

# Nepal



<b>Area</b>	: <i>Total:</i> 147,181 sq km : <i>Land:</i> 143,181 sq km
<b>Population</b>	: 28,901,790 (July 2007 est.)
<b>Population growth rate</b>	: 2.132% (2007 est.)
<b>Languages</b>	: Nepali 47.8%, Maithali 12.1%, Bhojpuri 7.4%, Tharu (Dagaura/Rana) 5.8%, Tamang 5.1%, Newar 3.6%, Magar 3.3%, Awadhi 2.4%, other 10%, unspecified 2.5% (2001 census)
<b>Religions</b>	: Hindu 80.6%, Buddhist 10.7%, Muslim 4.2%, Kirant 3.6%, other 0.9% (2001 census)
<b>Ethnic groups</b>	: Chhettri 15.5%, Brahman-Hill 12.5%, Magar 7%, Tharu 6.6%, Tamang 5.5%, Newar 5.4%, Muslim 4.2%, Kami 3.9%, Yadav 3.9%, other 32.7%, unspecified 2.8% (2001 census)
<b>Climate</b>	: varies from cool summers and severe winters in north to subtropical summers and mild winters in south
<b>Natural resources</b>	: quartz, water, timber, hydropower, scenic beauty, small deposits of lignite, copper, cobalt, iron ore

<b>Literacy rate</b>	: <i>Total population: 48.6%</i> <i>Male: 62.7%</i> <i>Female: 34.9% (2001 census)</i>
<b>Currency</b>	: Nepalese rupee (NPR)
<b>Time difference with Sri Lanka</b>	: Exactly the same
<b>National day</b>	: Birthday of King GYANENDRA (7 July)
<b>Main cities with population</b>	: Kathmandu (capital) 1.5 million (2005) Latipur 200,000 (2006) Pokara 190,000 (2005) Biratnagar 166,674 (2001)
<b>GDP (PPP)</b>	: \$41.18 billion (2006 est.)
<b>GDP - real growth rate</b>	: 1.9% (2006 est.)
<b>GDP - per capita (PPP)</b>	: \$1,500 (2006 est.)
<b>GDP – composition by sectors</b>	: <i>Agriculture: 38%</i> <i>Industry: 20%</i> <i>Services: 42% (FY05/06 est.)</i>
<b>Exchange rate</b>	: Nepalese rupees per US dollar - 72.446 (2006)
<b>Major Industries</b>	: tourism, carpet, textile; small rice, jute, sugar, and oilseed mills; cigarettes, cement and brick production
<b>Major Exports</b>	: carpets, clothing, leather goods, jute goods, grain
<b>Major Imports</b>	: gold, machinery and equipment, petroleum products, fertilizer
<b>Major Markets</b>	: India 53.7%, US 17.4%, Germany 7.1% (2005)
<b>Major Suppliers</b>	: India 47.7%, UAE 11.2%, China 10.8%, Saudi Arabia 4.9%, Kuwait 4.2% (2005)