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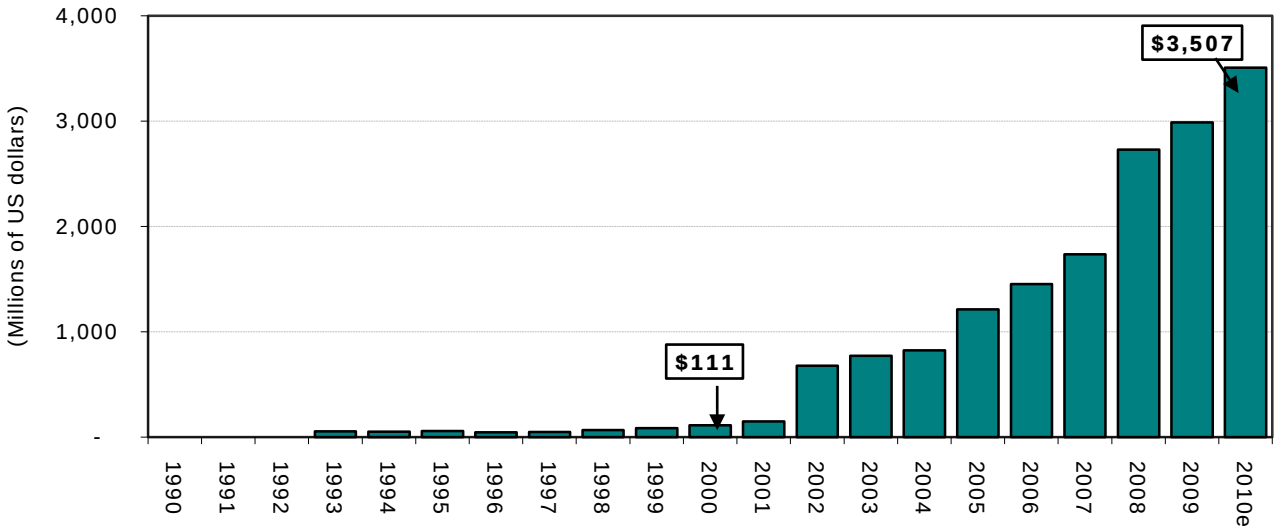
Remittances Profile: Nepal

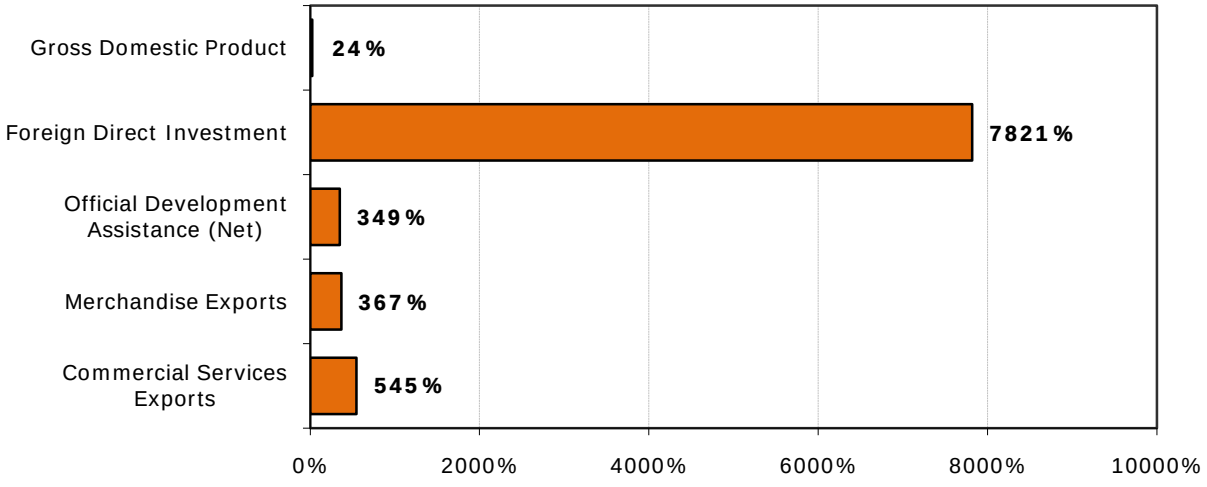
Formal Remittances Inflows



Source: Remittances data, Development Prospects Group, World Bank, 2011

Remittances Inflows as a Share of Selected Financial Flows and GDP, 2009

Remittances flows constitute an important source of foreign exchange for developing economies. Comparing remittances to other financial inflows displays the extent to which remittances contribute to a country's inflow of foreign exchange.



Sources: International Trade Statistics, World Trade Organization, 2010
World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2011
Remittances data, Development Prospects Group, World Bank, 2011

International Migration

Total immigrants[a]	945,865
Total refugees[a]	130,678
Total emigrants[a]	928,200
Skilled emigration rate, tertiary educated[b]	5.3%
Net migration per year[c]	-20,000

Notes: [a]2010; [b]2000; [c]2005-2010

Sources: International Migrant Stock, 2009
World Population Prospects, 2010
Migration and Remittances Factbook, 2011

Selected Socioeconomic Indicators

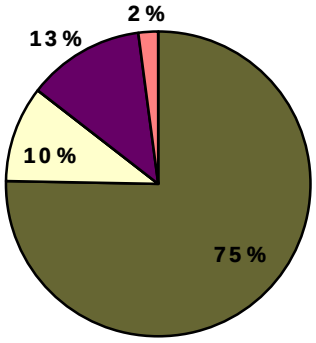
Total population[a]	29,391,883
Annual population growth[a]	1.60%
Life expectancy at birth[a]	66.16
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)[a]	44.54
GDP per capita (purchasing power parity)[b]	$1,200
GDP real growth rate[b]	3.5%
Human Development Index Level[b]	Low
Human Development Index Rank (out of 169)[b]	138

Notes: [a]2011 estimates; [b]2010

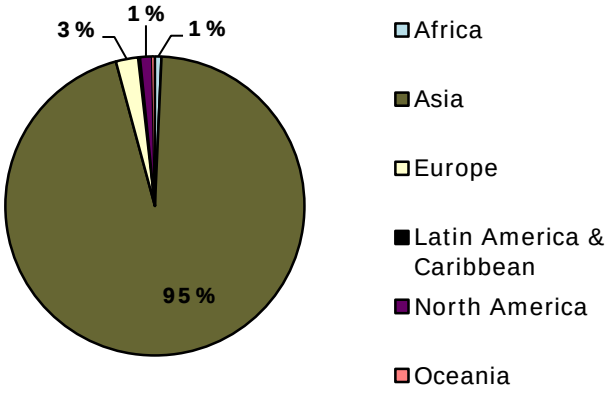
Sources: CIA World Factbook, 2011
Human Development Report, 2010

Remittances and Migration by Continent

Remittances Inflows to Nepal by Continent of Origin



Percent of Nepalese Migrants by Continent of Destination



Notes: Values are not displayed if they are less than 1 percent.

Source: Human Development Report, 2009

Remittances Costs to Nepal from

	Saudi Arabia
Average cost of sending US$200	$6.95
Company with lowest cost	Al-Rajhi Bank
Lowest cost	$4.83

Notes: Corridor averages are unweighted and include money transfer operators, banks and others. Refers to the first quarter of 2011.

Source: Remittances Prices, World Bank, 2011

Remittances Resources

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Further readings on Migration and Development
For definitions, see our Remittances Glossary

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