

Introduction

Situated in the northern hemisphere, known as land of Mt. Everest and the birth place of Lord Buddha, Nepal is a tiny landlocked country. Though Nepal occupies only 0.03% and 0.3% of total land area of world and Asia respectively, the country has an extreme topography and climate. The altitude ranges from 70 meters to 8848 meters and the climate varies from tropical to arctic depending upon altitude. The country stretches from east to west with mean length of 885 kilometers and widens from north to south with mean breadth of 193 kilometers.

Geographically, the country is divided into three East-West ecological zones: the Northern Range – Mountain, the Mid Range – Hill and the Southern Range – Terai (flat land). In the northern range, the Himalayas from an unbroken mountain range which contains eight peaks higher than 8,000 meters, including Mt. Everest on the border with China. The middle range is captured by gorgeous mountains, high peaks, hills, valleys and lakes. The Kathmandu Valley lies in this region. The southern range with almost 16 km. to 32 km. North-South consist of dense forest areas, national parks, wildlife reserves and conservation areas and fertile lands.

At present, the country is divided into five north-south administrative development zones: Eastern Development Region, Central Development Region, Western Development Region, Mid-Western Development Region and Far-Western Development Region. The country is further divided into 75 administrative districts. Moreover the districts are further divided into smaller units, called Village Development Committees (VDCs – total 3915) and Municipalities (58). The VDCs are rural areas, whereas municipalities are urban areas of the country.

According to the National Population Census 2011, the annual growth rate of population is 1.35 percent and the total population of the country in 2011 has reached about 26.5 million with sex ratio 94.2.

The preliminary estimate of per capita GDP at current prices stands at NRs. 62,510 (US \$ 717) for the year 2012/13. The economic growth of the country measured by GDP is 3.56 percent per year in the year 2012/13. About one fourth of the population (25.16%) lives below poverty lines as per the Nepal Living Standards Survey 2010/11 and the Gini-Coefficient; which indicates inequality in income distribution, is 0.328.

Geographical Location and Area:	
Latitude	: 26°22' North to 30°27' North
Longitude	: 80°04' East to 88°12' Earth
Area	: 147181 Sq.Km.
Boarder	: North – Tibet, Autonomous Region of China
	: East, West and South-India

Population & Household Characteristics

Population	2001	2011
Nepal	23151423	26494504
Male	11563921	12849041
Female	11587502	13645463
Total households	4253220	5423297
Annual population growth rate	2.25%	1.35%

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Population Distribution by Geographical Region, 2011

Area	Male	Female	Total
Nepal	12849041	13645463	26494504
Mountain	862592	919200	1781792
Hill	5440067	5953940	11394007
Terai	6546382	6772323	13318705
Urban	2306049	2217771	4523820
Rural	10542992	11427692	21970684

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Absent Population, 2011

Area	Male	Sex Female	Not Stated	Total
Nepal	1684029	237400	65	1921494
Mountain	82322	23101	0	105423
Hill	860555	130604	8	991167
Terai	741152	83695	57	824904
Urban	227632	57774	15	285421
Rural	1456397	179626	50	1636073

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Population by Religion, 2011

Religion	Population	Religion	Population
Hindu	81.34	Kirat	3.05
Bouddha	9.04	Christian	1.42
Islam	4.39	Others*	0.76

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

** Including not stated cases*

Female-headed Households	2001	2011
National	14.9	25.7
Urban	17.0	28.1
Rural	14.5	25.2

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Female Ownership on House & Land or Land Only	2001	2011
National	11.7	19.7
Urban	15.2	26.8
Rural	10.0	18.0

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Household Facilities, 2011	Facility	%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, CBS

Households by Foundation of House/Housing Unit, 2011 (%HHs)

Area	Mud bonded bricks/stone	Cement bonded bricks/stone	RCC with pillar	Wooden pillar	Others*
National	44.2	17.6	9.9	24.9	3.4
Urban	22.0	38.2	28.4	8.5	2.8
Rural	49.5	12.6	5.5	28.8	3.5

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

** Including not stated cases*

Some Vital Indicators

Indicator	2001	2006	2011
Crude Birth Rate (CBR)	33.1	27.7	24.3
Crude Death Rate (CDR)	9.6	8.3	-
Total Fertility Rate (per woman)	4.1	3.1	2.6
Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)	64	48	46
Mortality Rate under 5	91	61	54

Average life expectancy at birth (Year)*

Total	60.4	64.1	-
Male	60.1	63.6	-
Female	60.7	64.5	-

Source: Demographic Health Survey

**Central Bureau of Statistics*

Living Standards

Poverty Head Count Rate (%)	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11
Nepal	41.8	30.9	25.2
Urban	21.6	9.6	15.5
Rural	43.3	34.6	27.4

Source: Nepal Living Standards Survey, CBS

Inequality Measures (Gini Coefficient)

Area	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11
Nepal	0.322	0.414	0.328
Urban	0.426	0.436	0.353
Rural	0.308	0.349	0.311

Source: Nepal Living Standards Survey, CBS

Household Consumption	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11
Nominal HH consumption (Rs.)	38703	83593	170735
Share on Household Consumption			
Food %	60.3	59.0	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 Standards Survey, CBS

Agriculture

Number of Agricultural Holdings and Area, 2011/12	Number	Area (Ha)
Agricultural Holdings		
Having land	3715555	2522519.9
Having no land	115538	3119.3
Total	3831093	2525639.2
Total irrigated area	2472296	1313406.3
Total arable land	3724650	2162751.1

Source: Agriculture Census, CBS

Production of Food Grains	<i>(Area in '000 Ha. Production in '000 M.T.)</i>			
Food Grains	2011/12		2012/13	
	Area	Production	Area	Production
Paddy	1532	5072	1420	4505
Maize	871	2179	850	1999
Wheat	765	1846	760	1882
Barley	28	35	29	37
Buckwheat	10.3	10	11	10
Millet	278	315	274	305

Source: Ministry of Agriculture Development

Production of Cash Crops	<i>(Area in '000 Ha. Production in '000 M.T.)</i>			
Cash Crops	2011/12		2012/13	
	Area	Production	Area	Production
Sugarcane	64	2869	64	2930
Jute	10.5	14	11	16
Oil seed	218	181	216	183
Tobacco	1.1	1.2	1.8	2.4
Potato	187	2683	188	2753

Source: Ministry of Agriculture Development

Number of Livestock	<i>(Number in '000)</i>		
Livestock	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Cattle	7226	7245	7274
Buffalo	4996	5133	5242
Sheep	805	807	809
Goat	9186	9512	9785

Source: Ministry of Agriculture Development

Health Services

Health Manpower	2011/12	2012/13
Doctors*	12571	-
Nurses	19098	23022
ANM	19222	20108

Source: Nepal Nursing Council

**Nepal Medical Council*

Health Facilities under MoHP

Facility	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Hospitals	95	102	102
Primary health centers	209	205	202
Health posts	676	822	1211
Sub-health posts	3129	2987	2597
Hospital beds (available)	5644	7209	8084

Source: Department of Health Services, MoHP: Ministry of Health & Population

Family Planning Users

Methods	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Temporary methods	580033	614361	598604
Permanent methods	62600	63550	51185

Source: Department of Health

Education

School Education	2011/12			2012/13		
	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student
Primary	33881	173714	4782885	34298	178534	4576693
Lower secondary	13791	48848	1812680	14447	50389	1823192
Secondary	7938	35675	848569	8416	37048	878047
Higher secondary	3382	17445	353338	3596	18428	387516
Total	34361	275682	7797472	34782	284399	7665448

Source: Department of Education

Students Enrolled in Higher Education

Faculty	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Buddhist studies	-	-	33
Ayurved	129	87	103
Forestry	520	365	996
Agriculture & animal science	1181	1101	1524
Sanskrit	3069	1871	1485
Law	3442	4708	4198
Medicine	13508	12999	13782
Engineering	16566	15841	10992
Science & technology	19059	16004	7127
Humanities & social sciences	85970	72844	178666
Management	114431	128507	107087
Education	162853	158213	97706

Source: Ministry of Education

Literacy Rate (%)	1991*	2001*	2011**
National	25.0	54.1	65.9
Male	39.6	65.5	75.1
Female	54.5	42.8	57.4
Urban	66.9	71.9	82.2
Rural	36.8	51.0	62.5

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

** Literacy rate of six years and above population.*

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Manufacturing Establishments

Region	Number	Census Inputs	Census Outputs	Value Added
Eastern	819	41729741	33298513	8431228
Central	1618	87260147	56795570	30464577
Western	608	22027475	14013888	8013587
Mid-West.	194	3352551	2436174	916377
Far-West.	207	1578356	1265577	312779
Total	3446	155948270	107809722	48138548

Source: Census of Manufacturing Establishments, CBS

Person Involved in Manufacturing Establishments, 2006/07	Total	Male	Female
No. of person engaged	177550	147501	30049
No. of employees	169891	140479	29412

Source: Census of Manufacturing Establishments, CBS

Total Value of Shipment of Some Commodities	<i>(in Million Rs.)</i>		
Commodity	1996/97	2001/02	2006/07
Beer	1480	2359	2317
Liquor	711	1544	1951
Sugar	1413	2110	2898
Processed tea	252	643	1144
Cigarette	3676	5261	9891
Soap (toilet & washing)	1297	2015	3914
Cotton clothes	639	939	1838
Cement	1282	2068	7395
Garments	3762	5570	3273
Processed leather	447	641	540
Vegetable ghee	1387	8025	7687
Woolen carpet	7273	3077	2879

Source: Census of Manufacturing Establishments, CBS

National Accounts

Some Important Macroeconomic Indicators	2010/11	2011/12 ^R	2012/13 ^P
Annual growth rate GDP (%)	3.85	4.48	3.56
Per capita GDP, current prices (NRs.)	51594	57202	62510
Per capita GDP, constant prices (NRs.)	24144	24979	25545
Annual change in real per capita GDP (%)	2.48	3.46	2.27
Per capita GDP (US\$)	714	706	717
Gross Domestic Saving/GDP (%)	13.97	11.49	9.34
Gross National Saving/GDP (%)	37.04	39.98	38.41
Gross Fixed Capital Formation/GDP (%)	21.41	20.01	21.15
Export of goods and services/GDP (%)	8.9	10.02	10.34
Import of goods and services/GDP (%)	32.92	33.4	38.79
Exchange rate (USD : NRs.)	72.27	81.02	87.13

Source: National Accounts of Nepal, CBS

R = Revised, P=Provisional

Gross Value Added by Industry (at current prices) (in million Rs.)

NSIC	2010/11	2011/12 ^R	2012/13 ^P
Agriculture and forestry	473270	511290	548968
Fishing	4879	5661	6617
Mining and quarrying	6956	8166	9250
Manufacturing	80531	90794	98709
Electricity, gas and water	16001	17488	20287
Construction	89356	98539	110456
Wholesale and retail trade	179306	197632	230584
Hotels and restaurants	21057	24521	29141
Transport, storage and communications	105834	123990	147146
Financial intermediation	50111	65345	67207
Real estate, renting and business activities	106236	119991	135530
Public administration and defense	24830	29329	30299
Education	67739	79077	86195
Health and social work	17087	20259	22022
Other community, social & personal service activities	46947	54050	56760
Total GVA including FISIM	1290142	1446131	1599172
FISIM	41660	49992	58990
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at basic prices	1248482	1396139	1540181
Taxes less subsidies on products	118472	139861	161012
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	1366953	1536000	1701194

Source: National Accounts of Nepal, CBS
FISIM: Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured

Public Income and Expenditure (in Rs.'000)

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13 ^E
Revenue and Grants	244298496	287796801	336594240
Revenue	198376320	244374099	289605000
Grants	45922176	40810282	46989240
Expenditure	257495408	294850724	345145826
Recurrent	210167727	243460007	279011216
Capital	47327681	51390717	66134610
Budget Surplus(-)/Deficit(+)	13196912	7053923	8551586
Financing	-18166055	-3371967	-8551486
Net internal loan	9261163	11876688	15834121
Net investment	9943643	12093805	8598690
External-net borrowing	-857477	-2449355	-9989747
Domestic net borrowing	-36513384	-29791815	-22994650
Under(+)/Over(-)	-4969143	3681956	

Source: Ministry of Finance
E=Estimate.

Summary of Balance of Payments (in million Rs.)

Particulars	2010/11	2011/12 ^R	2012/13 ^P
A) Current account	75979.2	57060.7	40186.2
Goods: exports f.o.b.	81511.8	85989.8	25117.5
Goods: imports f.o.b.	-454653.1	-547294.3	-148269.0
Balance on goods	-373141.3	-461304.5	-123151.5
Services: credit	72351.5	95190.8	27205.1
Services: debit	-58294.5	-87605.0	-26038.7
Services: net	14057.0	7585.8	1166.4
Balance on goods and services	-359084.3	-453718.7	-121985.1
Income: credit	22521.3	23320.1	7132.5
Incomes: debit	-10229.9	-10241.3	-1447.7
Incomes: net	12291.4	13078.8	5684.8
Balance on goods, services and income	-346792.9	-440639.9	-116300.3
Current transfers: credit	427805.7	505068.2	157282.6
Current transfers: debit	-5033.6	-7367.6	-796.1
Transfers: net	422772.1	497700.6	156486.5

Particulars	2011/12	2012/13 ^R	2013/14 ^P
B) Capital account (capital transfer)	18241.7	10348.3	4975.8
C) Financial account (excluding group E)	28912.8	12496.3	11266.0
D) Miscellaneous Items, net	16939.1	3335.4	3068.8
E) Reserves and related Items	-140072.8	-83240.7	-59496.9
Changes in reserve net (- increase)	-131626.6	-68939.6	-52736.3

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank
R = Revised, P=Provisional, f.o.b. = free on board

Consumer Price Index (2005/06 = 100)

Area	2011/12			2012/13		
	Overall Index	Food & Beverages	Non-Food Services	Overall Index	Food & Beverages	Non-Food Services
National	165.4	195.2	143.4	181.7	214.0	157.8
Kathmandu	170.6	201.4	145.7	187.2	221.4	158.0
Hill	168.9	199.3	145.9	185.0	217.5	161.0
Terai	159.7	188.4	140.2	176.0	204.9	156.6

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank

National Wholesale Price Index (1999/00 = 100)

Groups	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13 ^P
Overall index	222.8	236.0	260.1
Agricultural commodities	246.7	256.9	284.2
Domestic manufactured commodities	195.2	209.1	223.3
Imported commodities	202.1	219.6	245.1

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, P = Provisional

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

Groups	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13 ^P
Overall index	199.7	247.0	274.3
Salary index	157.0	187.3	187.3
Wage rate index	215.5	269.1	306.4

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, P = Provisional

Manufacturing Producers' & Construction Material Price Index

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Manufacturing Producer's Price Index (2008/09 = 100)	119.05	130.13	137.36
Construction Materials' Price Index (2007/08 = 100)	130.90	147.93	158.97
Manufacturing Production Index (2008/09 = 100)	107.49	111.62	115.98

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics

Monetary Survey (Mid-July) (in million Rs.)

	2011	2012	2013 ^P
Broad money (M2)	922043.3	1165413.0	1315376.3
Money supply (M1)	223074.6	268470.9	301590.2
Currency	141931.5	182114.4	195874.2
Demand deposits	81143.1	86356.5	105715.9
Time deposits	298994.2	341527.4	389907.1
Foreign assets	219825.7	448019.7	554093.5
Foreign liabilities	8280.3	71157.2	85855.6

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, P=Provisional

Communication

Number of Registered Newspapers	2013 June
Daily	586
Half-weekly	33
Weekly	2547
Fortnightly	433
Monthly	2022
Two monthly	337
Quarterly	566
Four monthly	31
Half-yearly	71
Yearly	83
Total	6709

Source: Department of Information

Postal Services

Office	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Regional post office	5	5	5
District post office	70	70	70
Illaka 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	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Type			
Black-topped	9902	9917	10659
Gravelled	5670	5715	5940
Earthen	7637	7822	8666
Total	23209	23454	25265

Source: Department of Road

Vehicles Registered

Vehicle	2012 June	2013 June
Car/Jeep/Van	129140	138735
Bus/Minibus	38854	43445
Truck/Dozer/Crane/Excavator	46860	50192
Tempo	7453	7510
Motorcycle	1031880	1207261
Tractor/Power Tiller	73306	83101
Microbus	2478	2636
Pickup	12749	18171
Others	6275	6427

Source: Department of Transport Management

Tourism

Tourist Arrival	2010	2011	2012
By air	448800	545221	598258
By land	154067	190994	204834
Annual rate of change (%)	18.2	22.1	9.1
Gross foreign exchange earning* (in convertible currencies ('000 US \$))	329982	368773	356725

Source: Nepal Tourism Board, Nepal Rastra Bank

Energy

Electricity	2011	2012	2013 ^P
Peak demand (MW)	946.10	1026.65	1094.62
Generation total (NEA)	2125.48	2358.99	2291.96
Hydro generation (NEA)	2122.08	2375.43	2273.14
Thermal generation (NEA)	3.40	1.56	18.82
Power purchase total	1732.89	1819.64	1968.49
Power purchase from India	694.05	746.07	792.52
Power purchase from IPPs	1038.84	1073.57	1175.97
Available energy	3858.37	4178.63	4260.45

Source: Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), P: Provisional
IPPs: Independent Power Producers

Use of Electricity (million KWh)

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13 ^E
Total	2686.99	3165.32	3221.90
Household	1143.18	1311.07	1414.10
Industrial	1012.87	1192.06	1186.16
Commercial	204.92	227.06	254.17
Exports	31.10	50.00	15.00
Others	294.92	384.50	352.47

Source: Economic Survey Report, MoF
E=Estimate

Other Energy Consumptions (Kilo liter)

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Diesel	655128	648513	716748
Petrol	187641	199749	221676
Kerosene	49495	41808	24721
Aviation turbine fuel	101314	109808	115786
LDO + FO	1642	435	2708
Liquefied petroleum gas (M.T.)	159286	181411	207038

Source: Nepal Oil Corporation, LDO=Light Diesel Oil, FO=Furnace Oil

Miscellaneous

Number of Refugees	2011	2012	2013
Bhutanese	66987	43457	35168
Male	34168	22252	18175
Female	32819	21205	16993
Tibetan	12540	12540	12540

Source: Ministry of Home Affairs

Natural Disaster

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Persons dead	486	197	289
Affected families	16577	1905	812
Property loss (million Rs.)	1548.41	49.62	1203.43

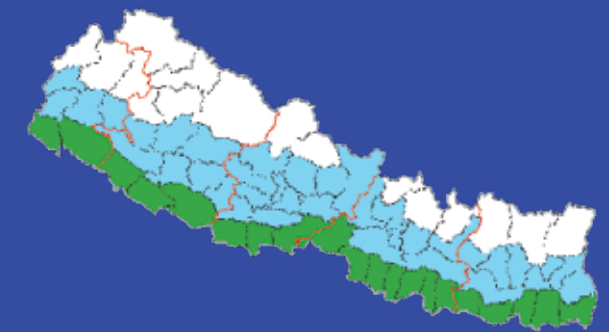
Source: Ministry of Home Affairs

Branch Statistics Offices of Central Bureau of Statistics

Branch Statistics Office	Districts coverage	Phone/Fax No.
Panchthar	Taplejung, Panchthar, Ilam	024-520116
Morang	Morang, Jhapa	021-524362
Sunsari	Sunsari, Saptari	025-560109
Dhankuta	Dhankuta, Tehrathum	026-520262
Bhojpur	Bhojpur, Sankhuwasabha	029-420104
Okhaldhunga	Okhaldhunga, Solukhumbu	037-520124
Udayapur	Udayapur, Khotang	035-420109
Dhanusha	Dhanusha, Siraha	041-520404
Mahottari	Mahottari, Sarlahi	044-520028
Sindhuli	Sindhuli, Ramechhap	047-520128
Kavre	Kavre, Dolakha, Sindhupalchok	011-490748
Kathmandu	Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur	01-4781255
Nuwakot	Nuwakot, Rasuwa	010-560252
Makwanpur	Makwanpur, Dhading	057-523682
Parsa	Parsa, Bara, Rautahat	051-521033
Chitwan	Chitwan, Nawalparasi	056-520509
Gorkha	Gorkha, Lamjung, Manang	064-420198
Syangja	Syangja, Parbat	063-420119
Kaski	Kaski, Tanahun	061-465313
Baglung	Baglung, Myagdi, Mustang	068-520276
Palpa	Palpa, Gulmi	075-520512
Kapilbastu	Kapilbastu, Arghakhanchi, Rupandehi	076-560061
Pyuthan	Pyuthan, Rolpa	086-460247
Rukum	Rukum, Jajarkot	088-530238
Dang	Dang, Salyan	082-560018
Banke	Banke, Bardiya	081-523563
Surkhet	Surkhet, Dailekh, Kalikot	083-520204
Jumla	Jumla, Mugu, Dolpa	087-520034
Bajura	Humla, Bajura	097-541019
Doti	Doti, Achham	094-440153
Kanchanpur	Kanchanpur, Kailali	099-521347
Dadeldhura	Dadeldhura, Bajhang	096-420185
Darchula	Darchula, Baitadi	093-420136

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