137.9	133.8	144.1	138.0
Other Goods and Services	147.2	139.4	148.6	151.5
Overall Index	142.1	136.5	146.2	144.0

Monetary Survey (Billion Rs.) ⁽¹²⁾

	Mid - July		
	2000	2001	2002 ^o
Money Supply	61.98	70.58	77.16
Currency held by public	42.14	48.30	55.66
Demand Deposit held by public	18.84	22.28	21.50

Foreign Trade (Billion Rs.) ⁽¹²⁾

	1999/2000 ^R	2000/01 ^R	2001/02 ^P
Total exports	49.82	55.65	47.54
To India	21.22	26.03	28.87
To other countries	28.60	29.62	18.68
Total imports	108.50	115.69	106.73
From India	39.66	45.21	45.36
From other countries	68.84	70.48	61.37
Trade Balance	-58.84	-60.03	-59.19
With India	-18.44	-19.18	-16.50
With other countries	-40.24	-40.85	-42.69

Miscellaneous ⁽¹³⁾

Refugee

Bhutanese	2001 (May)	2002(May)	2003(May)
Male	50804	51701	52450
Female	48732	49626	50371
Total	99536	101327	102821

Natural Disaster

	2001	2002
Persons dead	415	458
Affected Families	16054	40485
Property Loss (Million Rs.) ^E	539.87	523.57

P : Provisional, R : Revised, E : Estimated

PRINCIPAL INDICATORS

Population, 2001	23151423
Life expectancy at birth, 2001	59.7
Literate % (2001, Census)	53.74
Per capita GDP (NRS), 2001/02 ^R	17800
Per capita GNP (NRS), 2001/02 ^R	18577
Percent change in G.D.P. for 2000/2001 - 2001/02 ^R (Base year 1994/95 = 100)	-0.47
Consumer price index, 2001/02 (Base year 1995/96 = 100)	142.1

R: Revised

The numbers within () indicate the sources of data

1. Central Bureau of Statistics.
2. Ministry of Health & Department of Health Services.
3. Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operative.
4. Ministry of Finance.
5. Department of Irrigation & ADB/N
6. Ministry of Education & Sports.
7. Tribhuvan University & Mahendra Sanskrit University.
8. Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation.
9. Nepal Electricity Authority & Nepal Oil Corporation Ltd.
10. Department of Postal Services & Department of Information.
11. Department of Roads & Department of Transport Management.
12. Nepal Rastra Bank.
13. 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 its pride to be an independent and 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 7.3, 44.3 and 48.4 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 3,915 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.

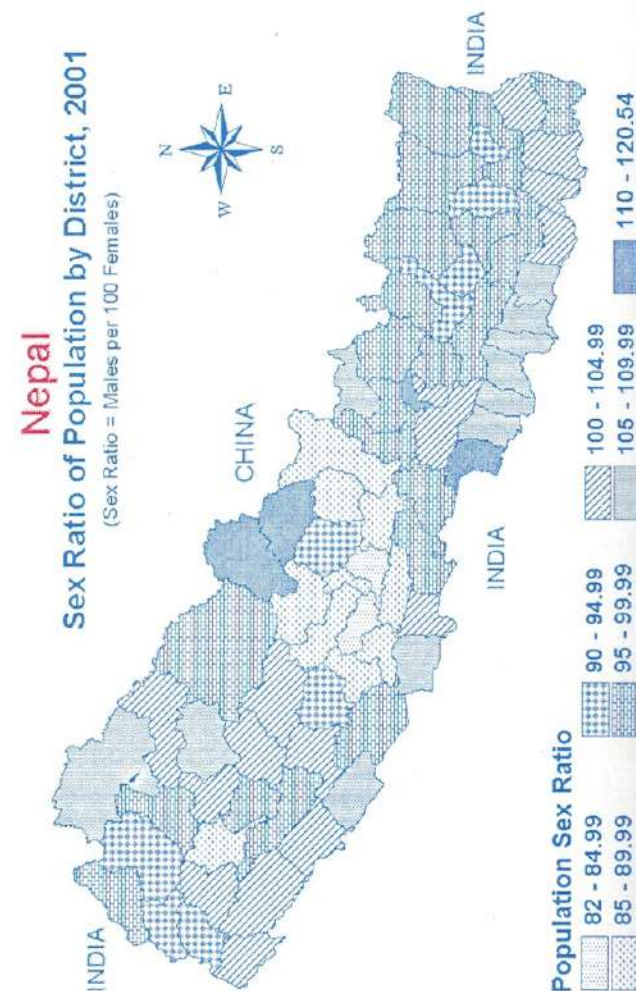
There are number of peaks, rivers and lakes in the country. Major peaks are - the Mount Everest (8848 m.), Mt. Kanchanjanga the third highest peak of the world and the second highest in the country (8586 m.), Mt. Lhotse (8516 m.), Mt. Makalu (8463 m.), Mt. Choyoyu (8201 m.), Mt. Dhawalagiri (8167m.), Mt. Manaslu (8163 m.), Mt. Annapurna (8091m.), Mt. Gaurisankar (7134 m.), Mt. 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, Kaptad 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 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 substantially over time to overtake population growth. As the current population growth is 2.25 percent per annum, the gain achieved by development activities has been overshadowed by growing population. Little over half (58.2%) of the population of working age reported usually economically active in 2001. Population Census 2001 reports that 53.1 percent population of age 10 years & over are employed and 5.1 percent are unemployed. Contribution of non agricultural activities are gradually increasing in the GDP. Per capita GDP is estimated in the order of US \$233 (Revised estimate) for 2001/02. The currency is Nepalese Rupee.



Total Area of the Kingdom 147181 Sq Km.
Total Agricultural Holdings⁽¹⁾ (1991) 2598970 Ha.

Population 2001⁽¹⁾

Total	23151423
Male	11563921
Female	11587502
No. of Households	4253220

Age Group[#]

		0-4	5-14	15-59	60+	Total
Overall	Total	2755213	6193374	12310968	1477379	22736934
	Male	1395715	3166893	6051930	744840	11359378
	Female	1359498	3026481	6259038	732539	11377556
Rural	Total	2448976	5432335	10334164	1293580	19509055
	Male	1238853	2773987	5026350	655826	9695016
	Female	1210123	2658348	5307814	637754	9814039
Urban	Total	306237	761039	1976804	183799	3227879
	Male	156862	392906	1025580	89014	1664362
	Female	149375	368133	951224	94785	1563517

Vital Statistics⁽¹⁾

	1991	2001	
Crude Birth Rate	41.2	33.1	per 1000 population
Crude Death Rate	13.3	9.6	per 1000 population
Total Fertility Rate	5.6	4.1	per woman
Infant Mortality Rate	97.5	64.4	per 1000 live birth
Child Mortality Rate	-	91.2	Per 1000 live birth
Life Expectancy at Birth	54.3	59.7	

Median Age	Year	Male	Female	Total
	1991	18.4	19.4	18.9
	2001	19.7	20.5	20.1

Mean Age (Year) at Marriage

Year	Male	Female
1991	21.4	18.1
2001	21.9	19.5

Family Planning⁽²⁾

	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Acceptors of Contraceptions('000 Couples)	486	545	511

[#] Only for enumerated population.

Health Services⁽²⁾

	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Hospitals	83	83	83
Hospital Beds(Govt. Sector)	5190	5250	5250
Health Posts	711	700	700
Health Centers	10	10	10
Sub Health Posts	3179	3171	3170
Primary Health Centers	160	180	180
Doctors [*]	1259 [@]	3600	3944
Health Assistants (H.A & A.H.W.) [#]	5295	5295	5295
Nurses ^{**}	2907	3621	3945
ANM [*]	1748	3242	3370
Kaviraj	292	302	387
Vaidya	322	337	354
Ayurvedic Services Centers	275	285	297
Health Workers (M.C.H.W.)	3190	3321	3190
Village Health Workers	4015	3985	3985
Other members (Trained Sudeni, Female Community Health Volunteers)	62546	62546	62546

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

	2000/01	2001/02 ^R	2002/03 ^P
Agri., Fisheries & Forestry	151059	160144	169692
Mining & Quarring	1924	2054	2192
Manufacturing	35494	32805	33721
Electricity, Gas & Water	7004	7359	8479
Construction	39584	42247	44470
Trade, Restaurant & Hotel	44572	40498	42592
Transport, Communication & Storage	33297	34725	37095
Finance & Real Estate	41634	43882	46878
Community & Social Services	38997	40768	43357
Less Imputed Value of Bank Service Charges	11912	12388	13294
Total GDP at Factor Cost	381654	392093	415182
Plus Indirect Taxes (Net)	28633	29240	30994
GDP at Producers Prices	410287	421333	446177

Some Important Macro Economic Indicators⁽¹⁾

	2000/01	2001/02 ^R	2002/03 ^P
Consumption/GDP (%)	85.13	88.18	88.66
Investment/GDP (%)	23.96	24.59	26.06
Gross Domestic Saving/GDP (%)	14.87	11.82	11.34
Export/GDP (%)	22.38	16.07	14.62
Import/GDP (%)	31.47	28.84	5.45

^{*} Registered in Nepal Medical Council only, ^{**} Registered in Nepal Nursing Council, [@] HMG Employee Only, [#] Registered in Swasthya Byabasayee Parishad (From 2000/01), ^{*} Govt. Hospital Only, R: Revised Estimated, P: Preliminary Estimated.

Indicators of Manufacturing Establishments (2001/02)⁽¹⁾

Region	No. of Estbs	Census Inputs (In million Rs.)	Census Outputs (in millionRs.)	Census Value Added (in million Rs.)
Eastern	825	17015	24169	7153
Central	1496	36096	57056	20960
Western	583	6112	9737	3625
Mid -Western	153	2070	2672	602
Far -Western	156	913	1176	263
Total	3213	62206	94810	32603
No of person engaged		191853		
No of employees		181943		

Total value of shipment of commodities (Rs. '00,000)⁽¹⁾

Commodities	1996/97	2001/02
Beer	14797	23585
Liquor	7105	15438
Sugar	14133	21100
Processed Tea	2524	6432
Cigarette	36758	52609
Soap (Toilet & Washing)	12973	20153
Cotton Clothes	6389	9386
Cement	12822	20676
Garments	37624	55698
Processed Leather	4474	6413
Vegetable Ghee	13866	80248
Woolen Carpet	72726	30772

Agriculture⁽²⁾

	2000/01		2001/02	
Food Grains	A	P	A	P
Paddy	1560	4216	1517	4165
Maize	824	1484	8260	1511
Wheat	641	1158	667	1258
Barley	28	30	28	31
Millet	260	283	258	283
Cash Crops				
Sugarcane	59	2212	59	2248
Oil Seed	188	132	188	135
Tobacco	4	4	4	4
Potato	129	1314	135	1473

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

Livestock ('000) ⁽³⁾

	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Cattle	7023	6982	6979
Buffaloes	3526	3624	3701
Sheep	852	850	840
Goats	6325	6478	6607

HMG Budget (In Rs.'000) ⁽⁴⁾

	2000/01 ^A	2001/02 ^R	2002/03 ^E
Total Expenditure	79835098	82400515	96124796
Regular Expenditure	42769195	49149525	57445121
Development Expenditure	37065903	33250990	38679675
Sources of Financing	55646986	59217360	71714580
Revenue	48893561	50515169	5715017
Existing Sources	48893561	50515169	54804670
New Proposal	-	-	2345500
Foreign Grants	6753425	8702191	14564410
Bilateral Grants	2184548	5142377	12285714
Multilateral Grants	4568877	3559814	2278696
Surplus (+) Deficit (-)	-24188112	-23183155	-24410216
Sources of Deficit Financing			
Foreign Loans	12044026	10945963	12410216
Bilateral Loans	586707	217855	1150628
Multilateral Loans	11457319	10728108	11259588
Domestic Borrowings	7000000	10000000	12000000
Cash Balance (-Surplus)	5144086	2237192	-

Irrigation ⁽⁵⁾

	Hectares
Irrigated Area upto 2001/02	973722

Education**School Education ⁽⁶⁾**

	2000/01			2001/02		
	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student
Primary	25927	97879	3623150	24943	96659	3462506
Lower Sec.	7289	25375	957446	7340	26678	1058448
Secondary	4350	19498	372914	4113	18846	448296
Total	37566	142752	4953510	36396	142183	4969250

A : Actual Expenditure, R : Revised Estimate, E : Estimate

Higher Education ⁽⁷⁾

	Students enrolled		
	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Educational Institute			
Education	17452	21872	22801
Medicine	1453	1605	1747
Forestry	396	405	360
Agriculture & Animal Science	742	745	718
Engineering	3150	3610	4074
Science & Technology	11874	12619	12265
Humanities & Social Sciences	52085	62784	60894
Management	36167	39273	37433
Law	4036	3836	2016
Sanskrit	1819	2230	2025

Literacy Rate - (2001 Census)

Male 65.08%, Female 42.49%, Total 53.74%

Tourism ⁽⁸⁾

	1999	2000	2001
Incoming Tourists ('000)			
By Air (No.)	421	377	300
(%)	86	81	83
By Land (No.)	70	87	62
(%)	14	19	17
Annual Rate of Change (%)	6.0	-5.7	-22.1
Gross Foreign exchange Earning ('000 US \$)	168100	166847	140276

Energy ⁽⁹⁾**a. Electricity (MWH)**

	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Hydro Generation	1414951	1615888	1832838
Diesel Generation	66775	26104	17007
Import from India	196948	186121	232124
Export to India	98681	112094	132437
Electricity loss	428064	444201	524302

Consumers by Type of Consumption

	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Domestic	447265	492963	554171
Industrial	483623	537686	592517
Commercial	86425	91767	121381
Others	228414	256705	289688
Total	1245727	1379121	1557757

b. Other Energy Consumptions

	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Petrol (In K.Litre)	55589	59245	63271
Diesel (In K.Litre)	310561	326030	286233
Kerosene (In K.Litre)	331120	316381	386593

Communication ⁽¹⁰⁾**a. Number of Regd. Newspapers**

Upto 2003(Mid-Feb.)

Daily	246
Half Weekly	17
Weekly	1167
Fortnightly	240
Monthly	986
Two Monthly	232
Three Monthly	360
Quarterly	20
Half Yearly	52
Yearly	58
Total	3378

b. Postal Services

	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
District Post Offices	75	75	75
Ilaka Post Offices	807	827	842
Additional Post Offices	3130	3107	3074
Total Post Offices	4012	4009	3991

Transport ⁽¹¹⁾**a. Types of Road(length in km)**

	1999/2000 [*]	2000/01 [*]	2001/02 [*]
Black-topped	4522	4566	4617
Gravelled	3646	3786	3878
Earthen	7140	7350	7490
Total	15308	15702	15985

b. Vehicle Registered (Up to mid-July 2002) ⁽¹¹⁾

Type	Number
Car/Jeep/Van	63489
Bus/MiniBus	14850
Truck/Tanker/Dozer/Crain/Tipper/Damfar	23475
Tampo	7182
Motorcycle	214998
Tractor	27180
Others	3781

^{*} From NRS 2000, ^{*} Includes only roads built by DOR