

Table 25: Population aged 5 years and above by literacy status.

Area/Sex	Population aged 5 years & above	Population who			Not stated
		Can read & write	Can read only	Can't read and write	
Nepal					
Total	23,926,541	15,777,786	602,777	7,524,427	21,551
Male	11,534,084	8,666,282	283,708	2,575,935	8,159
Female	12,392,457	7,111,504	319,069	4,948,492	13,392
Urban/Rural					
Urban					
Total	4,196,720	3,450,674	71,276	672,398	2,372
Male	2,133,451	1,899,135	31,888	201,577	851
Female	2,063,269	1,551,539	39,388	470,821	1,521
Rural					
Total	19,729,821	12,327,112	531,501	6,852,029	19,179
Male	9,400,633	6,767,147	251,820	2,374,358	7,308
Female	10,329,188	5,559,965	279,681	4,477,671	11,871
Ecological Belt					
Mountain					
Total	1,579,653	954,936	49,155	574,479	1,083
Male	760,278	544,484	23,354	192,058	382
Female	819,375	410,452	25,801	382,421	701
Hill					
Total	10,344,684	7,482,477	248,765	2,607,216	6,226
Male	4,900,035	3,990,005	113,336	794,584	2,110
Female	5,444,649	3,492,472	135,429	1,812,632	4,116
Terai					
Total	12,002,204	7,340,373	304,857	4,342,732	14,242
Male	5,873,771	4,131,793	147,018	1,589,293	5,667
Female	6,128,433	3,208,580	157,839	2,753,439	8,575
Development Region					
Eastern Dev. Region					
Total	5,274,015	3,539,955	126,045	1,604,156	3,859
Male	2,516,469	1,912,455	60,023	542,550	1,441
Female	2,757,546	1,627,500	66,022	1,061,606	2,418
Central Dev. Region					
Total	8,783,955	5,614,815	227,229	2,930,884	11,027
Male	4,394,166	3,192,146	109,973	1,087,653	4,394
Female	4,389,789	2,422,669	117,256	1,843,231	6,633
Western Dev. Region					
Total	4,474,720	3,176,212	101,981	1,193,295	3,232
Male	2,058,911	1,645,255	46,065	366,485	1,106
Female	2,415,809	1,530,957	55,916	826,810	2,126
Mid-Western Dev. Region					
Total	3,137,939	2,014,773	85,681	1,035,356	2,129
Male	1,498,477	1,102,270	39,641	355,805	761
Female	1,639,462	912,503	46,040	679,551	1,368
Far-Western Dev. Region					
Total	2,255,912	1,432,031	61,841	760,736	1,304
Male	1,066,061	814,156	28,006	223,442	457
Female	1,189,851	617,875	33,835	537,294	847

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Eco-Development Region					
Eastern Mountain					
Total	353,939	242,809	10,250	100,635	245
Male	167,770	129,069	5,023	33,596	82
Female	186,169	113,740	5,227	67,039	163
Eastern Hill					
Total	1,456,095	1,041,780	38,340	375,387	588
Male	682,816	544,599	18,023	119,964	230
Female	773,279	497,181	20,317	255,423	358
Eastern Terai					
Total	3,463,981	2,255,366	77,455	1,128,134	3,026
Male	1,665,883	1,238,787	36,977	388,990	1,129
Female	1,798,098	1,016,579	40,478	739,144	1,897
Central Mountain					
Total	474,639	285,904	14,770	173,555	410
Male	225,161	155,905	6,889	62,236	131
Female	249,478	129,999	7,881	111,319	279
Central Hill					
Total	4,105,850	3,131,224	89,948	882,186	2,492
Male	2,051,700	1,727,092	42,154	281,576	878
Female	2,054,150	1,404,132	47,794	600,610	1,614
Central Terai					
Total	4,203,466	2,197,687	122,511	1,875,143	8,125
Male	2,117,305	1,309,149	60,930	743,841	3,385
Female	2,086,161	888,538	61,581	1,131,302	4,740
Western Mountain					
Total	18,749	12,945	346	5,454	4
Male	10,157	7,924	160	2,072	1
Female	8,592	5,021	186	3,382	3
Western Hill					
Total	2,559,145	1,909,471	52,823	595,384	1,467
Male	1,129,967	943,827	22,537	163,161	442
Female	1,429,178	965,644	30,286	432,223	1,025
Western Terai					
Total	1,896,826	1,253,796	48,812	592,457	1,761
Male	918,787	693,504	23,368	201,252	663
Female	978,039	560,292	25,444	391,205	1,098
Mid-Western Mountain					
Total	331,201	178,803	12,798	139,355	245
Male	166,737	111,427	6,304	48,909	97
Female	164,464	67,376	6,494	90,446	148
Mid-Western Hill					
Total	1,477,521	955,448	44,277	476,889	907
Male	693,477	516,850	20,044	156,291	292
Female	784,044	438,598	24,233	320,598	615
Mid-Western Terai					
Total	1,329,217	880,522	28,606	419,112	977
Male	638,263	473,993	13,293	150,605	372
Female	690,954	406,529	15,313	268,507	605