



NEPAL



General Information

Capital:	Kathmandu	Head of State:	H.M. King Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev
Population:	28,287,147 (July 2006)	Head of Government:	Girija Prasad KOIRALA
Life expectancy: *	60.18 (2006 est.)	National Day:	7 July
Literacy: *	48.6% (2004)	Government Type:	parliamentary democracy
Official language:	Nepali		
Exchange rate:	1 USD = 71.4 nepalese Rupees		

Selected Economic Indicators

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
GDP (Bn US \$) (current price)	5.6	5.6	5.9	6.8	7.5	8.0
GDP PPP (Bn US \$)	32.9	33.3	35.1	37.2	39.1	41.5
GDP per capita (US \$)	249.0	245.0	256.0	292.0	322.0	339.0
GDP per capita PPP (US\$)	1,463.0	1,466.0	1,532.0	1,610.0	1,675.0	1,761.0
Real GDP growth (% change YOY)	5.6	-0.6	3.3	3.8	2.7	1.9
Current account balance (Mn US \$)	270.0	249.0	150.0	200.0	165.0	264.0
Current account balance (% GDP)	4.8	4.5	2.6	3.0	2.2	3.3
Exports (Mn US\$) **	613.8	556.2	580.8	625.6	652.0	
Imports (Mn US\$) **	908.6	1,032.8	1,414.8	1,695.9	1,937.4	
Goods & services exports (%GDP)	20.3	16.8	18.3	18.1	17.1	n.a.
Inflation (% change YOY) :	2.9	4.7	4.0	4.5	4.5	7.9

Major Nepal's exports 2005 (Mn Rupees) **

Garments	6,125
Carpets	5,869
Jute goods	2,694
Pulses	774

Major Nepal's imports 2005 (Mn Rupees) **

Basic manufactures	33,120
Mineral fuels etc.	28,442
Machines,transport equipn	22,359
Chemicals	16,682
Crude materials excluding	9,954

Nepal's principal export destination, 2005 : Mn US \$**

Exports, Total	652.0
1.India	354.5
2.United States	109.5
3.Germany	45.9
4.United Kingdom	16.2
5.France	11.3

Nepal's principal import sources, 2005: Mn US \$**

Imports, Total	1,937.4
1. India	937.4
2.China, People's Republic	206.7
3.United Arab Emirates	198.5
4.Saudi Arabia	87.3
5.Kuwait	73.6

Source: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

*CIA World Fact Book

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