

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 (8848.86 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.

The Constitution of Nepal has declared the country a Federal Democratic Republic with seven Provinces. It is further divided into 753 local levels including 460 Rural Municipalities, 276 Municipalities, 11 Sub-metropolitan Cities and 6 Metropolitan Cities. There are 77 administrative districts in Nepal.

According to the National Population Census 2021 preliminary report, the annual growth rate of population is 0.93 percent and the total population has recorded 29192480 with sex ratio 95.9 percent.

The preliminary estimate of GDP per capita at the current price stands at NRs. 164598 (USD 1372) for the fiscal year 2021/22. The growth rate of GDP at basic price is estimated 5.84% for the same fiscal year. About one fourth of the population (25.2%) lives below the 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 Border: North- CHINA

East, West, and South- INDIA

Population and Households Characteristics

Population

Population	2001	2011	2021*
Nepal	23151423	26494504	29,192,480
Male	11563921	12849041	14,291,311
Female	11587502	13645463	14,901,169
Total Households	4253220	5423297	6761059
Average Annual Growth	2.25	1.35	0.93

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS

(P:Preliminary)

Population Distribution by Geographical Region, 2021

Area/ Region	Male	Female	Total
Nepal	14,291,311	14,901,169	29,192,480
Mountain	877666	900438	1778104
Hill	5721329	6027219	11748548
Terai	7692316	7973512	15665828

Source: National Population and Housing Census 2021, CBS (Preliminary)

Population Distribution by Province, 2021

Provinces	Male	Female	Total
Province 1	2425266	2546755	4972021
Madhesh	3078223	3048065	6126288
Bagmati	3033574	3050468	6084042
Gandaki	1180460	1299285	2479745
Lumbini	2457484	2666741	5124225
Karnali	828307	866582	1694889
Sudurpaschim	1287997	1423273	2711270

Source: National Population and Housing Census 2021, CBS (Preliminary)

Absent population, 2021

Area/ Region	Male	Female	Total
Nepal	1763315	406163	2169478
Mountain	81337	37276	118613
Hill	775211	209685	984896
Terai	906767	159202	1065969
Municipalities Area*	1450563	1160678	289885
Rural Municipalities Area*	718915	602637	116278

#: Based on 753 Local Units

Source: National Population and Housing Census 2021,CBS (Preliminary)

Population by Religion, 2011 in Percentage

Religion	Population	Religion	Population
Hindu	81.34	Kirant	3.05
Bouddha	9.04	Christian	1.42
Islam	4.39	Other*	0.76

Source: National Population and Housing Census 2011, CBS

Female Headed Households % HHs

Area	2011
Nepal	25.2
Municipalities Area ^{ΔΔ}	28.14
Rural Municipalities Area ^Δ	23.77

Source: National Population and Housing Census 2011, CBS

Female Ownership on House & Land or Land % HHs

Area	2011
Nepal	19.7
Municipalities Area ^{ΔΔ}	24.87
Rural Municipalities Area ^Δ	15.4

Source: National Population and Housing Census 2011, CBS

ΔΔ : Based on metropolitant cities,sub- metropolitant cities and municipalities

Δ : Based on rural municipalities

Household Facilities, 2011

Facilities	% HHs	Facilities	% 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 2011, CBS

Singulated Mean Age at Marriage

Census Year	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 In percentage

Indicators	2001	2006*	2011	2016*
Crude Birth Rate(CBR)	33.1	27.7	21.8	22.0
Crude Death Rate(CDR)	9.6	8.3	7.3	-
Total Fertility Rate(per Woman)	4.1	3.1	2.5	2.3
Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)	64.0	48.0	40.5	32.0
Mortality Rate Under 5 Year	91.0	61.0	52.9	39.0

Average Life Expectancy at Birth(Year)

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

Source: National Population and Housing Census, CBS, *: Demographic Health Survey

Living Standards

Poverty Head Count Rate

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 Standards 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 Standards Survey, CBS

Household Consumption

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

Multidimensional Poverty Incidence

Area	Poverty Incidence
Nepal	17.4
Urban	12.3
Rural	28.0
Province 1	15.9
Madhesh Province	24.2
Bagmati Province	7.0
Gandaki Province	9.6
Lumbini Province	18.2
Karnali Province	39.5
Sudurpaschim Province	25.3

Source : Nepal Multidimensional Poverty Index 2021, NPC

###: Based on Previous 58 Municipalities

#: Based on Previous 3915 Village Development Committes

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	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21*	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
Paddy	1469.5	5151.9	1491.7	5610.0	1458.9	5550.9	1473.5	5621.7
Maize	954.2	2555.8	956.4	2713.6	957.7	2835.7	979.8	2997.7
Wheat	706.8	1949.0	704.0	2005.7	707.5	2185.3	711.0	2127.3
Barley	24.6	30.5	24.4	30.5	24.4	31.1	21.9	29.4
Buckwheat	10.3	11.5	10.3	11.5	10.4	11.7	13.9	15.9
Millet	263.5	314.0	263.3	314.2	262.5	321.0	265.4	326.4

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, * Estimated

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

Cash Crops	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21*				
Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production			
Sugarcane	78.6	3679.5	71.6	3557.9	68.6	3400.2	64.4	3183.9
Jute	7.5	11.2	7.3	10.6	7.6	10.2	7.4	10.5
Oil Seed	224.6	245.9	260.3	280.5	258.1	278.3	259.1	287.0
Rubber	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2
Potato	195.2	2881.8	194.0	3112.9	188.1	3131.8	198.8	3325.2

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, * Estimated

Number of Livestock

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

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development * Estimated

Health Services

Health Human Resources

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

Source: Nepal Nursing Council

*: Nepal Medical Council

Some Indicators of Private Hospital

Year	2013	Year	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

Health Facilities Under MoHP

Facilities	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Hospitals	125	130	134	201
Primary Health Centers	198	196	194	189
Health Posts	3808	3805	3767	3794
Hospital Beds(Available)	7105	8360	8356	9239

Source: Department of Health Services

Family Planning Users

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

Source: Department of Health Services

Education

Number of School, Teacher, and Student

Grade	2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21		
	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student	School	Teacher	Student*
Basic level (Grade 1-5)	35211	201075	3970016	34667	198451	3730602	35063	200177	3543862	34138	161793	3548636
Basic level (Grade 6-8)	15632	58345	1866716	16065	54071	1824777	16770	54401	1775142	17228	57360	1777344
Secondary level (Grade 9-10)	9171	42817	970720	9985	43187	1027512	10644	43497	1040976	10902	49571	1079363
Secondary level (Grade 11-12)	3781	21420	584072	3728	18511	631634	4187	18659	661642	4310	12041	687616
Total	35601	323657	7391524	64445	314220	7214255	66664	316734	7021622	66578	280765	7092959

Sources: Centre for Education and Human Resource Development

* data till Mid-March of Fiscal Year 2020/21

Students Enrolled in Higher Education

Faculty	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Science and Technology	31634	30164	37026	37342
Management	147949	198325	204855	202756
Humanities and Social Science	49149	55949	48433	58889
Education	83610	75803	75957	89149
Law	1236	2054	9857	9819
Engineering	28019	27792	29018	29800
Medicine	25754	25797	28251	27774
Forestry	360	2155	1892	1921
Agriculture and Animal Science	2629	4817	5544	6127
Sanskrit	251</			

Nepal Standard Industrial Classification (NSIC) 2018/19 2019/20 2020/21* 2021/22*

Arts, entertainment and recreation;
Other service activities; and Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at basic prices
Taxes less subsidies on products
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
Source: CBS
R: Revised, P: Preliminary

Public Income and Expenditure Rs. '00000'

Year	Actual 020/21	Revised 021/22	Estimate 022/23
1. Revenue	9763094	11524246	14031470
i. Taxes	8701136	10080809	12953758
ii. Non-tax Revenue	657757	899794	1077712
iii. Cash Balance of last year and Irregularities	404201	543643	0
2. Revenue-Sharing	1109415	1338981	1630291
3. Revenue to be deposited in federal treasury	8653679	10185265	12401179
4. Grants	364814	248091	554583
5. Revenue and grants from federal government	9018493	10433356	12955762
6. Expenditure	10750534	12719573	15636196
i. Recurrent Expenditure	4517020	5777990	7534029
ii. Capital Expenditure	2288361	3000930	3803845
iii. Fiscal Transfer	3945153	3940653	4298322
7. Budget Surplus(-)/Deficit(+)(6-5)	1732041	2286217	2680434
8. Financial Management	-2753256	-2286217	-2680434
9. Domestic Financial Assets	612006	957840	967579
10. Net Internal Loan	1917	6155	3500
11. Domestic Net Borrowing	-1870989	-1853999	-1654077
12. External net Borrowing	-1496190	-1396213	-1997436
13. Total Income	12987975	14475171	17938373

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

Summary of Balance of Payments (Rs. in Million)

Particulars	2018/19	2019/20 ^a	2020/21 ^a
A. Current Account	-266,970.4	-33,763.1	-333,671.9
Goods: exports f.o.b.	113,686.2	108,288.1	143,744.6
Goods: imports f.o.b.	-1,398,875.7	-1,169,261.4	-1,499,201.6
Balance on Goods	-1,285,189.5	-1,060,973.3	-1,355,456.9
Service: Net	-14,357.0	-964.7	-72,852.5
Services: credit	185,739.2	156,349.8	79,069.9
Services: debit	-200,096.2	-157,314.5	-151,922.4
Balance on Goods and Services	-1,299,546.5	-1,061,938.0	-1,428,309.5
Income : Net	35,821.9	45,953.6	23,285.5
Income: credit	75,704.2	68,055.4	60,878.6
Income: debit	-39,882.3	-22,101.8	-37,593.0
Balance on Goods, Services and Income	-1,263,724.6	-1,015,984.4	-1,405,023.9
Transfers: Net	996,754.2	982,221.3	1,071,352.0
Current transfers: credit	1,005,693.4	987,673.5	1,077,414.0
Current transfers: debit	-8,939.2	-5,452.3	-6,062.0
B. Capital Account (Capital Transfer)	15,458.7	14,213.2	15,263.7
C. Financial Account (exclu.group E)	97,089.4	278,748.5	230,671.8
D. Miscellaneous Items, Net	97,089.4	56,917.2	85,059.4
E. Reserves and Related Items	56,762.9	-316,115.7	2,677.0
Change in Net Foreign Assets (-increase)	67,400.5	-282,409.5	-1,226.7

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

Consumer Price Index (2014/15=100)

Area	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21	
	Overall Index	Food & Beverages & Services	Overall Index	Food & Beverages & Services	Overall Index	Food & Beverages & Services	Overall Index	Food & Beverages & Services
National	119.6	116.1	122.4	125.1	119.7	129.6	132.8	129.5
Kathmandu	118.8	118.7	118.8	124.5	122.5	125.8	133.2	132.5
Hill	122.9	116.7	128.6	129.0	121.8	135.7	135.6	131.0
Terai	118.4	114.3	121.7	123.6	117.2	128.8	131.2	127.0
Mountain	119.8	117.0	124.2	125.7	120.7	133.5	131.9	127.4

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual Average.

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

Groups	Weight (%)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Overall Index	100.00	100.00	106.23	113.52	122.15
Primary	33.59	100.00	106.12	118.89	131.25
Fuel and Power	31.27	100.00	112.65	113.78	115.93
Manufactured commodities	3.10	100.00	105.31	110.36	117.98

Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Annual Average.

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

Groups	Weight	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Overall Index	100.00	449.43	491.07	537.45	546.00
Salary Index	26.97	368.58	393.14	446.04	446.40
Wage Rate Index	73.03	479.29	527.24	571.21	582.70

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
1. Overall IPICS (Material & Labour)	126.60	133.02	134.40	NA
i. Aggregated Index of Construction Material	117.86	122.91	120.40	NA
ii. Aggregated Index of Wage	147.49	157.17	167.90	NA
2. Overall Manufacturing Production Index	116.17	124.53	113.50	118.64
3. Overall Industrial Production Index	118.98	125.22	118.29	123.75
4. Overall Manufacturing Producer's Price Index	116.52	123.47	122.70	131.58
5. Overall Industrial Producer's Price Index	116.84	123.12	122.25	128.01
6. Agriculture Producer Price Index (APPI)	128.18	132.19	143.66	152.97

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics

Monetary Survey Rs. in million

Year	2019	2020	2021 ^f	2022 ^p
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
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	1,367,115.6	1,512,043.7	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, P: Projected

Communication

Number of Registered Newspapers	2018	2019	2020	2021
Daily	728	733	739	745
Half-Weekly	40	39	38	40
Weekly	3054	2943	2951	2966
Fortnightly	484	473	476	480
Monthly	2333	2333	2344	2350
Two Monthly	384	382	381	385
Quarterly	631	641	645	651
Four Monthly	39	38	39	40
Half-Yearly	86	86	87	87
Yearly	91	93	90	98
Total	7870	9780	7790	7842

Source: Department of Information

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

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

Source: Economic Survey 2020/21, MoF

Vehicles Registered

Vehicle Types	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22*
Bus	2972	3722	2282	3400	2142
Mini Bus./Minitruck	1973	2409	998	3078	2640
Truck/Dozer/Crane/Exavator	12154	13425	4112	6339	5651
Car/Jeep/Van	24338	23019	11211	19140	17081
Pickup	10342	9759	4347	9317	5956
Microbus	1934	2330	393	563	474
Tempo	16209	11025	5764	14944	9710
Motorcycle	341623	282997	209671	556819	360249
Tractor/Power teller	13396	12220	5160	11549	7319
E-Rikshaw	12325	8952	1068	3512	4748
Others	348	380	216	678	456
Total	437614	370238	245222	629339	416426

Source: Economic Survey 2020/21, MoF

: * (Till Mid-March 2022)

Tourism

Tourist Arrival	2018	2019	2020	2021
By Air	969287	995884	183130	150625
By Land	203785	201307	46955	337
Annual Rate of Change(%)	25	2.1	-80.7	-34.3

Gross Foreign Exchange Earnings (in convertible currencies '000 US\$')

	703179	724337	217007	112509
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Source: Department of Tourism

Electricity (GWH)

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021*
Peak Demand(MW)	1508.16	1320.28	1408.00	1482.00
Generation Total(NEA)	2308.37	2548.11	3021.00	2811.00
Hydro Electricity Generation(NEA)	2308.24	2547.99	3021.00	2811.00
Thermal Generation(NEA)	0.13	0.12	0.00	
Power Purchase Total	4749.56	5003.12	4720.00	6067.00
Power Purchase From India	2581.8	2813.07	1729.00	2826.00
Power Purchase From IPPS	2167.76	2190.05	2991.00	3241.00
Available Energy	7057.93	7551.23	7741.00	8878.00

Source: Nepal Electricity Authority(NEA), (* Provisional Figures Subject to Audit)

Use of Electricity (GWH)

Types of Uses	2018	2019	2020	2021*
Total	5560	6338	6529	7318
Households	2442	2666	2852	3138
Industrial	2074	2422	2301	2816
Commercial	408	466	487	511
Export	3	35	107	44
Other	633.87	751	777	809

Source: Nepal Electricity Authority(NEA), (* Provisional Figures Subject to Audit)

Other Energy Consumption (Kiloliter)

Source of Energy	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Petrol	407270	488675	566827	512128	591700
Diesel	1319873	1588869	1714917	1473536	1696202
Kerosene	19607	22337	25004	18924	23584
Aviation Turbine Fuel	164836	197220	200108	137424	72264
Light Diesel	0	0	0	0	0
Furnace	36	0	0	0	0
LPG IN MT	312928	370560	429609	449063	477752
Mineral Turpentine	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Nepal Oil Corporation, FO= Furnace Oil, M.T.= Metric Ton, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (M.T.)

Miscellaneous

Number of Refugees

Country of Origin	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Bhutanese	7422	66				