

# COUNTRY PROFILE

## NEPAL



**Location:** Southern Asia, between China and India

**Capital:** Kathmandu

**Government Type:** Federal Parliamentary Republic

**Area:**

Total: 147,181 sq km

Land: 143,351 sq km

Water: 3,830 sq km

**Population:** 29,033,914 (July 2016 est.)

**Population Density:** (per sq KM) 199 (2015)

**Population Growth Rate:** 1.24% (2016 est.)

**Population below Poverty Line:** 25.2% (2011 est.)

**Ethnic Groups:** Chhettri 16.6%, Brahman-Hill 12.2%, Magar 7.1%, Tharu 6.6%, Tamang 5.8%, Newar 5%, Kami 4.8%, Muslim 4.4%, Yadav 4%, Rai 2.3%, Gurung 2%, Damai/Dholii 1.8%, Thakuri 1.6%, Limbu 1.5%, Sarki 1.4%, Teli 1.4%, Chamar/Harijan/Ram 1.3%, Koiri/Kushwaha 1.2%, other 19%

**Climate:** Varies from cool summers and severe winters in north to subtropical summers and mild winters in south

**Natural Resources:** Quartz, water, timber, hydropower, scenic beauty, small deposits of lignite, copper, cobalt, iron ore

**Languages:** Nepali (official) 44.6%, Maithali 11.7%, Bhojpuri 6%, Tharu 5.8%, Tamang 5.1%, Newar 3.2%, Magar 3%, Bajjika 3%, Urdu 2.6%, Avadhi 1.9%, Limbu 1.3%, Gurung 1.2%, other 10.4%, unspecified 0.2%

**Religions:** Hindu 81.3%, Buddhist 9%, Muslim 4.4%, Kirant 3.1%, Christian 1.4%, other 0.5%, unspecified 0.2% (2011 est.)

**Land Use:**

Agricultural Land: 28.8% (arable land 15.1%; permanent crops 1.2%; permanent pasture 12.5%)

Forest: 25.4%

Other: 45.8% (2011 est.)

**Natural Hazards:** Severe thunderstorms; flooding; landslides; drought and famine depending on the timing, intensity, and duration of the summer monsoon

**Literacy:** 63.9%

**GDP - Real Growth Rate:** 0.6% (2016 est.)

**GDP - Per Capita (PPP):** \$2,500 (2016 est.)

**Exports:** \$898.4 million (2016 est.)

**Export Commodities:** Clothing, pulses, carpets, textiles, juice, jute goods

**Improved Drinking Water Source:** 91.6% of population

**Improved Sanitation Facility Access:** 45.8% of population