

# 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: 30,547,580 (2022) (UN- World development prospects)

Rural Population: 23, 440, 813 (2021)

Population Density: (per sq KM) 208 (2022)

Population Growth Rate: 1.71% (UN- World development prospects)

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: 28.75% (2021) (arable land 14.75% (2021); permanent crops 1.48% (2021); permanent pasture 12.5%)

Forest: 41.59% (2021)

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: 71.15% (2021)WB

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 4.2% (2021) WB

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$4,209.76 (2021)

Exports: \$1,890M (2021)

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

Improved Drinking Water Source: 90% ( 2020). UNECEF & WHO

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 62.14% of population (2020)