

AGRICULTURE

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Area under agriculture (1000 acres) | 1990 | 1995 |
| Wet land | 68.1 | 95.8 |
| Dryland | 218.3 | 241.0 |
| Tseri Pangzhing | 237.9 | 218.2 |
| Orchard and plantation | 36.5 | 14.1 |
| Mixed plantation | .. | 207.6 |
| Kitchen garden | 3.6 | .. |
| Total | 564.4 | 776.6 |
| Cereal Production (mill.kg) | 2003 | 2005 |
| Paddy | 44.9 | 67.6 |
| Wheat | 4.8 | 11.3 |
| Maize | 49.7 | 93.96 |
| Landuse (in percent) | 1995 | |
| Forest | 72.5 | |
| Pasture | 3.9 | |
| Agriculture | 7.7 | |
| Others | 15.9 | |
| Protected areas | 26.2 | |

INDUSTRIES

| | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Industrial establishments (in numbers) | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Production & manufacturing | 874 | 985 | 1,133 |
| Services | 5,468 | 6,753 | 13,597 |
| Contracts | 9,212 | 9,519 | 9,775 |
| All sectors | 15,554 | 17,257 | 24,505 |

BALANCE OF PAYMENT

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Trade . | | | |
| (million Nu) | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 |
| Value of exports | 7157.5 | 8,297.8 | 13,400.0 |
| Value of imports | (11123.5) | (19113.4) | (18503.2) |
| Balance of trade | (3966) | (10815.6) | (5103.2) |
| Money reserves (mill. US \$) | 383.1 | 491.3 | 478.8 |
| Exchange rate (Nu. per US \$) | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Calender year | 45.3 | 44.3 | 45.31 |
| Fiscal year | 45.41 | 44.61 | 44.74 |

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| million ngultrum | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| GDP at current market price | 32,320.0 | 36,581.2 | 41,443.3 |
| GNP at market price | 31,352.5 | 32,078.2 | 39,639.3 |
| Agriculture share to GDP | 24.3 | 22.6 | 21.4 |
| GDP real growth (%) | 6.8 | 7.1 | 8.5 |
| Final consumption | 20,456.4 | 22,497.7 | 24,291.6 |

PUBLIC FINANCE

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| million ngultrum | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 |
| Revenue | 5,055.2 | 6,066.1 | 6,902.91 |
| Tax | 2,689.9 | 3,382.4 | 4,124.68 |
| Non tax | 2,365.3 | 2,683.7 | 2,778.23 |
| Grants | 5,367.4 | 4,373.1 | 6,424.59 |
| Total expenditure | 10,534.1 | 12,893.6 | 13,770.9 |

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES

| | | | |
|--|------|------|------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Annual average inflation rate | 4.43 | 4.7 | 4.99 |
| Purchasing power of Ngultrum (PPN), 2003=Nu.1 | 0.94 | 0.91 | 0.87 |

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INTRODUCTION

Bhutan is one of the Asia's smallest nations, landlocked between the extensive borders of the two great populous nations of China and India. Only 38,394 square kilometers in extent, the kingdom's longest east-west dimension, stretches around 300 kilometers and measures 170 kilometers at its maximum north-south dimension. It is bounded on the north-west and north by Tibet, while rest of the country is surrounded by India.

Hidden deep in the folds of the great Himalayan mountains for years, Bhutan developed its own civilization. The population of about 646,851 (2006) people, living in close harmony with nature, evolved a unique identity, derived largely from a rich religious and cultural heritage. Today, the world is seeing many exotic aspects of this kingdom.

Bhutan is becoming increasingly known for its pure practice of Mahayana Buddhism in the Tantric form, its untouched culture, its pristine ecology and wildlife, and the unparalleled scenic beauty of its majestic peaks and lush valleys. It is still, in many ways, a magical kingdom of the past.

Bhutan is administratively divided into 20 Dzongkhags (districts) and is governed by a district administrator known as Dzongdag. The Dzongkhag is further broken down into 205 Gewogs (blocks). Thimphu is the capital city of Bhutan and can be reached in little less than two hours from Paro International Airport and in about six hours from the border town of Phuentsholing.

Dzongkha is the national language of the country while Ngultrum which is pegged to Indian currency is the monetary unit of the kingdom.

Bhutan has enjoyed strong economic performance with GDP growth averaging 6% a year over the past two decades. Sustained growth has increased Gross National Income per capita to US \$ 1,345.9 in 2006. The per capita GDP for 2006 is US \$ 1414.01. Its major exports includes electricity, timber, cement agricultural products, handicrafts etc

POPULATION*

| | 1995 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total population | 582,000 | 634,982 | 646,851 |
| Male | 296,819 | 333,595 | 339,403 |
| Female | 285,181 | 301,387 | 307,448 |
| By age | | | |
| 0-14 | 228,260 | 209,959 | 210,070 |
| 15-64 | 328,015 | 395,278 | 406,334 |
| 65+ | 25,725 | 29,745 | 30,447 |
| People per household | .. | 4.6 | .. |
| Population density (person/sq.km) | 12.5 | 16 | .. |
| Vital Statistics | 1994 | 2000 | 2005 |
| Crude birth rate (per 1000 population) | 39.9 | 34.1 | 20 |
| Crude death rate (per 1000 population) | 9.0 | 8.6 | 7 |
| Natural rate of increase | 3.1 | 2.5 | 1.3 |
| Total fertility rate | 5.6 | 4.7 | 2.6 |
| Life expectancy at birth | 66.1 | .. | 66.25 |
| Male | 66.0 | .. | 65.65 |
| Female | 66.2 | .. | 66.85 |

*Figures prior to 2005 are based on 1996 estimates of 600,000 and growth rate of 2.5% derived from the National Health Survey, 2000, while the figures for 2005 is from the PHCB 2005 and for 2006 based on projections.

HEALTH

| (in numbers) | 1995 | 2000 | 2006 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|
| Hospitals | 26 | 29 | 29 |
| BHUs | 84 | 160 | 176 |
| Indigenous hospitals | 1 | 18 | 1 |
| Doctors | 112 | 109 | 150 |
| Nurses | .. | 443 | 548 |
| Health coverage(%) | 90 | 90 | 90 |

EDUCATION

| Schools (in numbers) | 1985 | 1995 | 2006 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Community schools | .. | 102 | 245 |
| Primary Schools | 145 | 143 | 88 |
| Lower Secondary Schools | 22 | 18 | 84 |
| Middle Secondary School | 8 | 8 | 28 |
| Higher Secondary Schools | .. | .. | 21 |
| Institutions | 8 | 8 | 18 |
| Private Schools | .. | 7 | 23 |
| Non Formal Centres | .. | .. | 646 |
| Day Care Centres | .. | .. | 5 |
| Total enrolment | 51,835 | 77,276 | 1,69,776 |
| Schools | 49,175 | 75,483 | 1,46,524 |
| Institutes | 2,660 | 1,793 | 4,433 |
| Non Formal Centres | .. | .. | 18,550 |
| Day Care Centres | .. | .. | 269 |
| Teachers | .. | 2,423 | 6,094 |
| Schools | 1,668 | 2,223 | 4,963 |
| Institutes | .. | 200 | 449 |
| Non Formal Centres | .. | .. | 669 |
| Day Care Centres | .. | .. | 13 |

LABOUR

| (in percent) | 2003 | 2004 | 2006 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Labour force | 40.5 | 37.4 | 42.8 |
| Male | 46.0 | 45.6 | 47.7 |
| Female | 35.2 | 29.8 | 37.7 |
| Unemployment rate | 1.8 | 2.5 | 3.2 |
| Rural | 1.5 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| Urban | 2.9 | 2.0 | 4.9 |
| Labour force participation rate | 62.9 | 54.4 | 61.8 |

TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

| (in numbers) | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| All roads (km) | 4,152.9 | 4,392.5 | 4,544.73 |
| Bridges (numbers) | 222 | 231 | 236 |
| Registered vehicles (numbers) | 26,760 | 29,914 | 33,241 |
| DrukAir passengers (numbers) | 6,005 | 92,199 | 110,137 |
| Telephone connections (numbers) | 30,285 | 32,709 | 31,526 |
| Mobile subscribers (numbers) | 18,995 | 37,842 | 82,078 |
| Postal infrastructure (numbers) | 110 | 97 | 125 |

ENERGY

| | 2002 | 2004 | 2006 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Electricity generation (MU) | 2,170.4 | 2,492.9 | 3,357.2 |
| Electricity consumption (MKWh) | 402 | 575.9 | n.a |
| Towns electrified (numbers) | 40 | 40 | 68 |
| Villages electrified (numbers) | 690 | 1,064 | 1,318 |
| Consumers ('000) | 36 | 51.0 | 64.3 |

TOURISM

| Tourist arrivals by region (numbers) | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| America | 3,607 | 5,308 | 5,627 |
| Asia and Pacific | 1,680 | 3,135 | 4,317 |
| Europe | 3,905 | 6,159 | 7,267 |
| Africa | 14 | 45 | 88 |
| Middle East | 3 | 7 | 12 |
| Others | 44 | 305 | 0 |
| All regions | 9,249 | 13,626 | 17,342 |
| Revenue earning (Mill.US \$) | 13 | 18.54 | 23.92 |