

Preface

Population Census is perhaps the single largest statistical exercise that any country generally engages in, once every ten years. Such exercises produce wealth of information which properly analysed and interpreted can provide invaluable insights into several aspects of the people's life and the changes in them.

Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) of HMG/Nepal has been collecting, compiling and publishing census data and analysis since 1952/54. However, it is for the first time a comprehensive analysis of all available census data collected over the period 1952/54-1981 and the trend over time of various socio-economic and demographic characteristics of the population has been presented in the present volume.

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