

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 :
(2006) 2,204 (2007) 1,640
Number of Rainy days :
(2006) 106 (2007) 91

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Mid year population ('000) in 2007 : 20,010

Age distribution ('000) - 2007

0 - 14 yrs : 5,331
15 - 64 yrs : 13,398
65 years and over : 1,281

Population density (2007) : 319 persons per sq.km.

Crude birth rate (2007) : 19.0 per 1,000

Crude death rate (2007) : 5.8 per 1,000

Rate of natural increase (2006) : 12.9 per 1,000

Infant mortality rate (2004) : 12.0 per 1,000 live births

Dependency ratio (2003) : 49.3 %

Average household size (2006/2007)(a) : 4.1

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

Mean household income (2006/2007)(a) : Rs. 26,286 per month

Median household income (2006/2007) (a) : Rs. 16,735 per month

Poverty

Population below US \$ 1 a day (1990-2005) : 5.6 %

Population below US \$ 2 a day (1990-2005) : 41.6 %

Average daily calorie intake (2006/2007) : 2,118

Percentage of poor households (Poverty Head Count Index) (a):
(1995/96) 24.3 (2002) 19.2 (2006/2007) 15.2

Human Development Index (2005) : 0.743

Rank among 177 countries : 99

Employment (b)

Employed persons ('000) (2007) : 7,042

Agriculture : 31.3 %

Industry : 26.6 %

Services : 42.1 %

Government employees ('000) (2007) : 1,197
State sector : 49.9 %
Provincial public sector : 28.4 %
Semi government sector : 21.7 %

PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

Transport

Length of national roads (A & B) : 11,902 km
Length of railway route : 1,200 km

	Unit	2007
Water Supply & Sanitation		
Access to safe drinking water	per cent	84.8
Access to pipe borne water	per cent	32.0
Electricity		
Households with electricity	per cent	80.0
Per capita electricity consumption	kWh/person	414.0
Communications		
Telephone density		
Fixed lines	per 100 persons	13.7
Including cellular phones	per 100 persons	53.6
Internet and e-mail	per 1,000 persons	10.1
Average population served by a post office	number	4,252
Public Health		
Hospital beds	per 1,000 persons	3.3
Persons per doctor	number	1,749
Nurses	per 10,000 persons	11.0
Government expenditure on health	percent of GDP (c)	1.9
General Education		
School density		
(area covered by a school)	sq. km.	6
Pupil/teacher ratio		
(government schools)	number	19
Age specific enrolment ratio		
(Age 5 -19 yrs)	per cent	71.5
Primary net enrolment ratio (2006)	per cent	97.5
University Education		
Pupil/teacher ratio	number	15
Age specific enrolment ratio		
(age 20-24 yrs)	per cent	3.5
Progression to university from GCE (A/L)		
Eligible for university admissions	per cent	59.5
Admission as a percentage of eligible	per cent	14.3

Government expenditure on education	per cent of GDP (c)	2.6
Banking		
Total number of commercial banks	number	23
Domestic banks	number	11
Foreign banks	number	12
ATMs	per 100,000 persons	7.1
Credit cards issued	per 100,000 persons	4,447
Banking density :		
No. of bank branches	per 100,000 persons	9.7

(a) Based on Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2006/2007.

(b) Data excluding Northern and Eastern Provinces.

(c) Based on GDP estimates compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics

Sources: Relevant Institutions and Human Development Report 2007/2008