



Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
International migrants (2019)	490,802
New asylum applications (2019)	58

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/asia-pacific/nepal>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	Not Available	2019	Criminal prison population	17,966	2016
				10,739	2010
				6,952	2007
				6,393	2004
				5,995	2001
				7,000	1998
				6,200	1994
Percentage of foreign prisoners	5.5	2014	Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	62	2016
				36	2010
				24	2007
				24	2004
				24	2001
				30	1998
				29	1994

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	29,100,000	2020	International migrants	490,802	2019
	28,514,000	2015		518,200	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	1.8	2015	Refugees	19,570	2019
				20,808	2018
				21,471	2017
				25,244	2016
				32,667	2015
				38,490	2014
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	0.88	2016	Total number of new asylum applications	58	2019
	1.37	2014		125	2016
				146	2014
Refugee recognition rate	59.5	2014			

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION		
Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Common law	2017
	Customary law	2017
COVID-19 UPDATES		
Latest Update	Update Status	Observation Date
	On 16 March 2020, the Nepalese government restricted the numbers of visitors that can access prisons. Advocacy Forum-Nepal released a statement on 28 March 2020 urging the government to take actions to sanitise and disinfect prisons, detention centres and Child Correction Homes; provide prisoners and detainees with personal protection equipment (face mask, hand sanitiser, soap and clean water); and provide for isolation rooms for those who show even the mildest symptoms of infection. The Forum is also requesting the government to classify prisoners who can be released based on age, nature, severity of their crimes and whether they are convicted or awaiting trials as the release of prisoners will help control the possible Covid-19 outbreak in prisons. The Global Detention Project has not been able to obtain information on whether immigration detainees have since been released.	2020

INTERNATIONAL LAW			
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
International treaties	Name	Ratification Year	
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1965	
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	1971	
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	1991	
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	1991	
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1991	
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	1991	
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1990	
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2010	
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	8/19		
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
International treaty reservations	Name	Reservation Year	Observation Date
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Individual complaints procedure	Name	Acceptance Year	
	CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2010	
	ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966	1991	
	CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999	2007	

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number	Observation Date
	3/7	2017

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2011	2017
	No	2015	2017

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

More information about immigration detention in Nepal is available at the website of the Global Detention Project (www.globaldetentionproject.org)