

Introduction

Nepal is situated in South Asia. It is also known as the land of Mt. Everest, the highest peak of the world and the birth place of Lord Buddha, Lumbini. Nepal is a land locked country, which occupies 0.03 % and 0.3% land area of the World and the Asia respectively. It has diverse topography and climate. It stretches from east to west with an average length of 885 kilometers and widens from north to south with an average breadth of 193 kilometers.

Geographically, Nepal has three east-to-west elongated ecological belts. The northern mountain belt is naturally decorated by an unbroken range of Himalayas, which contains eight peaks higher than 8,000 meters, including the world's highest peak Mt. Everest (8848 meters). Middle hilly belt is enriched by gorgeous hills, valleys and lakes. Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal is situated in this region. Terai belt is the plain area situated in southern part of Nepal, which is usually known as the grain house of the country since most of the crops produced in Nepal are farmed in this region.

The Constitution of Nepal (2015) has declared the country a Federal Democratic Republic with seven states. It is further divided into 744 local levels including 481 Village Municipalities, 246 Municipalities, 13 Sub-metropolises and 4 Metropolises (Nepal Gazette published on 10 March 2017). There are 75 districts in Nepal.

According to the National Population Census 2011, the annual growth rate of population is 1.35 percent and the total population has recorded about 26.5 millions with sex ratio 94.2. CBS has estimated the urban population of Nepal is 1569960 (59.3%) based on the newly declared 263 urban centers i.e. Municipalities, Sub-metropolises and Metropolises. The projected population of Nepal for 2016 is about 28.4 millions.

The preliminary estimate of GDP per capita at current price stands at NRs. 90521 (US\$ 853) for the fiscal year 2015/16. Growth rate of GDP at basic price is estimated 6.94% for the same fiscal year. About one fourth of the population (25.16%) lives below poverty line as per the Nepal Living Standards Survey 2010/11 and Gini coefficient, which indicates 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 : 147181 Sq.Km.

Boarder : North - Tibet, Autonomous Region of China

: East, West and South - India

Population and Household Characteristics

Population	2001	2011	2016 ^ρ
Nepal	23151423	26494504	28431494
Male	11563921	12849041	13784009
Female	11587502	13645463	14647486
Total households	4253220	5423297	
Annual population growth rate	2.25	1.35	
<i>P: Projected</i>	<i>Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS</i>		

Population Distribution by Geographical Region, 2011

Area	Male	Female	Total
Nepal	12849041	13645463	26494504
Himalayan	862592	919200	1781792
Hill	5440067	5953940	11394007
Terai	6546382	6772323	13318705
City Area ▲	2306049	2217771	4523820
Village Area ▲▲	10542992	11427692	21970684

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Absent Population, 2011

Area	Male	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	(in percent)		
Religion	Population	Religion	Population
Hindu	81.34	Kirat	3.05
Bouddha	9.04	Christian	1.42
Islam	4.39	Others*	0.76

**Including not stated cases*

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Female-headed Households	(%HHs ^ρ)	
Area	2001	2011
National	14.9	25.7
Urban ▲	17	28.1
Rural ▲▲	14.5	25.2

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

#HHs: Households

Female Ownership on House & Land or Land Only	(%HHs ^ρ)	
Area	2001	2011
National	11.7	19.7
Urban ▲	15.2	26.8
Rural ▲▲	10.0	18.0

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

#HHs: Households

▲ *Based on previous 58 Municipalities*

▲▲ *Based on previous 3915 VDCs*

Source: National Population and 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: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Singulate Mean Age at Marriage (Year)				
Sex	1981	1991	2001	2011
Male	20.7	21.4	22.9	23.8
Female	17.2	18.1	19.5	20.6

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Some Vital Indicators				
Indicator	2001	2006*	2011	
Crude Birth Rate (CBR) per 1000	33.1	27.7	21.8	
Crude Death Rate (CDR) per 1000	9.6	8.3	7.3	
Total Fertility Rate (Per women)	4.1	3.1	2.5	
Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) per 1000 live birth	64.0	48.0	40.5	
Mortality Rate under 5 per 1000	91.0	61.0	52.9	

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics;

**Demographic Health Survey 2006*

Average life expectancy at birth (Year)	2001	2006*	2011
Total	60.4	64.1	66.6
Male	60.1	63.6	65.5
Female	60.7	64.5	67.9

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics;

**Demographic Health Survey 2006*

Living Standards				
Poverty Head Count Rate (Percent)	Area	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	Area	1995/96	2003/04	2010/11
Nominal HH consumption (Rs.)		38703	83593	170735
Share on Household Consumption (Percent)				
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

▲ *Based on previous 58 Municipalities*

▲▲ *Based on previous 3915 VDCs*

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Agriculture
Poverty Head Count Rate (Percent)

Agricultural Holdings	Number	Area (Ha)
Having land	3715555	2522520
Having no land	115538	3119
Total	3831093	2525639
Total irrigated area	2472296	1313406
Titlle arable land	3724650	2162751

Source: Agriculture Census, CBS

Production of Food Grains	(Area in '000 Ha. Production in '000 M.T.)					
Food Grains	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
Paddy	1487	5047	1425	4789	1363	4299
Maize	929	2283	882	2145	892	2232
Wheat	754	1883	762	1976	745	1737
Barley	28	35	28	37	28	33
Buckwheat	11	10	11	11	11	11
Millet	271	304	268	308	267	302

Source: Ministry of Agriculture Development

Production of Cash Crops	(Area in '000 Ha. Production in '000 M.T.)					
Cash Crops	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
Sugarcane	66	2998	67	3063	73	3132
Jute	11	16	11	17	9	13
Oil seed	216	185	217	195	223	209
Tobacco	2	2	2	2	2	2
Potato	198	2798	190	2842	198	2784

Source: Ministry of Agriculture Development

Number of Livestock	Livestock	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Cattle		7274	7244	7241	7245
Buffalo		5242	5179	5168	5169
Sheep		809	789	789	789
Goat		9785	10177	10252	10477

Source: Ministry of Agriculture Development

Health Services				
Health Manpower	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	
Doctors*				
Nurses	5425	6818	38759	
ANM	1797	2018	25398	
Foreign Nurses	25	19	817	

Source: Nepal Nursing Council

**Nepal Medical Council*

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

Source: Census of Private Hospitals 2034, CBS

** In Ten Thousands*

Health Facilities under MoHP	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Hospitals	95	102	104
Primary health centers	208	201	202
Health posts	1559	3808	3803
Sub-health posts	2247		
Hospital beds (available)	5998	6353	6847

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

Family Planning Users	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Methods			
Temporary methods	623857	668777	676583
Permanent methods	39213	30728	28381

Source: Department of Health Services

Education	2014/15		2015/16			
School Education	School Teacher	Student	School Teacher	Student		
Primary	34335	185562	4335355	34736	197797	4135253
Lower secondary	14952	52349	183513	15170	54624	1859359
Secondary	8825	38861	900585	9084	40245	958502
Higher secondary	3596	19179	416995	3673	20021	492984
Total	61708	295951	5836448	62663	312687	7446098

Source: Department of Education

Students Enrolled in Higher Education	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Methods	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Buddhist studies	302	241	241
Ayurved	86	NA	105
Forestry	1122	597	
Agriculture & animal science	1444	1660	
Sanskrit	1151	3862	1514
Law	816	3832	4733
Medicine	18817	17857	21244
Engineering	12402	18216	15886
Science & technology	21258	28296	27739
Humanities & social sciences	86580	57424	46091
Management	193716	168843	161515
Education	226390	157793	127867

Source: Department of Education

Literacy Rate	(Percent)		
Area	1991*	2001*	2011**
National	25	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	62.5

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

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

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

▲ *Based on previous 58 Municipalities*

▲▲ *Based on previous 3915 VDCs*

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

Manufacturing Establishments
Principal Indicators, 2011/12 (in '000 Rs.)

Region	No. of Estbs.	Census Output	Census input	Census Value Added
Eastern	872	63327198	48830329	14496869
Central	1642	171804071	118690072	53113999
Western	995	64934096	45680019	19254077
Mid-Western	376	15935863	13039348	2896515
Far-Western	231	4754809	3685958	1068851
Total	4076	320756037	229925726	90830311

Source: Census of Manufacturing Establishments, CBS

Person Involved in Manufacturing Establishments	2001/02	2006/07	2011/12
No. of person engaged	191853	177550	204360
No. of employees	181943	169891	194989

Source: Census of Manufacturing Establishments, CBS

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

NSIC	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16*	2016/17*
Agriculture and forestry	585951	616572	645084	691169
Fishing	8659	9328	10487	11588
Fishing Mining and quarrying	11003	11875	12256	15031
Manufacturing	112995	11980	118615	135584
Electricity, gas and water	21362	22051	21221	27868
Construction	126364	139289	141318	171842
Wholesale and retail trade	271573	289566	292204	323502
Hotels and restaurants	35309	40479	41459	47390
Transport, storage and communications	155765	164976	167405	193974
Financial intermediation	79363	91406	107758	129232
Real estate, renting and business activities	152984	166947	191325	236986
Public administration and defense	44324	51421	52720	71796
Education	115254	129363	141613	173084
Health and social work	27725	32929	33708	41681
Other community, social & personal service activities	73541	86521	94745	121895
Total GVA including FISIM	1,822,173	1,971,706	2,071,917	2,392,621
FISIM	63435	72616	84093	98633
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at basic prices	1758738	1,899,089	1,987,824	2,293,989
Taxes less subsidies on products	205802	231060	259603	305245
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	1,964,540	2,130,150	2,247,427	2,599,234

Source: National Accounts of Nepal, CBS R=Revised, P=Provisional
FISIM: Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured

Public Income and Expenditure

	2013/14 (Actual)	2014/15 (Revised estimate)	2015/16 (Estimate)
Revenue and Grants	450022556	527505181	672792911
Revenue	411848247	460425521	565896500
Grants	38174309	67079660	106896411
Expenditure	428032733	593155054	929110454
Recurrent	339278025	434065864	617164129
Capital	88754708	159089190	311946325
Budget Surplus(-)/Deficit(+)	-21989823	65649873	256317543
Financing	33326810	-47594825	-196904837
Net internal loan	26257387	21060571	43644620
Net investment	10510427	13489336	22690502
External-net borrowing	-8503411	-36248112	-170248619
Domestic net borrowing	5062407	-45896620	-92991340
Under (+)/Over(-)	11336987	18055048	59412706

Source: Ministry of Finance (Budget Speech 2015/16)

Summary of Balance of Payments (in Millions Rs.)

Particulars	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16*
A) Current account	89721.5	108319.8	140418.5
Goods: exports f.o.b.	100960.6	98276.3	74866.1
Goods: imports f.o.b.	-696373.3	-761773.0	-756487.8
Balance on goods	-595412.7	-663496.7	-681621.7
Services: credit	125061.2	149288.4	138471.8
Services: debit	-104179.0	-121670.9	-128622.5
Services: net	20882	27618	9849.3
Balance on goods and services	-574530.5	-635879.2	-671772.4
Income: credit	39539.8	42831.5	43085.1
Income: debit	-6788.1	-8589.0	-9080.8
Income: net	32751.7	34242.5	34004.3
Balance on goods, services and income	-541778.8	-601636.7	-637768.1
Current transfers: credit	634854.8	712522.2	781989.3
Current transfers: debit	-3354.5	-2565.7	-3802.6
Transfers: net	631500.3	709956.5	778186.6

Particulars	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16*
B) Capital account (capital transfer)	17063.5	14811.4	16987.3
C) Financial account (excluding group E)	11148.0	17720.7	21813.1
D) Miscellaneous Items, net	11927.6	18502.7	24716.5
E) Reserves and related Items	-129860.5	-159354.6	-203935.5
Changes in reserve net (-increase)	-127127.1	-145036.0	-188953.2

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

Consumer Price Index (2014/15=100)

Area	2014/15			2015/16		
	Overall Index	Food & Beverages	Non-Food Services	Overall Index	Food & Beverages	Non-Food Services
National	100.0	100.0	100.0	109.9	110.9	109.2
Kathmandu	100.0	100.0	100.0	111.6	113.3	110.5
Hill	100.0	100.0	100.0	110.4	110.8	110.1
Terai	100.0	100.0	100.0	108.6	109.7	107.8

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual average.

National Wholesale Price Index (1999/00=200)

Groups	Weight%	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Overall index	100	279.7	296.6	315.3
Agricultural commodities	49.59	311.1	338.7	374.2
Domestic manufactured commodities	20.37	238.4	251.8	267.5
Imported goods	30.04	255.9	257.7	250.3

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual average.

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

Groups	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Overall index	277.9	316.0	342.5	362.3
Salary index	187.3	234.8	254.6	256.7
Wage rate index	311.4	345.9	374.9	401.3

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual average.

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

	2015/16				
	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Annual
1. Overall IPICS (Material & labour)	118.6	119.3	118.3	116.1	118.1
i. Aggregated index of const. material	113.6	114.2	112.8	110.7	112.8
ii. Aggregated index of wage	130.5	131.4	132.4	129.1	130.6
2. Overall Manufacturing Production Index	57.7	68.3	85.2	99.1	77.6
3. Overall Industrial Production Index	89.9	94.0	100.4	105.7	97.5
4. Overall Manuf. Producer's Price Index	107.1	109.6	108.6	109.8	108.7
5. Overall Industrial Producer's Price Index	106.4	108.6	107.7	108.8	107.9

Monetary Survey (Mid-July)

	2013	2014	2015	2016
1. Broad money (1.1+1.2) (M2)	1315376	1565967	1877802	2244578.6
1.1 Money supply (A+B) (M1+)	925469	1130174	1376049	1634482
A. Money Supply (M1)	301590	354830	424745	503287.1
Currency	195874	227537	270080	327482.7
Demand deposits	105716	127293	154664	175804.4
B. Saving & Call Deposits	623879	775343.7	951303.9	1131194.6
1.2 Time deposits	389907	435793	501753	610096.8
Foreign assets	554094	686759	847495	1069830.7
Foreign liabilities	85856	87539	100392	113808.7

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual average.

Communication

	2014/15	2015/16
Number of Registered Newspapers		
Daily	626	668
Half-weekly	2659	2782
Weekly	32	33
Fortnightly	451	461
Monthly	2117	2204
Two monthly	349	363
Quarterly	590	605
Four monthly	31	35
Half-yearly	83	82
Yearly	88	89
Total	7026	7322

Source: Department of Information

Postal Services

Office	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
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

Type	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16*
Black-topped	11197	11798	11890
Gravelled	6086	6287	6419
Earthen	9163	9411	9681
Total	26446	27496	27990

Source: Economic Survey, MOF *First Eight Months

Vehicles Registered

Vehicle	2014/15	2015/16	Till now
Bus	3737	4353	41004
MiniBus/Minitruck	2270	4625	21614
Truck/Dozer/Crane/Excavator	4236	8328	65545
Car/Jeep/Van	13560	28361	192028
Pickup	6057	5060	34956
Microbus	932	1137	4883
Tempo	1541	2613	11681
Motorcycle	196383	267439	1835028
Tractor/Power tiller	10524	9786	113481
E-Rikshaw	0	11894	11894
Others	343	169	7055
Total	239583	343765	2339169

Source: Department of Transport Management

Tourism

Tourist Arrival	2013	2014	2015
By air	594848	585981	407412
By land	202768	204137	131558
Annual rate of change (%)	-0.7	-0.9	-0.32
Gross foreign exchange earning (in convertible currencies ('000 US\$))	390264	471769	497838

Source: Nepal Tourism Board

Energy

Electricity	2014	2015	2016*
Peak demand (MW)	1200.98	1291.8	1385.30
Generation total (NEA)	2297.88	2366.88	2168.56
Hydro generation (NEA)	2288.23	2365.64	2168.49
Thermal generation (NEA)	9.65	1.24	0.07
Power purchase total	2389.21	2638.81	2931.55
Power purchase from India	1318.75	1369.89	1758.41
Power purchase from IPPs	1070.45	1268.93	1173.14
Available energy	4687.09	5005.69	5100.11

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

Use of Electricity

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16*
Total	3344.26	3636.42	3718.97
Household	1526.84	1612.02	1792.96
Industrial	1246.70	1316.25	1205.69
Commercial	285.16	301.07	286.48
Exports	0	0	3.15
Others	385.56	407.07	430.7

Source: Economic Survey Report, MoF

*Estimate of February end.

Other Energy Consumptions

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Diesel	251451	283567	238578
Petrol	811100	901393	782658
Kerosene	19064	18628	14870
Aviation turbine fuel	123527	139404	80119
FO (M.T.)	232660	258299	214263
Liquefied petroleum gas (M.T.)	2172	883	58

Source: Nepal Oil Corporation,

FO=Furnace Oil, MT: Metric Ton

Miscellaneous

Number of Refugees	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Bhutanese	24340	21551	15500
Male	12681	11229	8113
Female	11659	10322	7387
Tibetan*	12540	12540	12540

Source: UNHCR

* Ministry of Home Affairs

Natural Disaster

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Persons dead	417	9396	362
Affected families	1501	926758	4492
Property loss (million Rs.)	3235.7	159817	1784.4

Source: Ministry of Home Affairs

Statistics Offices of Central Bureau of Statistics

Statistics Office	Districts coverage	Phone/Fax No.
Panchthar	Taplejung, Panchthar, Illam	024-52