GENERAL PROFILE: NEPAL

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2018

Population: 28.096 Millions
Exchange rate: 108.930 NPR/US$
GDP: 27.276 Millions current US$
Land area: 143,350 km²
CPI growth: 4.15%
GDP growth: 6.77%

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade (millions of US$) 2005 2010 2015 2018
Merchandise exports 863 856 721 786
Merchandise imports 2,283 5,133 6,652 12,714
Merchandise trade balance -1,420 -4,278 -5,931 -11,928

Export structure by product group in 2018 (as % of total exports)
- All food items 71%
- Agricultural raw materials 23%
- Manufactured goods 4%
- Other

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services (millions of US$) 2005 2010 2015 2018
Services exports 380 671 1,430 (e) 2,101
Services imports 435 870 1,201 (e) 2,323
Services trade balance -54 -199 230 (e) -222

Services exports by main category (as % of total services) 2005 2010 2015 2018
- Transport 8.6 5.9 2.2 -
- Travel 34.5 51.2 33.8 (e) 36.9
- Other services 56.9 42.8 64.0 -

TRADE INDICES

ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators (millions of US$ unless otherwise specified) 2005 2010 2015 2018
GDP, current 8,259 16,281 20,801 27,276
GDP per capita, current US$ 321 603 770 971
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, % 3.48 4.82 3.32 6.77
Current account balance, % of GDP 1.85 -0.78 11.76 -
Exchange rate (US$) 71.368 73.262 102.405 108.930

GDP by expenditure in 2017 (as % of total GDP)
- Household Consumption 76.0
- General government final consumption expenditure 11.7
- Gross Capital Formation 42.5
- Exports 9.8
- Imports 42.0
**NEPAL**

**FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

### Financial flows

*(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)*

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<th>Year</th>
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### Financial flows trends

*(millions of US$)*

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**TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES**

### Trade balance indicators

*(as % and index)*

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### Trade openness

*(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)*

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**LABOUR FORCE**

### Labour force by gender in 2018

*(as % of total labour force, all sectors)*

- Male: 51%
- Female: 49%

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**OTHER INDICATORS**

### Maritime transport indicators

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<th>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</th>
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### Information economy indicators

*(as % of)*

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<th>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</th>
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