

COUNTRY PROFILE

BANGLADESH



Location: Southern Asia, bordering the Bay of Bengal, between Burma and India

Capital: Dhaka

Government Type: Parliamentary Republic

Area:

Total: 148,460 sq km

Land: 130,170 sq km

Water: 18,290 sq km

Population: 156,186,882 (July 2016 est.)

Population Density: (per sq KM) 1,237 (2015)

Population Growth Rate: 1.05% (2016 est.)

Population below Poverty Line: 31.5% (2010 est.)

Ethnic Groups: Bengali at least 98%, ethnic groups 1.1%

Climate: Tropical; mild winter (October to March); hot, humid summer (March to June); humid, warm rainy monsoon (June to October)

Natural Resources: Natural gas, arable land, timber, coal

Languages: Bengali 98.8% (official, also known as Bengali), other 1.2% (2011 est.)

Religions: Muslim 89.1%, Hindu 10%, other 0.9% (includes Buddhist, Christian) (2013 est.)

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 70.1%, (arable land 59%; permanent crops 6.5%; permanent pasture 4.6%)

Forest: 11.1%

Other: 18.8% (2011 est.)

Natural Hazards: Droughts; cyclones; much of the country routinely inundated during the summer monsoon season

Literacy: 61.5%

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 6.9% (2016 est.)

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$3,900 (2016 est.)

Exports: \$33.32 billion (2016 est.)

Export Commodities: Garments, knitwear, agricultural products, frozen food (fish and seafood), jute and jute goods, leather etc.

Improved Drinking Water Source: 86.9% of population

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 60.6% of population