

KEY SOCIAL INDICATORS

Physical Features and Climate

Location

Between 5°55' & 9°50' of North Latitude
 Between 79°42' & 81°53' of East Longitude
 432 km (270 miles) North to South
 224 km (140 miles) West to East
 Highest elevation : 2,524 meters (8,281 ft.)

Area

Total area : 65,610 sq. km.
 Land area : 62,705 sq. km.
 Inland waters : 2,905 sq. km.

Climate

Low country, min. 24.4 °C max. 31.7°C
 Hill country, min. 17.1 °C max. 26.3°C
 Annual rainfall (Average) mm :
 (2001) 1933, (2002) 2100, (2003) 2030
 Number of Rainy days :
 (2001) 132, (2002) 174, (2003) 162

Population and Vital Statistics

Mid-year population ('000) in 2003 : 19,252

Age distribution ('000)

0 - 14 yrs : 5,125
 15 - 64 yrs : 12,894
 65 years and over : 1,233

Population density (2003) : 307 persons per sq.km.
 Crude birth rate (2002) : 19.1 per '000
 Crude death rate (2002) : 5.8 per '000
 Rate of natural increase (2002) : 13.3 per '000
 Infant mortality rate (2002) : 11.0 per '000 live births
 Dependency ratio (2003) : 49.3 %
 Average household size (2002) : 4.2

Expectation of Life at Birth (1996/2001)

Male : 70.7 years
 Female : 75.4 years

Literacy Rate (1994)

Overall : 90.1 %
 Male : 92.5 %
 Female : 87.9 %

Income Distribution

Gini coefficient (2002) : 0.48

Poverty

Population below US \$ 1 a day (1995) : 6.6 %
 Population below US \$ 2 a day (1995) : 45.4 %
 Mean income (2002) : Rs. 13,038 per month
 Median income (2002) : Rs. 8,387 per month
 Average energy consumption per person per day :
 Kilocalories (1990/91) 2,105 (1995/96) 2,104 (2002) 2,120
 Percentage of poor households (a) :
 (1990/91) 30.4 (1995/96) 26.7 (2002) 23.9

Human Development Index (2001) : 0.730
 Rank among 173 countries : 99

Employment

Employed persons ('000) (3rd Quarter 2003) : 6,973
 Agriculture : 35.0 %
 Industry : 21.7 %
 Services : 43.3 %

Government employees (2003) : 1,043,209
 State sector : 45.8%
 Provincial public sector : 29.5%
 Semi government sector : 24.7%

Physical and Social Infrastructure Facilities

Transport

Length of national roads (A & B) : 11,650 km.
 Length of railway route : 1,447 km.

	Unit	2003
Water Supply & Sanitation		
Access to safe drinking water	per cent	70
Access to pipe borne water	per cent	31
Electricity		
Households with electricity	per cent	68
Per capita electricity consumption	kWh/per year	322
Communications		
Telephone density		
Fixed lines	per 100 persons	4.9
Including cellular phones	per 100 persons	12.1
Internet and e-mail	per 1,000 persons	4.4
Average population served		
by a post office	No.	4,100
Health		
Hospital beds (b)	per 1,000 persons	3.8
Persons per doctor (b)	No.	2,104
Nurses (b)	per 100,000 persons	123
Government expenditure on health	per cent of GDP	1.56
General Education		
School density		
(area covered by a school)	sq. km.	6
Pupil/teacher ratio		
(government schools)	No.	21
Age specific enrolment ratio		
(Age 5 - 19 Yrs)	per cent	63.08
Primary net enrolment ratio (in 2002)		
(Age 5 - 9 Yrs)	per cent	97.2
University Education		
Pupil/teacher ratio		
	No.	14.5
Age specific enrolment ratio		
(age 20-24 yrs)	per cent	2.50
Progression to university from GCE (A/L)		
Eligible for university admissions	per cent	44
Admission as a percentage of eligible	per cent	14
Government expenditure on education	per cent of GDP	2.22
Banking		
Total number of commercial banks		
	No.	22
Domestic banks		
	No.	11
Foreign banks		
	No.	11
ATMs	per 100,000 persons	3.7
Credit cards issued	per 100,000 persons	2,046
Banking density		
- No. of commercial bank branches	per 100,000 persons	6.9

(a) Based on the poverty line estimated in Household Income and Expenditure Survey - 2002

(b) Including private hospitals.

Sources : Relevant Institutions and Human Development Report 2003