

Consumer Price Indices ⁽¹²⁾

(Base Year 1995/96 = 100)

<u>2002/03</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Kathmandu</u>	<u>Hill</u>	<u>Terai</u>
Food and Beverages	144.0	137.5	148.5	146.3
Other Goods and Services	154.6	146.3	155.5	159.3
Overall Index	148.9	141.7	151.8	152.2

2003/04

Food and Beverages	148.8	145.6	153.0	149.2
Other Goods and Services	161.8	155.0	160.8	166.4
Overall Index	154.8	150.1	156.6	156.9

Monetary Survey (Billion Rs.) ⁽¹²⁾

	Mid - July		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004^P</u>
Money Supply	77.16	83.75	93.97
Currency held by public	55.66	56.89	63.22
Demand Deposit held by public	21.50	26.87	30.75

Foreign Trade (Billion Rs.) ⁽¹²⁾

	<u>2001/02</u>	<u>2002/03^R</u>	<u>2003/04^R</u>
Total exports	46.94	49.93	53.91
To India	27.96	26.43	30.78
To other countries	18.99	23.50	23.13
Total imports	107.39	124.35	136.28
From India	56.62	70.92	78.74
From other countries	50.77	53.43	57.54
Trade Balance	-60.44	-74.42	-82.37
With India	-28.67	-44.49	-47.96
With other countries	-31.78	-29.93	-34.40

Miscellaneous ⁽¹³⁾**Refugee**

<u>Bhutanese</u>	<u>2003 (May)</u>	<u>2004 (June)</u>	<u>2005 (June)</u>
Male	52450	53171	53819
Female	50371	51069	51657
Total	102821	104240	105476

Natural Disaster

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004/05</u>
Persons dead	310	137
Affected Families	11730	14635
Property Loss (Million Rs.) ^E	989.93	261.12

P: Provisional, R: Revised, E: Estimated

PRINCIPAL INDICATORS

Projected Population for 2005	25342638
Life expectancy at birth, 2005	62.8 (Yrs.)
Literate Population %, 2001	54.1
Per capita GDP (NRS.), 2004/05	20821
Per capita GNP (NRS.), 2004/05	21231
Percent change in G.D.P. for 2003/04 - 2004/05	2.05
Price change (%) based on GDP deflator for 2003/04-2004/05	3.86
Population growth rate(% per annum), 2001	2.25
Average household size, 2001	5.44
% Urban population (based on total 23.1 million pop*), 2001	13.9
% of population below poverty line, 2003/04, Nepal	31
% of population below poverty line, 2003/04, Urban	10
% of population below poverty line, 2003/04, Rural	35

The number within () indicate the source of data

Data Sources

1. Central Bureau of Statistics.
2. Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operatives.
3. Ministry of Health and Population, Department of Health Services.
4. Department of Education.
5. Tribhuvan University & Mahendra Sanskrit University.
6. Ministry of Finance.
7. Department of Postal Services & Department of Information.
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9. Department of Irrigation & ADB/N
10. Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation.
11. Nepal Electricity Authority & Nepal Oil Corporation Ltd.
12. Nepal Rastra Bank.
13. Ministry of Home.

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HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT

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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 census 2001 enumerated more than 100 caste/ethnic groups. Population projected for the year 2005 is 25.3 million. Nepal presents an example of being united in diversity over the history and has maintained its pride to be an independent and sovereign state.

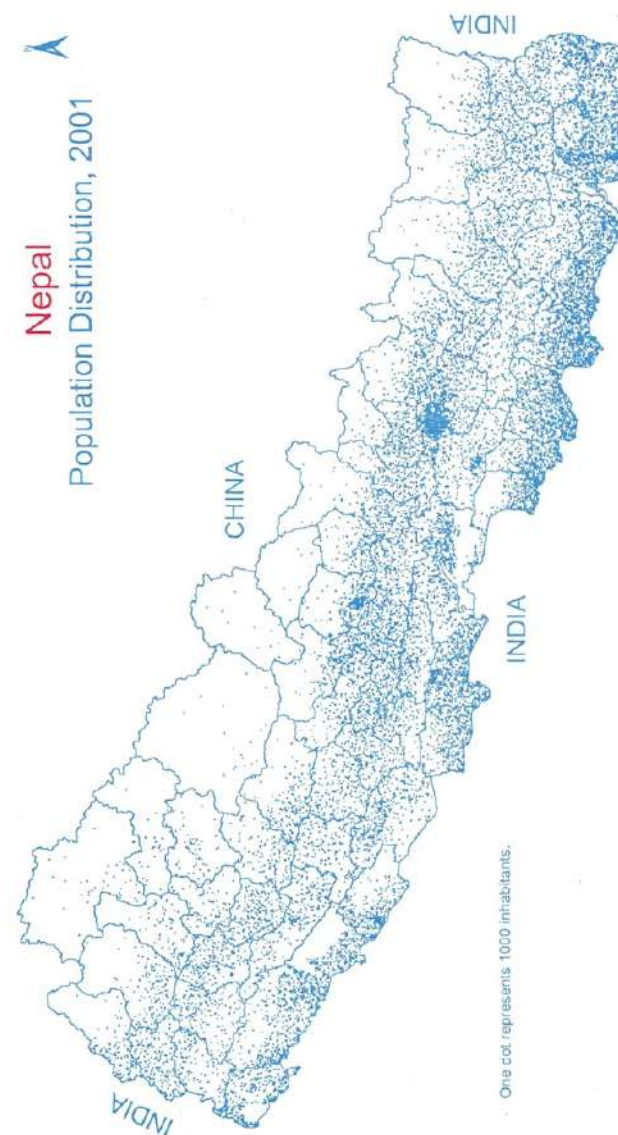
There is constitutional monarchy where people exercise rights of adult franchise. According to the constitution 2047 B.S. of Nepal the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary bodies function and exercise their rights independently. There is two tier system of legislation, the Upper House, called the Rastriya 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.

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 in 2001. Based on area of districts these regions comprise 35, 42 and 23 percent respectively of the total land area of the kingdom. There are 5 development regions - Eastern Development Region, Central Development Region, Western Development Region, Mid-Western Development Region and Far-Western Development Region accommodating 23.1, 34.7, 19.7, 13.0, 9.5 percent of population respectively in 2001. There are 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 - Mount Everest (8848 m.) the highest peak of the world, Mt. Kanchanjanga (8586 m.) the third highest peak of the world and the second highest in the country, and Mt. Lhotse (8516 m.). Major rivers are - Koshi, Gandaki and Karnali. Major lakes are - Rara, She-foksundo, Phewa, Tilicho etc.

Economic growth of the country has not improved substantially over time to overtake population growth. As the current population growth is 2.2 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. The preliminary estimates of per capita GDP and per capita GNP in terms of US dollar are 294 and 300 respectively for the year 2004/05. 31 percent of the population are below the absolute poverty line. The currency is Nepalese Rupee.



Total Area of the Kingdom 147181 Sq.Km.

Population ⁽¹⁾		2001	2005 ^P
	Total	23151423	25342638
	Male	11563921	12685375
	Female	11587502	12657263
	No. of Households	4253220	

Population Distribution by Age Group 2001[#]

		0-4	5-14	15-59	60+	Total
All	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⁾ 2001 2005

Crude Birth Rate	33.1	30.62	per 1000 population
Crude Death Rate	9.6	8.96	per 1000 population
Total Fertility Rate	4.1	3.6	per woman
Infant Mortality Rate	64.4		per 1000 live birth
Child Mortality Rate	91.2		Per 1000 live birth
Life Expectancy (yrs.) at Birth	60.4	62.8	
Male Life Expectancy at Birth	60.1	62.3	
Female Life Expectancy at Birth	60.7	63.1	

Median Age (in year) of Population	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

Population by major five Caste/Ethnic groups (in percent), 2001.

Chhetri	15.80
Brahman	12.74
Magar	7.14
Tharu	6.75
Tamang	5.64

P: Population projected. # Enumerated population.
+ and above.

Population by major five Mother Tongue (in percent), 2001.

Nepali	48.61
Maithili	12.30
Bhojpuri	7.53
Tharu	5.86
Tamang	5.19

Population by Religion (in percent), 2001.

Hindu	80.62
Bouddha	10.74
Islam	4.20
Kirat	3.60
Christian	0.45
Others	0.40

Agriculture

Total Area of Agricultural Holdings⁽¹⁾ (2001/02) 3364139 Ha.

a. Food Grains⁽²⁾

	2002/03		2003/04	
	Area	Production	Area	Production
Paddy	1545	4132	1559	4456
Maize	836	1569	834	1590
Wheat	669	1344	665	1387
Barley	28	32	27	30
Millet	259	283	259	283

b. Cash Crops⁽²⁾

Sugarcane	60	2343	59	2305
Oil Seed	187	125	187	133
Tobacco	4	3	3	3
Potato	140	1531	143	1643

Area in '000' Ha. (Estimated). Production in '000 M.T. (Estimated).

c. Livestock (Estimated; '000)⁽²⁾

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Cattle	6979	6954	6966
Buffaloes	3701	3840	3953
Sheep	840	828	824
Goats	6607	6792	6980

Health Services⁽³⁾

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Hospitals	83	83	83
Hospital Beds	5250	5250	5250
Health Posts	700	700	700
Health Centers	10	10	10
Sub Health Posts	3170	3148	3141
Primary Health Centers	180	180	180
Doctors*	1259	1259	1259
Health Assistants (H.A. & A.H.W.)	5295	5295	7491

+ HMG Employeeed only.

Nurse & A.N.M.**	7315	9146	10099
Kaviraj*	203	387	387
Vaidya	294	354	354
Ayurvedic Services Centers**	286	287	287
Health Workers (M.C.H.W.)	3190	3190	3190
Village Level Health Workers	3985	3985	3985
Other Health Workers (Trained Sudeni, Women Health Volunteers)	62546	62546	62546

Family Planning⁽³⁾

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Acceptors of Contraceptions ('000 Couples)	511	519	536

Education

a. School Education⁽⁴⁾

	2003			2004		
	School	Teacher	Enrolled Student	School	Teacher	Enrolled Student
Primary	27268	112360	4025692	24746	101483	4030045
Lower Sec.	8249	29895	1210059	7436	25962	1444997
Secondary	4741	23297	511092	4547	20232	587566
Total	-	165552	5746843	-	147677	6062608

b. Higher Education⁽⁵⁾

	Students enrolled [#]		
	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Educational Institute	22801	22359	22831
Education	1747	1667	1640
Medicine	360	358	348
Forestry	718	562	581
Agriculture & Animal Science	4074	4276	4307
Science & Technology	12265	11433	11394
Humanities & Social Sciences	60894	60530	46296
Management	37433	37139	34740
Law	2016	1378	692
Sanskrit	1697	1144	1394

c. Literacy Rate (in %), 2001.

Male 65.5, Female 42.8, Total 54.1

Indicators of Manufacturing Establishments, 2001/02⁽¹⁾

Region	No. of Estbs	Census Inputs (in million Rs.)	Census Outputs (in million Rs.)	Census Value Added (in million Rs.)
Eastern	825	17015	24169	7153
Central	1496	36096	57056	20960
Western	583	6112	9737	3625

++ Registered in Nepal Nursing Council, * Including Officer Kaviraj (Permanent Kaviraj & Vaidyas are included), ** Zonal Ayurvedic Service Center & District Ayurvedic Health Centers. # Except P. hd.

Mid -Western 153	2070	2672	602
Far -Western 156	913	1176	263
Total 3213	62206	94810	32603

No of person engaged 191,853

No of employees 181,943

Total value of shipment of Some commodities (in million Rs.)⁽¹⁾

Commodities	1996/97	2001/02
Beer	1480	2359
Liquor	711	1544
Sugar	1413	2110
Processed Tea	252	643
Cigarette	3676	5261
Soap (Toilet & Washing)	1297	2015
Cotton Clothes	639	939
Cement	1282	2068
Garments	3762	5570
Processed Leather	447	641
Vegetable Ghee	1387	8025
Woolen Carpet	7273	3077

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

	2002/03	2003/04 ^R	2004/05 ^P
Agri., Fisheries & Forestry	171104	183357	193291
Mining & Quarrying	2188	2377	2615
Manufacturing	34337	36634	39494
Electricity, Gas & Water	10905	11340	12258
Construction	45068	49033	52729
Trade, Restaurant & Hotel	43978	49320	49478
Transport, Communication & Storage	38286	43664	47558
Finance & Real Estate	47719	51411	56088
Community & Social Services	43961	46993	50590
Less Imputed Value of Bank Service Charges	13911	15135	16367
Total GDP at Factor Cost	423635	458994	487734
Plus Indirect Taxes (Net)	33040	36595	41269
GDP at Producers Prices	456675	495589	529003

Some Important Macro Economic Indicators (in %) ⁽¹⁾

	2002/03	2003/04 ^R	2004/05 ^P
Consumption/GDP	88.01	87.65	87.74
Investment/GDP	26.07	27.20	26.07
Gross Domestic Saving/GDP	11.99	12.35	12.26
Export/GDP	16.00	16.83	16.36
Import/GDP	30.08	31.68	30.16
Export/ Import	53.00	53.00	54.00

R: Revised Estimate, P: Preliminary Estimates,

HMG Budget (In million Rs.)⁽⁶⁾

	2003/04 ^A	2004/05 ^R	2005/06 ^E
Total Expenditure	89443	100937	126885
Recurrent	55552	63117	75850
Capital	23096	25165	37234
Principal Repayment	10795	12655	13801
Surplus (+) Deficit (-) Before			
Foreign Grant	-27112	-29615	-45069
Foreign Grant	11283	11170	18687
Bilateral	8947	8970	12660
Multilateral	2336	2200	6027
Surplus (+) Deficit (-) After			
Foreign Grant	-15828	-18445	-26382
Sources of Deficit Financing			
Foreign Loan	7629	8814	14532
Bilateral	66	67	290
Multilateral	7563	8747	14242
Domestic Borrowings	5608	9060	11850
Cash Balance Surplus(+) Deficit (-)	-2591	-571	

Communication⁽⁷⁾

a. Number of Regd. Newspapers

	Upto 2003/04
Daily	261
Half Weekly	15
Weekly	1347
Fortnightly	275
Monthly	1186
Two Monthly	260
Three Monthly	389
Quarterly	24
Half Yearly	56
Yearly	68
Total	3881

b. Postal Services

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Regional Post Offices	5	5	5
District Post Offices	70	70	70
Ilaka Post Offices	842	842	842
Additional Post Offices	3074	3074	3074
Total Post Offices	3991	3991	3991

Transport ⁽⁸⁾

a. Types of Road (length in km.)	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Black-topped	4781	4811	4871
Gravelled	4520	4595	4697
Earthen	7533	7541	7614
Total	16834	16947	17182

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

b. Vehicle Registered (Up to mid-July 2003/04)⁽⁸⁾

Type	Number
Car/Jeep/Van	73474
Bus/MiniBus	16549
Truck/Tanker/Dozer/Crain/Tipper/Damfar	26067
Tampo	7215
Motorcycle	270949
Tractor	31856
Others	3979

Irrigation⁽⁹⁾

Irrigated Area upto 2003/04 Hectares 1001412

Tourism⁽¹⁰⁾

	2002	2003	2004
Incoming Tourists			
By Air (No. in '000)	219	275	297
(%)	79	81	77
By Land (No. in '000)	57	63	88
(%)	21	19	23
Annual Rate of Change (%)	-23.7	22.7	13.9

Gross Foreign exchange Earning ('000 US \$)	106822	192832	179941
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Energy⁽¹¹⁾

a. Electricity (MWH)

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Hydro Generation	1832838	2464566	2185872
Diesel Generation	17007	4462	9920
Import from India	232124	135636	185647
Export to India	132437	187511	139079
Electricity loss	524302	910481	545394

b. Consumers by Type of Consumption

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Domestic	554171	611403	684246
Industrial	592517	631113	697574
Commercial	121381	92850	107760
Others	289688	358904	185534
Total	1557757	1694270	1675114

c. Other Energy Consumptions

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Petrol (In K.Litre)	63271	67457	67587
Diesel (In K.Litre)	286233	299973	299730
Kerosene (In K.Litre)	386592	348683	310826