

## 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: 30,896,590 WDI-2023

Rural Population: 24,129,310 (2023)

Population Density: (per sq KM) 209.52 2021 WDI

Population Growth Rate: 1.13% 2023 WDI

Population below Poverty Line: 20.3% (2022) WDI

Ethnic Groups: Chhettri 16.5%, Brahman-Hill 11.3%, Magar 6.9%, Tharu 6.2%, Tamang 5.6%, Bishwokarma 5%, Musalman 4.9%, Newar 4.6%, Yadav 4.2%, Rai 2.2%, Pariyar 1.9%, Gurung 1.9%, Thakuri 1.7%, Mijar 1.6%, Teli 1.5%, Yakthung/Limbu 1.4%, Chamar/Harijan/Ram 1.4%, Koiri/Kushwaha 1.2%, other 20%.

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) 44.9%, Maithali 11.1%, Bhojpuri 6.2%, Tharu 5.9%, Tamang 4.9%, Bajjika 3.9%, Avadhi 3%, Nepalbhasha (Newari) 3%, Magar Dhut 2.8%, Doteli 1.7%, Urdu 1.4%, Yakthung/Limbu 1.2%, Gurung 1.1%, other 8.9%.

Religions: Hindu 81.2%, Buddhist 8.2%, Muslim 5.1%, Kirat 3.2%, Christian 1.8%, other 0.5%.

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 26.1% (2022) FAO. (Arable land 48.2% (2022) FAO/ Permanent crops 3.9% (2022) FAO/ Permanent meadows and pastures 47.9% (2022)

Forest: 41.59% 2021 WDI

Other: 32.31%

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

Literacy: 71.15% WDI 2021

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 1.95% WDI 2023

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$1,091.89 WDI 2023

Exports: \$1,890M (2021).

Exports Commodities: Clothing, pulses, carpets, textiles, juice, jute goods.

Improved Drinking Water Source: 91.23% of population (2022) WDI.

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 80.39%. of population (2022) WDI