

People

Population: 128,094,948 (July 1995 est.)

Age structure:

0-14 years: 40% (female 25,195,262; male 26,352,299)

15-64 years: 57% (female 34,862,105; male 37,867,705)

65 years and over: 3% (female 1,761,336; male 2,056,241) (July 1995 est.)

Population growth rate: 2.32% (1995 est.)

Birth rate: 34.62 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Death rate: 11.43 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Net migration rate: 0 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Infant mortality rate: 104.6 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 55.46 years

male: 55.69 years

female: 55.22 years (1995 est.)

Total fertility rate: 4.39 children born/woman (1995 est.)

Nationality:

noun: Bangladeshi(s)

adjective: Bangladesh

Ethnic divisions: Bengali 98%, Biharis 250,000, tribals less than 1 million

Religions: Muslim 83%, Hindu 16%, Buddhist, Christian, other

Languages: Bangla (official), English

Literacy: age 15 and over can read and write (1990)

total population: 35%

male: 47%

female: 22%

Labor force: 50.1 million

by occupation: agriculture 65%, services 21%, industry and mining 14% (1989)

note: extensive export of labor to Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Oman (1991)