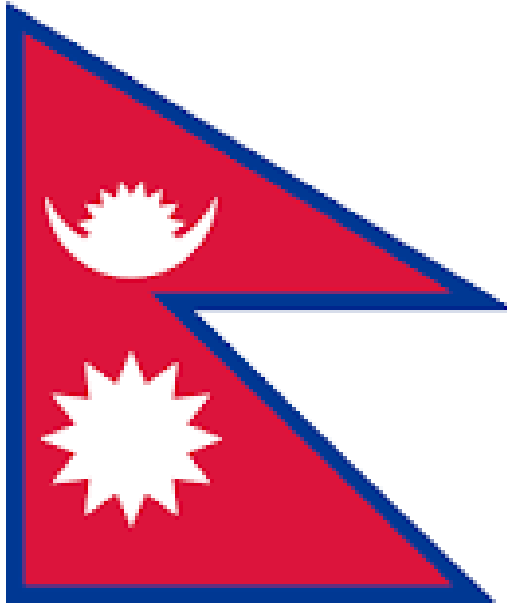


## FAST FACTS ON NEPAL



**Capital:** Kathmandu

**Nationality:** Nepali (singular and plural)

**Population:** 30,986,975 (July 2014 est.)

**Religions:** Hindu 81.3%, Buddhist 9%, Muslim 4.4%, Kirant 3.1%, Christian 1.4%, other 0.5%, unspecified 0.2%

**Area:** 147,181 square kilometers (56,827 square miles)

**Official language:** Nepali

**National symbol(s):** rhododendron blossom

**National anthem:** "Sayaun Thunga Phool Ka" (Hundreds of Flowers)

**Flag:** Nepal is the only country in the world whose flag is not rectangular or square

**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% *note:* 125 caste/ethnic groups were reported in the 2011 national census (2011 est.)

**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% *note:* 123 languages reported as mother tongue in 2011 national census; many in government and business also speak English (2011 est.)

**Land boundaries total:** 2,926 km

**Border countries:** China 1,236 km, India 1,690 km

**Coastline:** 0 km (landlocked)

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

**Terrain:** Tarai or flat river plain of the Ganges in south, central hill region, rugged Himalayas in north

**Elevation extremes:** Kanchan Kalan 70 m (lowest point) and Mount Everest 8,850 m (highest)

point in Asia)

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

**Land use:** arable land: 16%, permanent crops: 0.8%, other: 83.2% (2011)

**GDP composition, by sector of origin:** agriculture: 36.8%, industry: 14.5%, services: 48.7%

**Agriculture products:** pulses, rice, corn, wheat, sugarcane, jute, root crops; milk, water buffalo meat

**Industries:** tourism, carpets, textiles; small rice, jute, sugar, and oilseed mills; cigarettes, cement and brick production

**Labor force:** 16 million *note:* severe lack of skilled labor

**Labor force - by occupation:** agriculture: 75%, industry: 7%, services: 18% (2010 est.)

**Unemployment rate:** 46% (2008 est.)

**Population below poverty line:** 25.2% (2011 est.)

**Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write):** 57.4%, 71.1% (male), 46.7% (female)

**Child labor (children ages 5-14): total number:** 2,467,549 or 34 % (2008 est.)

**Table A: Nepal's HDI trends based on consistent time series data and new goalposts**

	Life expectancy at birth	Expected years of schooling	Mean years of schooling	GNI per capita (2011 PPP\$)	HDI value
1980	47.7	4.8	0.6	1,067	0.286
1985	51.2	5.9	1.2	1,125	0.330
1990	55.1	7.8	2.0	1,255	0.388
1995	58.8	8.4	2.2	1,442	0.419
2000	62.1	9.3	2.4	1,572	0.449
2005	64.8	9.9	2.7	1,722	0.477
2010	67.1	12.1	3.2	2,026	0.527
2011	67.6	12.4	3.2	2,067	0.533
2012	68.0	12.4	3.2	2,151	0.537
2013	68.4	12.4	3.2	2,194	0.540

Source: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/np.html>

Table: [http://hdr.undp.org/sites/all/themes/hdr\\_theme/country-notes/NPL.pdf](http://hdr.undp.org/sites/all/themes/hdr_theme/country-notes/NPL.pdf)



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