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Introduction

Nepal will conduct its twelfth population census in 2021. It will be the first population census conducted after the implementation of federalism in Nepal. The history of population census in Nepal dates back to 1911. There is evidence of enumeration during the 1800s but it was mostly done with a view of recruiting adult men into the army. The population census 1911 collected very limited information such as the name of the household head, age of persons by sex, occupation, ability to work, number of livestock, and means of transportation. With a time interval of 10 years each, four censuses (1911, 1920, 1930 and 1941) in total were conducted using the same short census schedule. For the census 1952-54, the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) made use of modern concepts and techniques making it internationally accepted and comparable. Therefore, ‘The Population Census 1952-1954’, was the first modern and complete census held in Nepal (CBS, 1955).

Population census has remained an important subject of study, research and debate across the world. In Nepal, researchers, students and academicians have also taken part in debate on different aspects of population census through their writings. The Central Bureau of Statistics has produced a large volume of writings including reports, journals and books. This bibliography attempts to include those writings on various aspects of population and housing census, demographic analysis, and statistical interpretations of caste and ethnicity.

This bibliography has been divided into three specialized categories on the basis of themes of resources collected. The first category enlists resources related to population census and survey. The second section includes resources pertaining to demographic analysis and population dynamics. The third category covers resources on the statistics and status of caste and ethnicity.

In the course of preparing this bibliography, various online resources were consulted such as: National Data Archive, Library Catalogue of Tribhuvan University (TU), Martin Chautari, Social Science Baha, Nepal Journals Online, JSTOR, International Household Survey Network, UN Digital Library Nepal, World Bank Group E-library, The DHS Program, Google Scholar, news archives in Google, and international universities - Cornell University, and Cambridge University. The keywords used are: population, census, demography, population census Nepal, population survey, population demography Nepal, caste, ethnicity, population projection, population analysis Nepal, etc.

We believe that this bibliography will serve as a reference point for students, teachers, researchers, academics, scholars, policymakers, professionals, activists and citizens interested in population census to understand the facts and debates around Nepal’s population census, demography, and caste and ethnicity. Utmost efforts have been made to include books, reports, journal articles, papers presented at workshops, and university research papers that are relevant to the themes. We feel that a lot of valuable resources relevant to the subject might have been left out. Since it is our plan to periodically update this bibliography, recommendations and suggestions on missing resources or errata sent to info@democracyresource.org or ankalalchalaune@gmail.com will be addressed in subsequent editions.1

Population census


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