

NEPAL









GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Bidhya Devi BHANDARI

Head of Government

Prime Minister Khadga Prasad (KP) Sharma OLI

Government Type

federal parliamentary republic

Capital

Kathmandu

Legislature

bicameral Federal Parliament consists of: National Assembly (59 seats) and House of Representatives (275 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice and up to 20 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Arjun Kumar KARKI (since 19 May 2015)

US Ambassador

Ambassador Randy BERRY (since 25 October 2018)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 147,181 sq km Land: 143,351 sq km Water: 3,830 sq km

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

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

Nepal is among the least developed countries in the world, with about one-quarter of its population living below the poverty line.

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$79.19 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2,700 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$818.7 million (2017 est.)

partners: India 53.1%, US 11.8%, Turkey 7.2% (2017)

Imports

\$10 billion (2017 est.)

partners: India 70.2%, China 7.5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

30,327,877 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.98% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

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% (2011 est.)

Language

Nepali (official) 44.6%, Maithali 11.7%, Bhojpuri 6%, Tharu 5.8%, Tamang 5.1%, Newar 3.2%, Bajjika 3%, Magar 3%, Doteli 3%, Urdu 2.6%, Avadhi 1.9%, Limbu 1.3%, Gurung 1.2%, Baitadeli 1%, other 6.4%, unspecified 0.2% (2011 est.)

Religion

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

Urbanization

urban population: 20.6% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 3.15% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

67.9% (2018)

