

KEY SOCIAL INDICATORS

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND CLIMATE

Location

Between 5° 55' & 9° 50' North Latitude
 Between 79° 42' & 81° 53' 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 :
 (2005) 1,706 (2006) 2,024
 Number of rainy days :
 (2005) 93 (2006) 106

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Mid year population in 2006 ('000) : 19,886

Age distribution ('000) - 2006

0 - 14 yrs : 5,297
 15 - 64 yrs : 13,315
 65 years and over : 1,274

Population density (2006) : 317 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 (2004) : 12.0 per '000 live births

Dependency ratio (2004) : 49.35 %

Average household size (2003/2004) : 4.31

Expectation of life at birth (2004)

Male : 71.7 years

Female : 77.0 years

Literacy rate (2003/2004)

Overall : 92.5%

Male : 94.5%

Female : 90.6%

Income distribution

Gini coefficient of household income (2003/2004) : 0.46

Poverty

Population below US \$ 1 a day (1990-2004) : 5.6%

Population below US \$ 2 a day (1990-2004) : 41.6%

Mean household income (2003/2004) (a) : Rs. 17,114 per month

Median household income (2003/2004) (a) : Rs. 11,350 per month

Average daily calorie intake : (2002) 2,120 (2003/2004) 2,325

Percentage of poor households (a) :

(1990/91) 21.8 (1995/96) 24.3 (2002) 19.2

Human Development Index (2004) : 0.755

Rank among 177 countries : 93

Employment (b)

Employed persons ('000) (2006) : 7,105

Agriculture : 32.2 %

Industry : 26.6 %

Services : 41.2 %

Government employees ('000) (2006) : 1,146
 State sector : 48.1 %
 Provincial public sector : 29.4 %
 Semi government sector : 22.5 %

PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

Transport

Length of national roads (A & B) : 11,773 km
 Length of railway route : 1,445 km

	Unit	2006
Water supply & sanitation (2005)		
Access to safe drinking water	per cent	92.5
Access to pipe borne water	per cent	38.9
Electricity		
Households with electricity	per cent	78.1
Per capita electricity consumption	kWh/person	394
Communications		
Telephone density		
Fixed lines	per 100 persons	9.5
Including mobile phones	per 100 persons	36.8
Internet and e-mail	per 1,000 persons	6.5
Average population served by a post office	number	4,167
Public health		
Hospital beds	per 1,000 persons	3.1
Persons per doctor	number	2,061
Nurses	per 10,000 persons	10.3
Government expenditure on health	per cent of GDP	2.1
General education		
School density (area covered by a school)	sq. km.	6
Pupil/teacher ratio (government schools)	number	19
Age specific enrolment ratio (2005) (Age 5 -19 yrs) (c)	per cent	75.2
Primary net enrolment ratio (2002)	per cent	97.9
University education		
Pupil/teacher ratio	number	15.2
Age specific enrolment ratio (age 20-24 yrs)	per cent	3.6
Progression to university from GCE (A/L)		
Eligible for university admissions	per cent	59.4
Admission as a percentage of eligible	per cent	14.0
Government expenditure on education	per cent of GDP	2.8
Banking		
Total number of commercial banks	number	23
Domestic banks	number	11
Foreign banks	number	12
ATMs	per 100,000 persons	5.6
Credit cards issued	per 100,000 persons	4,080
Banking density : No. of bank branches	per 100,000 persons	7.6

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

(b) Data excluding Northern and Eastern Provinces.

(c) Estimates