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CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS
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Introduction

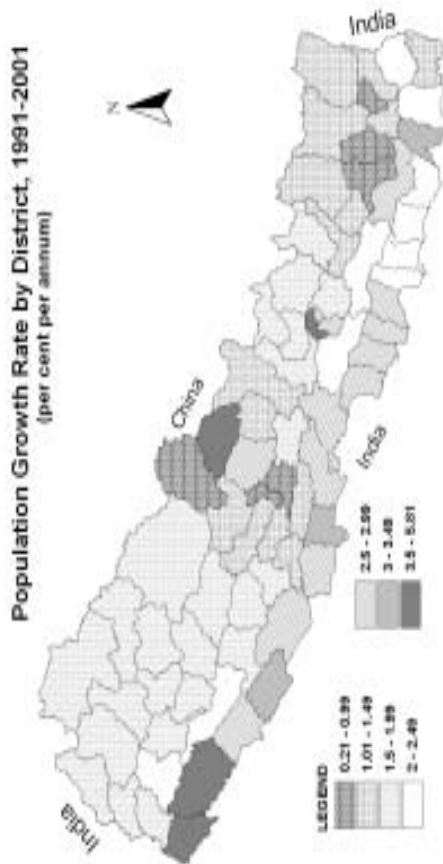
Situated in the lap of Himalaya, Nepal is located in between the latitude 26° 22' N to 30° 27' North and longitude 80° 4' E to 88° 12' East and elevation ranges from 90 to 8848 meters. The average length being 885 km. east to west and average breadth is about 193 km. north to south. The country is bordering between the two most populous countries of the world, India in the east, south, west and China in the north. Nepal is a land locked country and home place of natural beauty with traces of artifacts. The northern range (Himalaya) is covered with snow over the year where the highest peak of the world, the Mount Everest, stands. The middle range (Hill) is captured by gorgeous mountains, high peaks, hills, valleys and lakes. The Southern range (Terai) is the gangaitic plain of alluvial soil and consist of dense forest area, national parks, wildlife reserves and conservation areas. The temperature and rainfall differ from place to place. In the geographic diversity and varied climatic conditions census 2001 enumerated more than 100 caste/ethnic groups. Population projected for the year 2006 is 25.8 million. Nepal presents an example of being united in diversity over the history and has maintained its pride to be an independent and sovereign state.

Geographically, the country is divided in three regions: Mountain, Hill and Terai accommodating 7.3, 44.3 and 48.4 percent of the population respectively in 2001. Based on area of districts these regions comprise 35, 42 and 23 percent respectively of the total land area of the kingdom. There are 5 development regions - Eastern Development Region, Central Development Region, Western Development Region, Mid-Western Development Region and Far-Western Development Region accomodating

23.1, 34.7, 19.7, 13.0, 9.5 percent of population respectively in 2001 . There are 75 administrative districts. Districts are further divided into smaller units, called Village Development Committee (VDC) and Municipality. Currently, there are 3,915 VDCs and 58 Municipalities in the country. Each VDC is composed of 9 wards, Municipality ward ranges from 9 to 35. Kathmandu is the capital city.

There are number of peaks, rivers and lakes in the country. Major peaks are - Mount Everest (8848 m.) the highest peak of the world, Mt. Kanchanjanga (8586 m.) the third highest peak of the world and the second highest in the country, and Mt. Lhotse (8516 m.). Major rivers are - Koshi, Gandaki and Karnali. Major lakes are - Rara, She-foksundo, Phewa, Tilicho etc.

Economic growth of the country has not improved substantially over time to overtake population growth. As the current population growth is 2.25 percent per annum, the gain achieved by development activities has been overshadowed by growing population. Little over half (58.2%) of the population of working age reported usually economically active in 2001. Population Census 2001 reports that 53.1 percent population of age 10 years & over are employed and 5.1 percent are unemployed. Contribution of non agricultural activities are gradually increasing in the GDP. The preliminary estimates of per capita GDP and per capita GNI in terms of US dollar are 315 and 322 at a current price respectively for the year 2005/06. 31 percent of the population are below the absolute poverty line. The currency is Nepalese Rupee.



Total Area of the Kingdom		147181 Sq.Km.	
		<u>2001</u>	<u>2006^p</u>
Population⁽¹⁾	Total	23151423	25886736
	Male	11563921	12963722
	Female	11587502	12923014
	No. of Households	4253220	

Population Distribution by Age Group 2001[#]

		0-4	5-14	15-59	60 ⁺	Total
All	Total	2755213	6193374	12310968	1477379	22736934
	Male	1395715	3166893	6051930	744840	11359378
	Female	1359498	3026481	6259038	732539	11377556
Rural	Total	2448976	5432335	10334164	1293580	19509055
	Male	1238853	2773987	5026350	655826	9695016
	Female	1210123	2658348	5307814	637754	9814039
Urban	Total	306237	761039	1976804	183799	3227879
	Male	156862	392906	1025580	89014	1664362
	Female	149375	368133	951224	94785	1563517

Vital Statistics ⁽¹⁾

	2001	2006	
Crude Birth Rate	33.1	30.00	per 1000 population
Crude Death Rate	9.6	8.7	per 1000 population
Total Fertility Rate	4.1	3.5	per woman
Infant Mortality Rate	64.4		per 1000 live birth
Child Mortality Rate	91.2		Per 1000 live birth
Life Expectancy (yrs.) at Birth	60.4	63.3	
Male Life Expectancy at Birth	60.1	62.9	
Female Life Expectancy at Birth	60.7	63.7	

Median Age (in year) of Population	Year	Male	Female	Total
	1991	18.4	19.4	18.9
2001	19.7	20.5	20.1	

Mean Age (Year) at Marriage

	Year	Male	Female
	1991	21.4	18.1
	2001	21.9	19.5

Population by major Ten Caste/Ethnic groups (in percent), 2001.

Chhetri	15.80	Newar	5.48
Brahman	12.74	Muslim	4.27
Magar	7.14	Kami	3.94
Tharu	6.75	Yadav	3.94
Tamang	5.64	Rai	2.79

P: Population projected. [#] Enumerated population.
+ and above.

Population by major five Mother Tongue (in percent), 2001.

Nepali	48.61
Maithili	12.30
Bhojpuri	7.53
Tharu	5.86
Tamang	5.19

Population by Religion (in percent), 2001.

Hindu	80.62
Bouddha	10.74
Islam	4.20
Kirat	3.60
Christian	0.45
Others	0.40

Agriculture

Total Area of Agricultural Holdings⁽¹⁾ (2001/02) 3364139 Ha.

a. Food Grains⁽²⁾

	2003/04		2004/05	
	Area	Production	Area	Production
Paddy	1559	4456	1541	4289
Maize	834	1590	8498	1716
Wheat	665	1387	675	1442
Barley	27	30	26	29
Millet	259	283	258	289

b. Cash Crops⁽²⁾

Sugarcane	59	2305	59	2376
Oil Seed	187	133	187	141
Tobacco	3	3	3	3
Potato	143	1643	146	1738

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

c. Livestock (Estimated; '000) ⁽²⁾	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Cattle	6954	6966	6994
Buffaloes	3840	3953	4081
Sheep	828	824	816
Goats	6792	6980	7153

Irrigation⁽³⁾

Irrigated Area upto 2004/05 Hectares 1012732

Health Services⁽³⁾

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Hospitals	83	87	89
Hospital Beds	5250	6796	6796
Health Posts	700	699	699
Health Centers	10	6	6
Sub Health Posts	3141	3131	3131
Primary Health Centers	180	180	180
Doctors ⁺	1259	1259	1259
Health Assistant (H.A. & A.H.W)	7491	7491	7491

+ Nepal Government Employed only.

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Nurses & A. N. M.**	10099	11637	11637
Kaviraj*	387	387	387
Vaidya	354	354	354
Ayurvedic Services Centers**	287	287	293
Health Workers (M.C.H.W.)	3190	3190	3190
Village Level Health Workers	3985	3985	3985
Other Health Workers (Trained Sudeni, Women Health Volunteers)	62546	62546	62546

Family Planning ⁽³⁾

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
New Acceptors of Contraceptions('000 Couples)	519	536	529

Education

a. School Education ⁽⁴⁾

	2004			2005		
	School	Enrolled Teacher	Student	School	Enrolled Teacher	Student
Primary	24746	70555	4030045	27525	69316	4502697
Lower Sec.	7436	14806	1444997	8471	13910	1374796
Secondary	4547	12379	587566	5039	11219	587177
Total	26277	97740	6062608	28026	94445	6464670

b. Higher Education⁽⁵⁾

	Students enrolled [#]		
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Faculty	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Education	22359	22831	25394
Medicine	1667	1640	1543
Forestry	358	348	437
Agriculture & Animal Science	562	581	643
Engineering	4276	4307	4050
Science & Technology	11433	11394	12218
Humanities & Social Sciences	60530	46296	51084
Management	37139	34740	36578
Law	1378	692	830
Sanskrit	1144	1394	-

c. Literacy Rate (in %), 2001.

Male 65.5, Female 42.8, Total 54.1

Manufacturing Establishments (Some Indicators)2001/02⁽¹⁾

Region	No. of Estbts	Census	Census	Census
		Inputs	Outputs	Value Added
		(In million Rs.)	(in millionRs.)	(in million Rs.)
Eastern	825	17015	24169	7153
Central	1496	36096	57056	20960
Western	583	6112	9737	3625

++ Registered in Nepal Nursing Council, * Including Officer Kaviraj & Vaidyas.

Mid -Western	153	2070	2672	602
Far -Western	156	913	1176	263
Total	3213	62206	94810	32603
No of person engaged		191,853		
No of employees		181,943		

Total value of shipment of Some commodities (in million Rs.)⁽¹⁾

	1996/97	2001/02
Commodities	1480	2359
Beer	711	1544
Liquor	1413	2110
Sugar	252	643
Processed Tea	3676	5261
Cigarette	1297	2015
Soap (Toilet & Washing)	639	939
Cotton Clothes	1282	2068
Cement	3762	5570
Garments	447	641
Processed Leather	1387	8025
Vegetable Ghee	7273	3077
Woolen Carpet		

Gross Domestic Product at Current Prices by Industry (Million Rs.)⁽¹⁾

	2003/04	2004/05 ^R	2005/06 ^P
Agri., Fisheries & Forestry	183117	194363	212827
Mining & Quarring	2377	2530	2669
Manufacturing	36634	39286	41768
Electricity, Gas & Water	11355	11892	12508
Construction	49029	52922	56558
Trade, Restaurant & Hotel	49718	50168	56139
Transport, Communication & Storage	43668	48724	55919
Finance & Real Estate	51940	58335	64937
Community & Social Services	47081	50431	54544
Less Imputed Value of Bank Service Charges	15135	17027	18764
Total GDP at Factor Cost	459784	491624	539106
Plus Indirect Taxes (Net)	36961	41914	43842
GDP at Producers Prices	496745	533538	582948

Some Important Macro Economic Indicators (in %) ⁽¹⁾

	2003/04	2004/05 ^R	2005/06 ^P
Consumption/GDP	87.44	87.57	88.90
Investment/GDP	26.37	28.89	30.27
Gross Domestic Saving/GDP	12.56	12.43	11.10
Export/GDP	18.03	16.11	18.55
Import/GDP	31.84	32.57	37.72
Export/ Import	0.57	0.49	0.49

R: Revised Estimate, P: Preliminary Estimates,

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Summary of Govt. Income & Expenditure (In million Rs.) ⁽⁶⁾			
	2004/05 ^A	2005/06 ^R	2006/07 ^E
Total Expenditure	70123	73500	85376
Tax Revenue	54105	59963	69932
Existing Sources			66298
Tariff Ad.& Adm. Reform			3633
Non Tax Revenue	14770	1301	14534
Existing Sources			13616
Tariff Ad.& Adm. Reform			918
Principal Refund	1248	522	910
Total Expenditure	102560	112075	143912
Recurrrent	61686	69067	83768
Capital	27341	28802	44976
Principal Repayment	13533	14206	15168
Sur.(+) Def.(-) Before Foreign Grant	-32438	-38575	-58537
Foreign Grant	14391	13808	23729
Bilateral	9104	8087	13451
Multilateral	5287	5721	10277
Sur.(+) Def.(-) After Foreign Grant	-18047	-24767	-34808
Sources of Deficit Financing			
Foreign Loan	9266	9417	16908
Bilateral	126	65	2655
Multilateral	9140	9351	14253
Domestic Borrowings	8938	11850	17900
Cash Balance Surplus(+)/ Deficit (-)	158	-3500	

Communication⁽⁷⁾

a. Number of Regd. Newspapers		Upto 2005/06	
Daily			274
Half Weekly			15
Weekly			1467
Fortnightly			284
Monthly			1280
Two Monthly			278
Three Monthly			395
Quarterly			31
Half Yearly			57
Yearly			71
Total			4152

b. Postal Services	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Regional Post Offices	5	5	5
District Post Offices	70	70	70
Ilaka Post Offices	842	842	842
Additional Post Offices	3074	3074	3074
Total Post Offices	3991	3991	3991

a. Types of Road (length in km.)	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Black-topped	4811	4871	5301
Gravelled	4595	4697	4613
Earthen	7541	7614	7366
Total	16947	17182	17280

b. Vehicle Registered (Up to mid-July 2005/06)⁽⁸⁾

Type	Number
Car/Jeep/Van	83109
Bus/MiniBus	18541
Truck/Tanker/Dozer/Crane/Tipper/Damfar	29157
Tampo	7298
Motorcycle	322167
Tractor	34336
Others	4013

Tourism⁽¹⁰⁾

	2003	2004	2005
Incoming Tourists			
By Air (No. in '000)	275	297	277
(%)	81	77	74
By Land (No. in '000)	63	88	98
(%)	19	23	26
Annual Rate of Change (%)	22.7	13.9	-2.6

Gross Foreign exchange

Earning ('000 US \$)	2003	2004	2005
	192832	179941	148441

Energy⁽¹¹⁾

a. Electricity (MWH)

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Hydro Generation	2464566	2185872	2387637
Diesel Generation	4462	9920	13668
Import from India	135636	185647	241389
Export to India	187511	139079	110702
Electricity loss	910481	545394	656194

b. Consumers by Type of Consumption

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Domestic	611403	684246	758189
Industrial	631113	697574	764000
Commercial	92850	107760	109308
Others	171393	207444	244356
Total	1506759	1697024	1875853

c. Other Energy Consumptions

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Petrol (In K.Litre)	67457	67587	75989
Diesel (In K.Litre)	299973	299730	315368
Kerosene (In K.Litre)	348683	310826	239328

A: Actual Expenditure, R: Revised Estimate, E: Estimate.

Consumer Price Indices ⁽¹²⁾

(Base Year 1995/96 = 100)

	National	Kathmandu	Hill	Terai
2003/04				
Food and Beverages	147.8	145.6	153.0	149.2
Other Goods and Services	161.8	155.0	160.8	166.4
Overall Index	154.8	150.1	156.6	156.9

2004/05

Food and Beverages	154.7	151.8	158.8	155.0
Other Goods and Services	170.1	163.8	168.8	174.5
Overall Index	168.8	157.6	163.5	163.8

Monetary Survey (Billion Rs.) ⁽¹²⁾

	Mid - July		
	2002	2003	2004 ^P
Money Supply	77.16	83.75	93.97
Currency held by public	55.66	56.89	63.22
Demand Deposit held by public	21.50	26.87	30.75

Foreign Trade (Billion Rs.) ⁽¹²⁾

	2002/03	2003/04 ^R	2004/05 ^R
Total exports	49.93	53.91	58.20
To India	26.43	30.78	39.40
To other countries	23.50	23.13	18.78
Total imports	124.35	136.28	132.18
From India	70.92	78.74	85.83
From other countries	53.43	57.54	46.35
Trade Balance	-74.42	-82.37	-73.95
With India	-44.49	-47.96	-46.38
With other countries	-29.93	-34.40	-27.56

Miscellaneous ⁽¹³⁾**Refugee**

	2004 (May)	2005(June)	2006(April)
Bhutanese			
Male	53171	53891	54486
Female	51069	51657	52261
Total	104240	105548	106747

Natural Disaster

	2004/05	2005/06
Persons dead	137	141
Affected Families	14635	2088
Property Loss (Million Rs.) ^E	261.12	131.5

P: Provisional, R : Revised, E : Estimated

PRINCIPAL INDICATORS

Projected Population for 2006	25886736
Life expectancy at birth, 2006	63.3(Yrs.)
Literate Population %, 2001	54.1
Per capita GDP at Current Prices (NRS.), 2005/06	22540
Per capita GNP at Current Prices (NRS.), 2005/06	23032
Percent change in G.D.P. for 2004/05 - 2005/06	2.3
GDP deflator for 2004/05-2005/06	7.13
Population growth rate(1991-2001, % per annum)	2.25
Average household size, 2001	5.44
% Urban population (based on total 23.1 million pop ⁿ), 2001	13.9
% of population below poverty line, 2003/04, Nepal	31
% of population below poverty line, 2003/04, Urban	10
% of population below poverty line, 2003/04, Rural	35

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