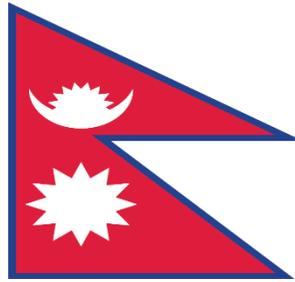




# NEPAL



## INTRODUCTION

During the late 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, the principality of Gorkha united many other principalities and states of the sub-Himalayan region into a Nepali Kingdom. Nepal retained its independence following the Anglo-Nepalese War of 1814-16 and the subsequent peace treaty laid the foundations for two centuries of amicable relations between Britain and Nepal. In 1990 a multiparty democracy within the framework of a constitutional monarchy was established.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Bidhya Devi BHANDARI

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Sher Bahadur DEUBA

### Government Type

federal parliamentary republic

### Capital

Kathmandu

### Legislature

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

## 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

low-income South Asian economy; post-conflict fiscal federalism increasing stability; COVID-19 hurt trade and tourism; widening current account deficits; environmentally fragile economy from earthquakes; growing Chinese relations and investments

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$110.7 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$3,800 (2020 est.)

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

**Agricultural products** - rice, vegetables, sugarcane, potatoes, maize, wheat, buffalo milk, milk, fruit, mangoes/guavas

**Exports** \$1.79 billion (2020 est.)

palm oil, clothing, apparel, carpets, soybean oil, flavored water (2019)

**partners:** India 68%, US10% (2019)

**Imports** \$10.68 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, iron, broadcasting equipment, natural gas, rice (2019)

**partners:** India 70%, China 15% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

30.4 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

0.81% (2021 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.)

