

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 kilometer and widens from north to south with mean breadth of 193 kilometer.

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 form 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 millions with sex ratio 94.2.

The preliminary estimate of per capita GDP at current prices stands at NRs. 57,726 (US \$ 735) for the year 2011/12. The economic growth of the country measured by GDP is 4.63 percent per year in the year 2011/12. About one fourth of the population (25.16%) lives below poverty line 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 : 26º 22' North to 30º 27' North

Longitude : 80º 04' East to 88º 12' East

Area : 147181 Sq. Km.

Boarder : North – Tibet, Autonomous Region of China

: East, West and South-India

Population & Households Characteristics

	2001	2011
Nepal	23151423	26494504
Male	11563921	12849041
Female	11587502	13645463
Total Households	4253220	5423297
Population Growth rate	2.25%	1.35%

Source: Population & 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: Population & 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: Population & Housing Census, CBS

Population by Religion, 2011

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

Source: Population & Housing Census, CBS

** Including not stated cases*

Female-Headed Households (% HHs)

Area	2001	2011
National	14.9	25.7
Urban	17.0	28.1
Rural	14.5	25.2

Source: Population & Housing Census, CBS

Female ownership on House & Land or Land Only (%HHs)

Area	2001	2011
National	11.7	19.7
Urban	15.2	26.8
Rural	10.0	18.0

Source: Population & Housing Census, CBS

Household Facilities, 2011

Facility	% HHs	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: Population & 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: Population & Housing Census, CBS

** Including not stated cases*

Some Vital Indicators

Indicators	2001	2006	2011
Crude Birth Rate	33.1	27.7	24.3
Crude Death Rate	9.6	8.3	-
Total Fertility Rate (per women)	4.1	3.1	2.6
Infant Mortality Rate	64	48	46
Mortality Rate under five	91	61	54

Average Life Expectancy at birth (Years)*				
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 (%)

Area	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11
Nepal	41.76	30.85	25.16
Urban	21.55	9.55	15.46
Rural	43.27	34.62	27.43

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 hhs 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-foods% 	27.9	28.7	22.2

Source: Nepal Living Standards Survey, CBS

Agriculture

Number of Agricultural Holdings and Area, 2001/02

Agricultural Holdings	Number	Area(Ha)
Having land	3337439	2653918.9
Having no land	26700	118.2
Total	3364139	2654037.1
Total Irrigated Area	-	1606224.7
Total non-irrigated Area	-	1047811.9

Source: Agriculture Census, CBS

Production of Food Grains

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

Food Grains	2010/11		2011/12	
	Area	Production	Area	Production
Paddy	1496	4460	1532	5072
Maize	906	2067	871	2179
Wheat	767	1746	765	1846
Barley	28.5	30	28	35
Buck Wheat	10.3	9	10.3	10
Millet	270	303	278	315

Source: Ministry of Agriculture Development;

Production of Cash Crops

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

Cash Crops	2010/11		2011/12	
	Area	Production	Area	Production
Sugarcane	62	2932	64	2869
Jute	11	13	10.5	14
Oil Seed	213	175	218	181
Tobacco	1.1	2.4	1.1	1.2
Potato	183	2597	187	2683

Source: Ministry of Agriculture Development;

Number of Livestock

Livestock	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Cattle	7199	7226	7249
Buffalo	4837	4996	5140
Sheep	801	805	807
Goat	8844	9186	9519

Source : Ministry of Agriculture Development,

Health Services

Health Manpower	2010/11	2011/12
Doctors*	11431	12571
Nurses	-	19098
ANM	-	19222

*Source: Nepal Nursing Council * Nepal Medical Council*

Health Facilities under MoHP

Facility	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Hospitals	100	117	95
Health Centers	207	208	209
Health Posts	676	675	676
Sub Health Posts	3114	3127	3129
Hospital Beds(Available)	5644	5600	5644

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

Family Planning Users

Methods	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Temporary Methods	554801	594738	580033
Permanent Methods	77678	70787	62600

Source: Department of Health

Education

	2010/11			2011/12		
	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student
Primary	32684	167216	4951956	33881	173714	4782885
Lower Secondary	11939	46032	1699927	13791	48848	1812680
Secondary	7266	33835	811910	7938	35675	848569
Higher Secondary	2564	15425	318426	3382	17445	353338
Total	33160	247083	7463793	34361	275682	7797472

Source: Department of Education

Students Enrolled in Higher Education

Faculty	2010/11	2011/12
Ayurbed	129	87
Forestry	520	365
Agriculture & Animal Science	1181	1101
Sanskrit	3069	1871
Law	3442	4708
Medicine	13508	12999
Engineering	16566	15841
Science & Technology	19059	16004
Humanities & Social Sciences	85970	72844
Management	114431	128507
Education	162853	158213

Source: Ministry of Education

Literacy Rate (%)

Area	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: Population Census, CBS

* Literacy rate of six years and above population,

** Five years and above population

Manufacturing Establishments (Some indicators) 2006/07

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-Western	207	1578356	1265577	312779
Total	3446	155948270	107809722	48138548
No of persons engaged		177550		
No of employees		169891		

Source : Census of Manufacturing Establishments, CBS

Total Value of Shipment of Some Commodities

Commodity	1996/1997	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 Macro Economic Indicators

	2009/10	2010/11 ^R	2011/12 ^P
Annual Growth Rates GDP (%)	4.82	3.88	4.63
Per Capita GDP,current prices (NRs.)	45469	51444	57726
Per Capita GDP,constant prices (NRs.)	23561	24138	24908
Annual change in real per capita GDP (%)	3.37	2.45	3.19
Per Capita GDP (US\$)	610	712	735
Gross domestic saving/GDP (%)	11.52	8.62	9.98
Grass national saving/GDP (%)	35.96	31.65	36.65
Gross Fixed Capital Formation/GDP (%)	22.19	21.23	19.62
Export of goods and services/GDP (%)	9.58	8.90	9.78
Import of goods and services/GDP (%)	36.37	32.80	32.57
Exchange rate (USD : NRs.)	74.		

Gross Value Added by Industry (At Current Prices) (in million Rs.)

NSIC	2009/10	2010/11 ^R	2011/12 ^P
Agriculture and forestry	391519	470850	510760
Fishing	4236	4524	5007
Mining and Quarrying	5926	6956	8166
Manufacturing	70924	79489	90547
Electricity gas and water	15244	15288	16565
Construction	77289	89356	98772
Wholesale and retail trade	161067	182465	209095
Hotels and restaurants	17347	21866	26164
Transport, storage and communications	95304	102724	122406
Financial intermediation	46083	55431	68403
Real estate, renting and business activities	93747	106236	119991
Public Administration and defense	21695	24819	31087
Education	61384	62631	80840
Health and social work	15382	16469	22712
Other community, social and personal service activities	41423	49412	58102
Total GVA including FISIM	1118571	1288517	1468617
FISIM	35156	42094	50401
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at basic prices	1083415	1246423	1418216
Taxes less subsidies on products	109358	121997	138809
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	1193679	1369430	1558174

Source: *National Accounts of Nepal, CBS*
R=Revised, P=Provisional

FISIM : *Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured*

Government Finance (in million Rs.)

	2008/09	2009/10 ^R	2010/11 ^E
Expenditure	21966.20	25968.91	29536.34
Recurrent Expenditure	12773.89	15101.91	17029.54
Capital Expenditure	7308.90	9023.77	10784.75
Principal Payment	1883.41	1843.23	1722.05
Receipts	16985.73	21849.17	24574.12
Revenue	14347.45	17994.58	19981.90
Foreign Grants	2638.28	3854.59	4592.22
Overall Surplus (+) Deficit (-)	-4980.47	-4119.74	-4962.22
Sources of Financing Deficits			
Foreign Loan	996.89	1122.34	1207.56
Internal Loan	1841.71	2991.40	4251.58
Cash Balance(-)Surplus	2141.87	6.00	-496.91

Source: *Ministry of Finance R: Revised Estimate, E: Estimate.*

Summary of Balance of Payments (in million Rs.)

Particulars	2009/10	2010/11 ^R	2011/12 ^P
A) Current Account	-28135.2	-12936.4	75979.2
Goods: Exports f.o.b.	63177.5	68701.5	81511.8
Goods: Imports f.o.b.	-366692.5	-388371.4	-454653.1
Balance on Goods	-303515.0	-319669.9	-373141.3
Services: credit	51120.5	53012.5	72351.5
Services: debit	-67505.8	-61687.1	-58294.5
Services: Net	-16385.3	-8674.6	14057.0
Balance on Goods and Services	-319900.3	-328344.5	-359084.3
Income: credit	14917.9	17504.0	22521.3
Income: debit	-5800.5	-9954.6	-10229.9
Income: Net	9117.4	7549.4	12291.4
Balance on Goods, Services and Income	-310782.9	-320795.1	-346792.9
Current transfers: credit	287770.6	311156.7	427805.7
Current transfers: debit	-5122.9	-3298.0	-5033.6
Transfers: Net	282647.7	307858.7	422772.1

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Particulars	2009/10	2010/11 ^R	2011/12 ^P
B) Capital Account (Capital Transfer)	12578.3	15906.1	18241.7
C) Financial Account (Excluding Group E)	7846.6	3212.5	28912.8
D) Miscellaneous Items, Net	3353.3	-2767.8	13013.5
E) Reserves and Related Items	4357.0	-3414.4	-136147.2
Changes in reserve net (- increase)	3325.7	-2182.7	-127701.0

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

Consumer Price Index (2005/06 = 100)

Area	2010/11			2011/12		
	Overall Index	Food & Beverages	Non-Food Services	Overall Index	Food & Beverages	Non-Food Services
National	152.7	181.3	131.5	165.4	195.2	143.4
Kathmandu	158.9	187.5	135.7	170.6	201.4	145.7
Hill	154.0	182.2	132.5	168.9	199.3	145.9
Terai	147.7	176.8	128.3	159.7	188.4	140.2

Source: *Nepal Rastra Bank*

National Wholesale Price Index (1999/00 = 100)

Groups	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 ^P
Overall Index	202.8	222.8	237.0
Agricultural Commodities	222.7	246.7	252.8
Domestic Manufactured Commodities	179.0	195.2	213.9
Imported Commodities	186.2	202.1	226.6

Source: *Nepal Rastra Bank*

P = Provisional

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

Groups	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 ^P
Overall Index	169.2	199.7	254.4
Salary Index	157.0	157.0	187.3
Wage Rate Index	173.8	215.5	279.2

Source: *Nepal Rastra Bank, P = Provisional*

Manufacturing Producer's & Construction Materials Price index

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Manufacturing Producer's Price Index (2008/09 = 100)	107.8	119.05	130.67
Construction Materials Price index (2007/08 = 100)	121.8	130.9	147.9

Source: *Central Bureau of Statistics*

Monetary Survey (Mid – July) (in million Rs)

	2010	2011	2012 ^P
Broad Money (M2)	820986.8	922043.3	1130969.6
Money Supply (M1)	212097.1	223074.6	264373.0
Currency held by Public	139281.3	141931.5	170491.7
Demand Deposits held by Public	72815.8	81143.1	93881.3
Time Deposits	231060.7	298994.2	341033.0
Foreign Assets	211686.7	219825.7	382892.7
Foreign Liabilities	8673.7	8280.3	9231.2
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Source: *Nepal Rastra Bank*

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Communication

Number of Registered Newspapers	2011 June
Daily	500
Half-Weekly	36
Weekly	2347
Fortnightly	428
Monthly	1821
Two Monthly	323
Quarterly	528
Four monthly	35
Half-Yearly	69
Yearly	79
Total	6166

Source: *Department of information*

Postal Services	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Regional Post Office	5	5	5
District Post Office	70	70	70
Ilaka 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 (in Km)

Type	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Black-topped	6669	9902	9917
Gravelled	5007	5670	5715
Earthen	9417	7637	7822
Total	21093	23209	23454

Source: *Department of Road*

Vehicles Registered

Vehicle	2011 June	2012 June
Car/Jeep/Van	121901	127304
Bus/Mini/Bus	35100	36718
Truck/Dozer/Crane/Excavator	47930	48523
Tampo	7384	7390
Motorcycle	883634	973939
Tractor/Power Talor	64764	67276
Microbus	2323	2384
Pickup	9768	10976
Others	6107	6180

Source: *Department of Transport Management*

Tourism

Tourists Arrival	2009	2010	2011
By Air	379322	448800	545221
By Land	130634	154067	190994
Annual Rate of Change (%)	1.9	18.2	22.1
Gross Foreign exchange Earning* (in convertible currencies ('000 US \$))	377172	329982	368773

Source: *Nepal Tourism Board, * Nepal Rastra Bank*

Energy

Electricity (million KWH)

	2010	2011	2012 ^P
Peak Demand (MW)	885.28	946.10	1026.65
Generation Total (NEA)	2121.66	2125.48	2358.99
Hydro Generation (NEA)	2108.65	2122.08	2357.43
Thermal Generation (NEA)	13.01	3.40	1.56
Power Purchase Total	1230.11	1732.89	1819.64
Power Purchase from India	638.68	694.05	746.07
Power Purchase from IPPs	591.43	1038.84	1073.57
Available Energy	3351.77	3858.37	4178.63

Source: *Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), P : Provisional*

IPPs: *Independent Power Producers*

Use of Electricity (million KWH)

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Total	2677.83	2686.99	3165.32
Household	1109.29	1143.18	1311.07
Industrial	1008.37	1012.87	1192.06
Commercial	193.12	204.92	227.06
Exports	74.48	31.10	50.00
Others	292.57	294.92	384.50

Source: *Economic Survey Report, MoF*

Other Energy Consumptions (in Kilolitre)

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Diesel	612505	655128	648513
Petrol	162275	187641	199749
Kerosene	55788	49495	41808
Aviation Turbine Fuel	82631	101314	109808
LDO +FO	2827	1642	435
Light Petroleum Gas (Mt. Ton)	141171	159286	181411

Source: *Nepal Oil Corporation*

Miscellaneous

Number of Refugee	2010	2011	2012
Bhutanese			
Male	40987	34168	22252
Female	39526	32819	21205
Total	80513	66987	43457
Tibetan			
Total	12540	12540	12540

Source: *Ministry of Home Affairs*

Natural Disaster

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Persons Dead	614	486	197
Affected Families	3028	16577	1905
Property Loss (Million Rs.)	1633.3	1548.41	49.62

Source: *Ministry of Home Affairs*

Branch Statistics Offices of Central Bureau of Statistics

Branch Statistics Office	Districts Coverage	Phone/Fax No.
Panchthar	Panchthar, Ilam Taplejung	024-520116
Morang	Morang, Jhapa	021-524362
Sunsari	Sunsari, Saptari	025-560109
Dhankuta	Dhankuta, Terathum	026-520262
Bhojpur	Bhojpur, Sankhuwasabha	029-420104
Okhaldhunga	Okhaldhunga, Solukhumbu	037-520124
Udayapur	Udayapur, Khotang	035-420109
Dhanusha	Dhanusha, Siraha	041-520404
Mahottari	Mohottari, 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
Makawanpur	Makawanpur, Dhading	057-523682
Parsa	Parsa, Bara, Rauthat	051-521033
Chitwan	Chitwan, Nawalparasi	056-520509
Gorkha	Gorkha, Lamjung, Manang	064-420198
Syangja	Syangja, Parbat	063-420119
Kaski	Kaski, Tanahu	061-520313
Baglung	Baglung, Myagdi, Mustang	068-520276
Palpa	Palpa, Gulmi	075-520512
Kapilbastu	Kapilbastu, Aarghakanchi, Rupandehi	076-560061
Pyuthan	Pyuthan, Rolpa	086-460247
Rukum	Rukum, Jajarkot	088-680353
Dang	Dang, Salyan	082-560018
Banke		