Economic Census:

The 2018 Economic Census of Bhutan (2018 ECoB) is a nation-wide undertaking of the National Statistics Bureau (NSB) with technical and financial support from World Bank. It will cover all establishments operating within Bhutan and is being conducted for the first time. All the information collected will be treated as confidential and will be used for statistical purposes only.

The following business units will be covered:

* State owned enterprise;
* Sole Proprietorship;
* Partnership;
* Private Ltd. Companies;
* Public Ltd. Companies;
* Foreign Direct Investment Companies;
* Non-Government Organizations;
* Regular vendors operating in a permanent shed: and Functional Cooperatives/groups with proper contact address.

The listing exercise shall **NOT** cover:

* Household-based businesses such as operation of taxis or trucks, handicraft activities, etc.;
* Household based subsistence growing of crops and rearing of livestock;
* Religious institutions such as *Dratshangs, Shedras* and *Gomdeys*;
* General Government Offices: and
* Defense services.

**Objective of the Economic Census**

The main objective of the census is to help formulation of policies and create enabling environment for development of private sector and the census shall:

* identify the population of economic units;
* collect detailed information on the structure of all sectors of the economy;
* establish benchmark information for the level of economic development in the country;
* update and improve Statistical Business Register (SBR);
* construct a sampling frame for any future economic related surveys.