NEPAL

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Bidhya Devi BHANDARI (since October 2015)
Head of Government
Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Prasad (KP) Sharma OLI (since 15 February 2018)
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)

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/Dholi 1.8%, Thakuri 1.6%, Limbu 1.5%, Sarki 1.4%, Teli 1.4%, Chamar/Harjan/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%, Avadh 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)

as of September 2020

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

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