

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 :
 (2004) 1,991, (2005) 1,706
 Number of rainy days :
 (2004) 108, (2005) 93

Population and Vital Statistics

Mid-year population ('000) (2005) : 19,668
 Age distribution ('000) (2005)
 0 - 14 years : 5,240
 15 - 64 years : 13,168
 65 years and over : 1,260
 Population density (2005) : 314 persons per sq.km.
 Crude birth rate (2005) : 18.1 per '000
 Crude death rate (2005) : 6.5 per '000
 Rate of natural increase (2005) : 11.6 per '000
 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)(a) : Rs. 17,114 per month
 Median household income (2003/04)(a) : Rs. 11,350 per month
 Average daily calorie intake :
 (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) (2005) : 7,518
 Agriculture - 30.7 %
 Industry - 24.5 %
 Services - 44.8 %

Government employees (2005) : 1,104,243
 State sector : 47.5%
 Provincial public sector : 29.5%
 Semi government sector : 23.0%

Physical and Social Infrastructure Facilities

Transport

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

Unit **2005**

Water Supply & Sanitation

Access to safe drinking water per cent 92.5
 Access to pipe borne water per cent 38.9

Electricity

Households with electricity per cent 74.9
 Per capita electricity consumption kWh/person 348

Communications

Telephone density
 Fixed lines per 100 persons 6.3
 Including cellular phones per 100 persons 23.6
 Internet and e-mail per 1,000 persons 5.9
 Average population served
 by a post office Number 4,100

Public Health

Hospital beds per 1,000 persons 3.1
 Persons per doctor Number 2,168
 Nurses per 10,000 persons 10.3
 Government expenditure on health per cent of GDP 1.9

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 75.19(b)
 Primary net enrolment ratio (2002) per cent 97.9

University Education

Pupil / teacher ratio Number 17.1
 Age specific enrolment ratio
 (age 20 - 24 yrs) per cent 3.67(b)
 Progression to university from GCE (A/L)
 Eligible for university admissions per cent 54.0
 Admission as a percentage of eligible per cent 13.0
 Government expenditure on education per cent of GDP 2.7

Banking

Total number of commercial banks Number 22
 Domestic banks Number 11
 Foreign banks Number 11
 ATMs per 100,000 persons 4.25
 Credit cards issued per 100,000 persons 3,244
 Banking density :
 No. of bank branches per 100,000 persons 7.3

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

(b) Estimate.

Sources : Relevant Institutions and Human Development Report 2004