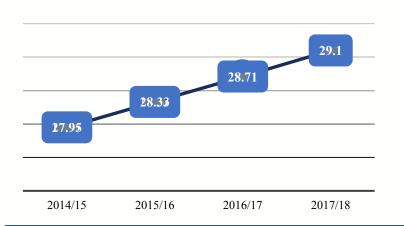


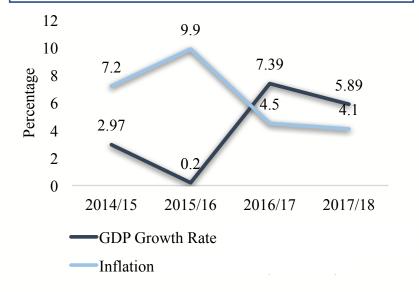
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Population (million)

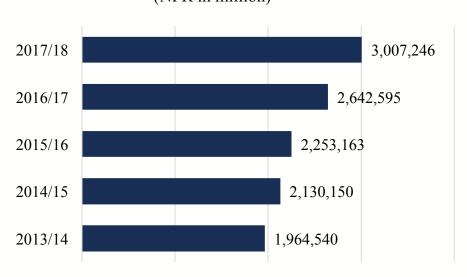


- The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Nepal reached \$30 billion in FY 2017/18 from about \$19 billion in FY 2013/14
- The economic growth rate was 7.4 percent in FY 2016/17 and 5.6 percent in 2017/18. It has been projected to reach 6-7 percent in FY 2018/19.
- Gradually, the share of the primary sector (Agriculture) in GDP has decreased from 32.3 percent in 2014/15 to 28.2 percent in 2017/18. During the same period, the share of the tertiary sector (Services) has increased, whereas the secondary sector's (Industry) share has remained almost the same.
- Inflation has decreased from 9.9 percent in 2015/16 to 4.1 percent in 2017/18.

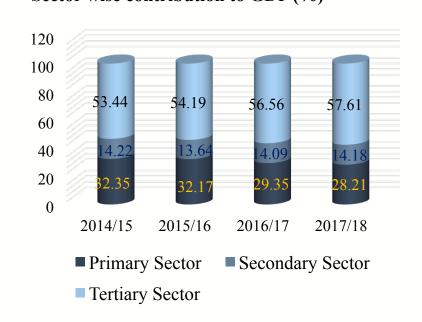


Nepal needs rapid economic transformation to reach its medium-term goal of becoming a middle income country and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. The existing large trade deficit and the small amount of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) are major obstacles that need to be overcome. With a stable government which initiated several pro-business policy reforms and organized the Nepal Investment Summit 2019, Nepal has taken important steps to show international investors that it is open for business. However, more needs to be done to create a favorable business climate in which foreign investments are secure and yield returns.

Nominal GDP at Producers' Price (NPR in million)



Sector wise contribution to GDP (%)



Macro Indicators	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Gross Domestic Saving as percentage of GDP	11.92	9.21	4.07	11.95	15.01
Gross National Saving as percentage of GDP	45.73	44.14	40.11	45.35	43.94
Gross Fixed Capital Formation as percentage of GDP	23.52	27.97	28.73	31.81	34.11

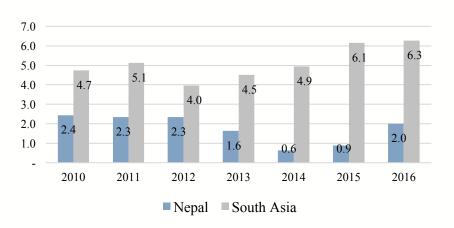




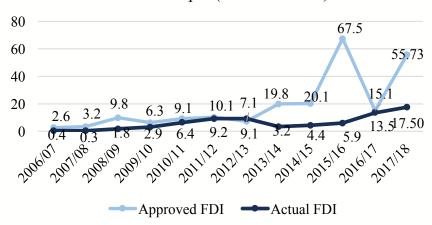


Macro Indicators	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Per Capita GDP (USD)	725	766.91	747.79	866.48	1003.64
Remittance (% GDP)	27.66	28.98	29.52	26.32	24.25
Exchange Rate (USD:NPR)	98.21	99.49	106.35	106.21	103.91

Foreign Direct Investment, Net Inflows (% of GDP)

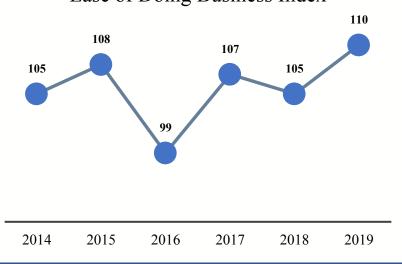


FDI in Nepal (NPR in billion)



- In FY 2017/18, approved FDI amounted to NPR 55.73 billion whereas actual FDI stood at NPR 17.50 billion.
- The difference between the approved FDI and actual inflow of FDI has been alarmingly widening over the last 5 years except in 2016/17.
- Nepal ranks 110 in the Doing Business Index 2019 vs. 105 in 2018. Key areas for improvement include:
 - Starting a business: 16.5 days (rank
 - Dealing with construction permits: 117 days (rank 148)
 - Getting electricity: 70 days (rank 137)
 - Paying taxes: (rank 158)
 - Enforcing contracts: (rank 154)
- Nepal has adopted several policies aiming to create a more enabling environment for foreign investors. In 2019, Nepal's federal parliament passed the Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer Act, Public Private Partnership and Investment Act and Special Economic Zone Act (First Amendment) to attract more FDI in Nepal.

Ease of Doing Business Index



Investment Area	Estimated Marginal Capital Output Ratio 2016/17-2018/19		
Agriculture	2.9		
Industry	6.2		
Service	5.3		

Major Policy Initiatives and Reforms

- Public Private Partnership and Investment Act, 2019
- Foreign Investment and Transfer of Technology Act, 2019
- Special Economic Zone Act, (First Amendment), 2019
- Hedging Regulations, 2019
- Company Act, 2017
- Labor Act, 2017
- Industrial Enterprises Act, 2019

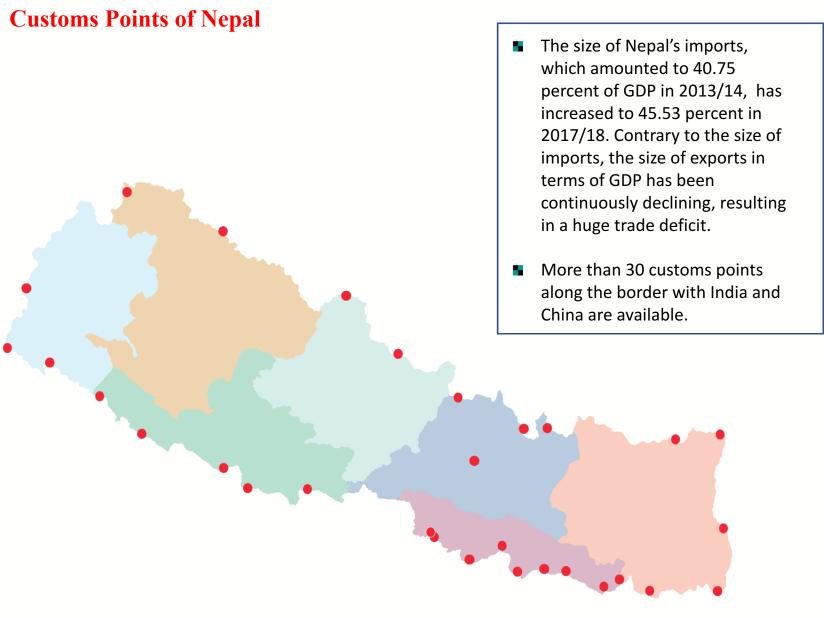






Exports and Imports (% of GDP)





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