

## Introduction

Nepal, a country situated in South Asia, is internationally acclaimed for being home to Mount Everest, the highest peak on Earth, and Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha. It is a landlocked nation, covering a mere 0.03% of the world’s land area and 0.3% of Asia’s land area. Nepal showcases a diverse range of topography and climate, stretching around 885 kilometers in an east-to-west direction and averaging 193 kilometers in width from north to south.

Nepal is characterized by three elongated ecological belts that span from east to west. The northern mountain belt showcases the breathtaking Himalayas, an uninterrupted range of mountains that boasts eight peaks exceeding 8,000 meters in height, including the world’s highest summit, Mt. Everest (8848.86 meters). The middle hilly belt is adorned with stunning hills, valleys, and lakes, and is home to Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal. In the southern part of Nepal lies the Terai belt, a flat region often referred to as the country’s granary due to its significant role in agricultural production, with a majority of Nepal’s crops cultivated in this area.

According to the Constitution of Nepal (2015), the nation is established as a Federal Democratic Republic comprising of seven Provinces. It is further subdivided into 753 local levels, which include 460 Rural Municipalities, 276 Municipalities, 11 Sub-metropolitan Cities, and 6 Metropolitan Cities. Nepal consists of a total of 77 administrative districts.

Based on the report from the National Population and Housing Census 2021, the annual population growth rate in Nepal is 0.92 percent, and the total population is 2,91,64,578 with a sex ratio of 95.5.

For the fiscal year 2022/23, the preliminary estimate of GDP per capita at the current price is NRs. 182,683 (USD 1,399.01). The growth rate of GDP at the purchaser price is projected to be 1.86% for the same fiscal year.

According to the Nepal Living Standards Survey 2010/11, approximately 25.16% of the population lives below the poverty line. Additionally, the Gini coefficient, which measures inequality in consumption expenditure, stands at 0.328.

### Geographical Location and Area

Latitude: 26°22’ North to 30°27’ North

Longitude: 80°04’ East to 88°12’ East

Area Border: North- CHINA

East, West, and South- INDIA

### Population and Households Characteristics

Population	2001	2011	2021
Nepal	23151423	26494504	29164578
Male	11563921	12849041	14253551
Female	11587502	13645463	14911027
Total Households	4253220	5423297	6666937
Average Annual Growth	2.25	1.35	0.92

Source: National Population and Housing Census, NSO

#### Population Distribution by Geographical Region, 2021

Area/ Region	Male	Female	Total
Nepal	14253551	14911027	29164578
Mountain	874260	898688	1772948
Hill	5717247	6040377	11757624
Terai	7662044	7971962	15634006

Source: National Population and Housing Census, NSO

#### Population Distribution by Province, 2021

Provinces	Male	Female	Total
Province 1	2417328	2544084	4961412
Madhesh	3065751	3048849	6114600
Bagmati	3048684	3068182	6116866
Gandaki	1170833	1295594	2466427
Lumbini	2454408	2667670	5122078
Karnali	823761	864651	1688412
Sudurpaschim	1272786	1421997	2694783

Source: National Population and Housing Census, NSO

#### Absent population, 2021

Area/ Region	Male	Female	Total
Nepal	1799675	390917	2190592
Mountain	81818	34249	116067
Hill	787722	203001	990723
Terai	930142	153667	1083809
Municipalities	1186980	281537	1468517
Rural Municipalities	612695	109380	722075

Source: National Population and Housing Census, NSO

### Population by Religion, 2021

Religion	Population	Religion	Population
Hindu	81.18	Kirant	3.16
Boudha	8.2	Christian	1.75
Islam	5.08	Other*	0.59

Source: National Population and Housing Census, NSO
\* : Including not stated cases

### Female Headed Households

Area	2011	2021
Nepal	25.7	31.55
Municipalities	28.14	32.80
Rural Municipalities	23.77	28.90

Source: National Population and Housing Census, NSO

#### Female Ownership on House & Land or Land

Area	2011	2021
Nepal	19.7	23.85
Municipalities	24.87	27.02
Rural Municipalities	15.44	17.36

Source: National Population and Housing Census, NSO

Facilities	2011	2021	Facilities	2011	2021
Radio	50.8	34.2	Mobile Phone	64.6	73.2
Television	36.5	49.4	Motor	1.6	3.1
Cable Television	19.3	na	Motorcycle	9.6	27.3
Computer	7.3	15	Cycle	32.4	35.2
Internet	3.3	37.8	Other Vehicle	0.7	3.1
Telephone (Landline)	7.4	4.5	Refrigerator	7.2	23.7

Source: National Population and Housing Census 2011 and 2021, NSO

#### Age at First Marriage (Average Age Year)

Census Year	1981	1991	2001	2011	2021
Male	20.7	21.4	22.9	23.8	21
Female	17.2	18.1	19.5	20.6	18

Source: National Population and Housing Census, NSO

#### Some Vital Indicators

Indicators	2001	2006*	2011	2022*	
Crude Birth Rate (CBR)		33.1	27.7	21.8	20.0
Per 1,000 population					
Crude Death Rate(CDR)		9.6	8.3	7.3	na
Total Fertility Rate(per Woman)		4.1	3.1	2.5	2.1
Infant Mortality Rate(IMR)		64.0	48.0	40.5	28.0
Per 1000 live births					
Mortality Rate Under 5 Year		91.0	61.0	52.9	33.0
Per 1000 live births					

#### Average Life Expectancy at Birth (Year)

Total	60.4	64.1	66.6	na
Male	60.1	63.6	65.5	na
Female	60.7	64.5	67.9	na

Source: National Population and Housing Census, NSO

\*: Nepal Deomgraphic and Health Survey

#### Living Standard

Area	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11
Nepal	41.8	30.9	25.2
Urban Area	21.6	19.6	15.5
Rural Area	43.3	34.6	27.4

Source: Nepal Living Standard Survey, CBS

#### Inequality In consumption (Gini Coefficient)

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

Source: Nepal Living Standard Survey, CBS

Area	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11	2016/17*
Nominal Household Consumption (RS)	38703	83593	170735	362617

#### Share on Household Consumption

Foood	60.3	59	61.5	52
Housing	18.8	9.5	11	12.7
Education	-	2.8	5.3	4.1
Other Non-food	27.9	28.7	22.2	31.2

Source: Nepal Living Standard Survey, CBS

\* Annual Household Survey 2016/17, CBS

### Agriculture

### Number of Agriculture Holdings and Area 2011/12

Agriculture Holdings	Number	Area(Ha)
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: National Agriculture Census 2011, CBS

#### Production of Food Grains (Area in '000' Ha. Production in '000' M.T

Food Grains	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22*	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
Paddy	1491.7	5610.0	1458.9	5550.9	1473.5	5621.7	1477.4	5130.6
Maize	956.4	2713.6	957.7	2835.7	979.8	2997.7	985.5	3106.4
Wheat	704.0	2005.7	707.5	2185.3	711.0	2127.3	716.0	2144.5
Barley	24.4	30.5	24.4	31.1	21.9	29.4	23.1	32.2
Buckwheat	10.3	11.5	10.4	11.7	13.9	15.9	16.1	19.3
Millet	263.3	314.2	262.5	321.0	265.4	326.4	267.1	339.5

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development

### Production of Cash Crops (Area in '000' Ha. Production in '000' M.T

Cash Crops	2018/19*		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22*	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
Sugarcane	71.6	3557.9	68.6	3400.2	64.4	3183.9	62.6	3159.6
Jute	7.3	10.6	7.6	10.2	7.4	10.5	7.2	10.2
Oil Seed	260.3	280.5	258.1	278.3	259.1	287.0	260.7	287.3
Rubber	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	NA	NA
Potato	194.0	3112.9	188.1	3131.8	198.8	3325.2	198.3	3410.8

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development

### Number of Livestock

Livestock	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22*
Cattle	7347	7376	7385	7459	7467	7241
Buffalo	5178	5278	5309	5258	5160	5168
Sheep	802	801	799	806	794	789
Goat	11165	11647	12284	12812	13443	10252

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development

\* Economic Survey 2023, Ministry of Finance

### Health Services

#### Health Human Resources

Human Resources	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Doctors*	21413	26346	28477	30133	32218
Nurse	49930	55534	56405	68316	73889
ANM	31623	33660	35168	36446	37236
Foreign Nurse	835	843	844	845	848

Source: Nepal Nursing Council (Based on the registration)

\*: Nepal Medical Council

#### Some Indicators of Private Hospital

Indicators	2013	Indicators	2013
No. of Private Hospital	301	Total Employees	22581
Total Person Engaged	24031	Total Value Added	7994*

Source: Census of Private Hospital in Nepal 2013, CBS

Facilities	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22*
Hospital	125	130	134	201	154
Primary Health Centers	198	196	194	189	196
Health Post	3808	3805	3767	3794	3853
Hospital Beds(Available)	7105	8360	8356	9239	15790

Source: Department of Health Services

### Family Planning Users

Method	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22*
Temporary Methods	731034	727731	724442	738849	731635
Permanent Methods	25918	26987	21329	16404	26791

Source: Department of Health Services

\* Economic Survey 2022

#### Education

Grade	2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22		
	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student	School*	Teacher	Student
Basic level (Grade 1-5)	34667	189451	3730602	35063	200177	3543862	34138	161793	3548636	35108	na	na
Basic level (Grade 6-8)	16065	54071	1824777	16770	54401	1775142	17228	57360	1777344	17799	na	na
Secondary level (Grade 9-10)	9985	43187	1027512	10644	43497	1040976	10902	49571	1079363	11146	na	na
Secondary level (Grade 11-12)	3728	18511	631634	4187	18659	661642	4310	12041	687616	4706	n a	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>64445</b>	<b>314220</b>	<b>7214525</b>	<b>66664</b>	<b>316794</b>	<b>7021622</b>	<b>66578</b>	<b>280765</b>	<b>7092959</b>	<b>68759</b>	na	na

Sources: Department of Education Centre of Education for Human Resource Department

\* Economic Survey 2079/80, Students in thousands

### Students Enrolled in Higher Education

Faculty	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Science and Technology	31634	30164	37026	37342	38263
Management	147949	198325	204855	202756	213079
Humanities & Social Science	49149	55949	48433	58889	36765
Education	83610	75803	75957	89149	102211
Law	1236	2054	9857	9819	10514</

NSIC	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 <sup>a</sup>	2022/23 <sup>a</sup>
Administrative and support service activities	25471	27771	29121	30390	33753.47
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	218571	276660	287656	318770	382595.6
Education	251586	288459	296664	337839	385871.7
Human health and social work activities	49776	60328	65279	74163	89970
Arts, entertainment and recreation; Other service activities; and Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	17933	21363	22933	25066	27704
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at basic prices	3342481	3428524	3714933	4212145	4696494
Taxes less subsidies on products	516450	460179	637617	721552	684841
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	3858930	3888704	4352550	4933697	5381335

Source: National Accounts of Nepal -2023, NSO  
R: Revised, P: Preliminary

### Public Income and Expenditure

Rs. in '00000'

Year	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23R
1.Revenue	9763094	11138485	11798401
i.Taxes	8701136	9843320	10496587
ii. Non-tax Revenue	657757	810116	941229
iii. Cash Balance of last year and Irregularities	404201	485049	360585
2.Revenue-Sharing	1109415	1278462	1398401
3.Revenue to be deposited in federal treasury	8653679	9860023	10400000
4.Grants	364814	274881	384583
5. Revenue and grants from federal government	9018493	10134904	10784583
6.Expenditure	10750534	11705298	13017377
i.Recurrent Expenditure	4517020	5482421	6403924
ii.Capital Expenditure	2288361	2162130	2583453
iii.Fiscal Transfer	3945153	4060747	4030000
7.Budget Surplus(-)/Deficit(+)(6-5)	1732041	1570394	2232794
8.Financial Management	-2753256	-2238581	-2232794
9.Domestic Financial Assets	612006	625218	437325
10.Net Internal Loan	1917	-1852977	-1392000
11.Domestic Net Borrowing	-1870989	-1012777	-1280219
12.External net Borrowing	-1496190	-668187	0
13.Total Income	12987975	13768195	15049977

Source: Ministry of Finance (Budget Speech 2022/23 and 2023/24)

### Summary of Balance of Payments

(Rs. in Million)

Particulars	Annual			
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
A. Current Account	-266,970.4	-33,763.1	-333,671.9	-623,325.2
Goods: exports f.o.b.	113686.2	108288.1	143744.6	211464.7
Goods: imports f.o.b.	-1398875.7	-1169261.4	-1499201.6	-1873440.1
Balance on Goods	-1285189.5	-1060973.3	-1355456.9	-1661975.4
Service: Net	-14357.0	-964.7	-72852.5	-108117.5
Services: credit	185739.2	156349.8	790699.9	122083.7
Services: debit	-200096.2	-157314.5	-151922.4	-230201.2
Balance on Goods and Services	-1299546.5	-1061938.0	-1428309.5	-1770092.9
Income : Net	35821.9	45953.6	23285.5	28890.9
Income: credit	75704.2	68055.4	60878.6	57494.0
Income: debit	-39882.3	-22101.8	-37593.0	-28603.1
Balance on Goods, Services and Income	-1263724.6	-1015984.4	-1405023.9	-1741202.0
Transfers: Net	996754.2	982221.3	1071352.0	1117876.8

Particulars	Annual			
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Current transfers: credit	1005693.4	987673.5	1077414.0	1125595.3
Current transfers: debit	-8939.2	-5452.3	-6062.0	-7718.5
B. Capital Account (Capital Transfer)	15458.7	14213.2	15263.7	9992.4
C. Financial Account (excl. group E)	97089.4	278748.5	230671.8	313019.0
D. Miscellaneous Items, Net	97659.4	56917.2	85059.4	119103.1
E. Reserves and Related Items	56762.9	-316115.7	2677.0	181210.7
<b>Change in Net Foreign Assets (-increase)</b>	<b>67400.5</b>	<b>-282409.5</b>	<b>-1226.7</b>	<b>255259.1</b>

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, R = Revised, F.O.B: Free on Board

### Consumer Price Index (2014/15=100)

Area	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
	Overall Index	Food & Beverages	Non-Food & Services	Overall Index	Food & Beverages	Non-Food & Services	Overall Index	Food & Beverages
National	125.1	119.7	129.6	132.8	129.5	135.5	137.6	136.0
Kathmandu	124.5	122.5	125.8	133.2	132.5	133.7	140.1	136.0
Hill	129.0	121.8	135.7	135.6	131.0	139.8	140.8	137.0
Terai	123.6	117.2	128.8	131.2	127.0	134.5	136.0	133.4
Mountain	125.7	120.7	133.5	131.9	127.4	138.7	135.7	131.7

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual Average.

### National Wholesale Price Index (Reindexed) Base Year: 2017/18=100

Groups	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/2022
Overall Index	100.0	106.23	113.52	122.15	133.77
Primary	100.0	106.12	118.89	131.25	136.42
Food	100.0	106.40	119.50	131.80	136.48
Non-food	100.0	106.30	109.10	123.40	135.56
Fuel and Power	100.0	112.65	113.78	115.93	136.87
Manufactured commodities	100.0	105.31	110.36	117.98	131.73

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual Average.

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

Groups	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Overall Index	449.4	491.1	537.5	546.0	582.3
Salary Index	368.6	393.1	446.0	446.4	488.6
Wage Rate Index	479.3	527.2	571.2	582.7	616.9

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual Average.

### Production/ Producer's & Construction Sector's Index(2014/15=100)

Year	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
1. Overall IPICs (Material & Labour)	126.60	133.02	134.40	137.40	147.20
i. Aggregated Index of Construction Material	117.86	122.91	120.40	121.80	132.20
ii. Aggregated Index of Wage	147.49	157.17	167.90	174.70	183.00
2. Overall Manufacturing Production Index	116.17	124.53	113.50	118.64	125.70
3. Overall Industrial Production Index	118.98	125.22	118.29	123.75	138.51
4. Overall Manufacturing Producer's Price Index	116.52	123.47	122.70	131.58	144.80
5. Overall Industrial Producer's Price Index	116.84	123.12	122.25	128.01	139.06
6. Agriculture Producer Price Index (APPI)	128.18	132.19	143.66	152.97	161.95

Source: National Statistics Office, \*: Preliminary

### Monetary Survey

(Rs. in Million)

Year	2019	2020	2021 <sup>a</sup>	2022 <sup>b</sup>
Broad Money (M2)	3,582,137.7	4,230,969.8	5,154,853.2	6,082,726.7
1 Money Supply (a+b), M1+	2,093,758.4	2,368,304.5	2,964,265.4	3,468,190.5
a. Money Supply (M1)	726,642.8	856,260.8	1,049,410.2	1,227,809.9

Year	2019	2020	2021 <sup>E</sup>	2022 <sup>F</sup>
Currency	423,204.3	490,396.4	571,971.8	663,487.2
Demand Deposits	303,438.4	365,864.4	477,438.4	564,322.7
b. Saving and Call Deposits	1367,115.6	1512,043.7	1,914,855.2	2,240,380.6
2 Time Deposits	1,488,379.3	1,862,665.2	2,190,587.8	2,614,536.2
Broad Money Liquidity (M3)	3,666,627.9	4,337,663.0	5,246,647.7	6,183,700.8

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, E: Estimated, proj: projected

### Communication

Number of Registered Newspapers	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>*</sup>
Daily	728	733	739	745	754
Half-Weekly	40	39	38	40	40
Weekly	3054	2943	2951	2966	2975
Fortnightly	484	473	476	480	480
Monthly	2333	2333	2344	2350	2361
Two Monthly	384	382	381	385	387
Quarterly	631	641	645	651	654
Four Monthly	39	38	39	40	na
Half-Yearly	86	86	87	87	na
Yearly	91	93	90	98	na
Others					260
Total	7870	9780	7790	7842	7911

Source: Department of Information \* Annual report 2019 (Nepal Press Council)

### Postal Services

Post Office	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
General Post Office	1	1	1	1
Regional Post Office	4	4	4	4
District Post Office	70	70	70	70
Ilaka Post Office	842	849	849	849
Additional Post Office	3074	3073	3073	3073
Total Post Office	3991	3997	3997	3997

Source: Department of Information

### Transport

#### Length of Road

In Kilometer

Types of Road	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Black Topped	13707	14695	15424	16614	17270
Gravelled	7231	8594	8622	8171	7932
Earthen	9150	9590	9198	8931	8916
Total	30088	32879	33244	33716	34118

Source: Department of Road (First Trimester Progress Report 2019-080 (As of Kartik 2019))

### Vehicles Registered

Vehicle Types	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 <sup>a</sup>
Bus	3722	2282	3400	3679	2246
Mini Bus./Minitruck	2409	998	3078	2160	3239
Truck/Dozer/Crane/Exavator	13425	4112	6339	8235	3239
Car/Jeep/Van	23019	11211	19140	21242	9849
Pickup	9759	4347	9317	8598	2518
Microbus	2330	393	563	485	286
Tempo	11025	5764	14944	10132	4939
Motorcycle	282997	209671	556819	503279	183078
Tractor/Powerteller	12220	5160	11549	8872	2519
E-Rikshaw	8952	1068	3512	8767	6820
Others	380	216	678	134	4
Total	370238	245222	629339	575853	218737

Source: Economic Survey 2019/80; MoF (fiscal year 2019/2080 till falgun)

### Tourism

#### Tourist Arrival

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>*</sup>
By Air	969287	995884	183130	150625	592631
By Land	203785	201307	46955	337	22238
Annual Rate of Change (%)	25	2.1	-80.7	-34.3	307.3
Gross Foreign Exchange Earnings (in convertible currencies Millions NRs.)	75374.1	60885	7266.3	32447	37123

Source: Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, \*Economic Survey 2019/80,(MOF)

### Energy

#### Electricity

(GWH)

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>*</sup>
Peak Demand(MW)	1508	1320	1408	1482	1748
Generation Total(NEA)	2308	2548	3021	2804	3259
Power Purchase Total	4750	5003	4720	6047	7805
Power Purchase - NEA Sub	149	157	155	148	1976
Power Purchase From India	2582	2813			