

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 metres (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 :
 (2002) 2,100, (2003) 2,030, (2004) 1,991
 Number of rainy days :
 (2002) 174, (2003) 162, (2004) 108

Population and Vital Statistics

Mid year population ('000) (2004) : 19,462
 Age distribution ('000) (2004)
 0 - 14 years : 5,185
 15 - 64 years : 13,031
 65 years and over : 1,246
 Population density (2004) : 310 persons per sq.km.
 Crude birth rate (2003) : 18.9 per '000 population
 Crude death rate (2003) : 5.9 per '000 population
 Rate of natural increase (2003) : 12.8 per '000 population
 Infant mortality rate (2003) : 11.1 per '000 live births
 Dependency ratio (2004) : 49.35 %
 Average household size (2003/04) : 4.31

Expectation of Life at Birth (2001)

Male : 71.7 years
 Female : 76.4 years

Literacy Rate (2003/04)

Overall : 92.5%
 Male : 94.5%
 Female : 90.6%

Income Distribution

Gini coefficient of Household Income (2003/04) : 0.46

Poverty

Population below US \$ 1 a day (1995) : 6.6 %
 Population below US \$ 2 a day (1995) : 45.4 %
 Mean household income (2003/04) : Rs. 17,114 per month
 Median household income (2003/04) : Rs. 11,350 per month
 Average energy consumption per person per day : Kilocalories
 (1995/96) 2,104, (2002) 2,120, (2003/04) 2,325
 Percentage of poor households (a):
 (1990/91) 21.8, (1995/96) 24.3, (2002) 19.2

Human Development Index (2002): 0.740

Rank among 177 countries : 96

Employment

Employed persons ('000) (3rd Quarter 2004) : 7,305
 Agriculture - 34.1 %
 Industry - 21.4 %
 Services - 44.5 %

Government employees (2004) : 1,094,415
 State sector : 48.7%
 Provincial public sector : 28.2%
 Semi government sector : 23.1%

Physical and Social Infrastructure Facilities

Transport

Length of national roads (A & B) : 11,547 km.
 Length of railway route : 1,447 km.

Unit 2004

Water Supply & Sanitation

Access to safe drinking water per cent 71.5
 Access to pipe borne water per cent 28

Electricity

Households with electricity per cent 73
 Per capita electricity consumption kWh/per year 348

Communications

Telephone density
 Fixed lines per 100 persons 5.1
 Including cellular phones per 100 persons 16.0
 Internet and e-mail per 1,000 persons 4.5
 Average population served
 by a post office Number 4,100

Public Health

Hospital beds per 1,000 persons 3.1
 Persons per doctor Number 2,224
 Nurses per 10,000 persons 8.9
 Government expenditure on health per cent of GDP 1.69

General Education

School density
 (area covered by a school) sq. km. 6
 Pupil / teacher ratio
 (government schools) Number 21
 Age specific enrolment ratio
 (Age 5 - 19 Yrs) per cent 72.95
 Primary net enrolment ratio (2002)
 (Age 5 - 19 Yrs) per cent 97.2

University Education

Pupil / teacher ratio Number 15.4
 Age specific enrolment ratio
 (age 20 - 24 yrs) per cent 3.1
 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 2.1

Banking

Total number of commercial banks Number 22
 Domestic banks Number 11
 Foreign banks Number 11
 ATMs per 100,000 persons 4.2
 Credit cards issued per 100,000 persons 2,608
 Banking density :
 No. of commercial bank branches per 100,000 persons 7.1

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

Sources : Relevant Institutions and Human Development Report 2004