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INDICATORS	2024		
	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
POPULATION			
Population ¹	777,224	777,224	0.00
Male	404,411	404,411	0.00
Female	372,813	372,813	0.00
Population Density (Per Sq. Km) ²	19	19	0.00
Population Growth Rate (%) ²	1.3	1.3	0.00
Average Household Size ³	4.0	4.0	0.00
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT⁴			
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	61.8	65.1	3.30 ▲
Male	72.5	75.7	3.20 ▲
Female	50.0	53.5	3.50 ▲
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.1	0.60 ▼
Male	3.1	2.4	0.70 ▼
Female	4.5	4.2	0.30 ▼
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	19.2	16.5	2.70 ▼
Male	18.9	11.9	7.00 ▼
Female	19.6	21.8	2.20 ▲
Number of New Job Seekers Registered	6,238	2,868	54.02 ▼
Male	3,262	1,562	52.12 ▼
Female	2,976	1,306	56.12 ▼
Placement through Overseas Employment Program	346	294	15.03 ▼
Male	143	97	32.17 ▼
Female	203	197	2.96 ▼

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	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
NATIONAL POVERTY RATE (2022)			
Bhutan Poverty Rate (%) ⁵	12.4	12.4	0.00
Urban	4.2	4.2	0.00
Rural	17.5	17.5	0.00
<i>¹Projected Population Bhutan 2017 - 47. ²Population and Housing Census of Bhutan 2017. ³Bhutan Living Standard Survey Report 2022. ⁴Quarterly Labour Force Survey Report and Bhutan Labour Market Information System (BLMIS). ⁵Poverty Analysis Report 2022</i>			
INCOME			
GDP (Nu. in Million) ¹	249,388.19	249,388.19	0.00
Per Capita GDP in USD (1 USD = Nu. 82.60)	3,919.55	3,919.55	0.00
GDP Growth (%)	4.88	4.88	0.00
Share of Agriculture to GDP (%)	6.57	6.57	0.00
Saving as % of GDP	19.70	19.70	0.00
Investment as % of GDP	45.18	45.18	0.00
Export of Goods and Services as % of GDP	28.33	28.33	0.00
Import of Goods and Services as % of GDP	53.24	53.24	0.00
Inflation Rate (%) ²	2.96	1.81	1.15 ▼
Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD in Million) ³	624.11	629.15	0.81 ▲
USD (in Million)	438.64	409.4	6.67 ▼
Rupees (Rs. in Million)	15,477.89	18,403.28	18.90 ▲
Exchange Rate 1 USD to Ngultrum ⁴	83.45	83.67	0.26 ▲
Non Performing Loans (NPR) % ⁵	3.33	3.45	0.12 ▲
Credit to Deposit Ratio (%) ⁵	79.07	80.67	1.60 ▲

INDICATORS	2024		
	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Money Supply (Nu. in Million) ⁶	220,405.41	220,254.26	0.07 ▼
Minimum Lending Rate (%) ⁷	6.91	6.80	0.11 ▼
<i>¹National Accounts Statistics 2024. ²Quarterly Inflation Rate (year on year), NSB. ³Foreign Exchange Reserves as of June and July, 2024. ⁴Exchange rate as of end of Quarter. ⁵NPR & Credit to Deposit Ratio as of June and August, 2024. ⁶Money supply as of June and July, 2024. ⁷ Minimum lending Rate as of end of Quarter.</i>			
PUBLIC FINANCE (Nu. in Million)			
Government Revenue Receipt ¹	18,460.35	12,203.58	33.89 ▼
Tax Revenue	9,744.58	8,831.87	9.37 ▼
Non-Tax Revenue	8,715.77	3,371.71	61.31 ▼
Other Revenue	7,389.16	2,518.10	65.92 ▼
Current Revenue from Govern- ment Agencies	570.45	795.30	39.42 ▲
Capital Revenue from Govern- ment Agencies	756.16	58.31	92.29 ▼
Government Expenditure	25,388.05	13,360.13	47.38 ▼
Current	12,229.21	10,110.86	17.32 ▼
Capital	12,375.74	2,727.90	77.96 ▼
Repayment	1,814.27	2,170.33	19.63 ▲
TOTAL PUBLIC DEBT (Nu. in Million)²	285,179.42	290,257.05	1.78 ▲
As % of GDP	106.90	95.20	11.70 ▼
External Debt	263,702.06	266,659.00	1.12 ▲
As % of GDP	98.80	87.46	11.34 ▼
Hydro Debt	167,194.63	166,972.39	0.13 ▼
As % of GDP	62.60	54.77	7.83 ▼
Non-Hydro Debt	96,507.43	99,686.61	3.29 ▲

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	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
As % of GDP	36.20	32.70	3.50 ▼
Domestic Debt	21,477.36	23,598.05	9.87 ▲
As % of GDP	8.00	7.74	0.26 ▼
Convertible Currency Debt (USD in Million)	1,090.81	1,125.46	3.18 ▲
As % of GDP	34.10	30.93	3.17 ▼
Rupee Debt (Rupees in Million)	172,565.03	172,367.87	0.11 ▼
As % of GDP	64.70	56.54	8.16 ▼
Total Debt Service through Budget	15,064.41	13,329.16	11.52 ▼

¹Provisional Data from Department of Revenue and Customs. ²As of 30th June 2024 for 2nd Quarter and as of 30th September 2024 for 3 Quarter.

INDUSTRIES (NUMBER)¹

Industries by Sector	29,954	30,201	0.82 ▲
Production and Manufacturing	3,867	3,981	2.95 ▲
Services	24,059	24,250	0.79 ▲
Construction	2,028	1,970	2.86 ▼
Industries by Ownership	29,954	30,201	0.82 ▲
Sole Proprietorship	28,671	28,881	0.73 ▲
Partnership	370	390	5.41 ▲
Company	785	797	1.53 ▲
Others	128	133	3.91 ▲
Industries by Size	29,954	30,201	0.82 ▲
Large	427	440	3.04 ▲
Medium	779	804	3.21 ▲
Small	18,246	18,199	0.26 ▼

INDICATORS	2024		
	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Cottage	10,502	10,758	2.44 ▲
Number of FDI Industries	114	115	0.88 ▲
TRADE¹			
Trade by Sector	22,307	22,613	1.37 ▲
Micro Trade	9,546	9,553	0.07 ▲
Retail	11,878	12,179	2.53 ▲
Wholesale	883	881	0.23 ▲
Trade by Ownership	22,307	22,613	1.37 ▲
Sole Proprietorship	21,670	21,965	1.36 ▲
Partnership	212	218	2.83 ▲
Company	382	383	0.26 ▲
Others	43	47	9.30 ▲
Trade by Size	22,307	22,613	1.37 ▲
Large	1,368	1,396	2.05 ▲
Medium	533	561	5.25 ▲
Small	10,860	11,103	2.24 ▲
Cottage	9,546	9,553	0.07 ▲

¹Data as of 30th June, 2024 for 2nd Quarter and 30th September, 2024 for 3rd Quarter.

FOREIGN TRADE¹			
Export (Nu. in Million)	12,500.42	9,649.30	22.81 ▼
India	7,618.53	7,327.97	3.81 ▼
Countries other than India	4,881.89	2,321.33	52.45 ▼
Import (Nu. in Million)	26,687.16	26,807.43	0.45 ▲
India	23,904.57	22,439.31	6.13 ▼
Countries other than India	2,782.59	4,368.12	56.98 ▲

INDICATORS		2024		
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Balance of Trade (Nu. in Million)	-14,186.74	-17,158.13	20.94 ▲	
India	-16,286.04	-15,111.34	7.21 ▼	
Countries other than India	-2,099.30	-2,046.78	2.50 ▼	
TOURISM				
Total Number of Tourists Arrival	50,605	20,025	60.43 ▼	
Tourists from Countries other than India	13,081	7,973	39.05 ▼	
Tourists from India	37,524	12,052	67.88 ▼	
Tourists Revenue from SDF (USD in Million) ²	8.70	4.70	45.98 ▼	
<i>¹Data reflects to that particular quarter. ²Estimated revenue from Sustainable Development Fees (SDF), Department Of Tourism, MOICE.</i>				
HEALTH				
Life Expectancy at Birth ¹	70.2	70.2	0.00	
Male	68.8	68.8	0.00	
Female	71.7	71.7	0.00	
Infant Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 Live Births) ²	15.2	15.2	0.00	
Crude Birth Rate (Per 1,000 Population) ²	18.0	18.0	0.00	
Crude Death Rate (Per 1,000 Population) ²	8.5	8.5	0.00	
Maternal Mortality Ratio (Per 100,000 Live Births) ²	53.0	53.0	0.00	
Total Fertility Rate (Children Per Woman) ¹	1.7	1.7	0.00	
Deliveries Attended by Skilled Health Workers (%) ²	98.5	98.5	0.00	
Institutional Deliveries (%) ²	98.0	98.0	0.00	
Under-5 Mortality (Per 1000) ²	19.5	19.5	0.00	
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	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Neonatal Mortality Rate (Per 1000) ²	6.9	6.9	0.00
% of population within 2 hours from the nearest health facility ²	96.8	96.8	0.00
HEALTH INSTITUTES (NUMBER)³			
Hospitals	55	55	0.00
Primary Health Centres (PHC)	187	187	0.00
Sub-Posts	51	51	0.00
Outreach Clinics (ORC)	557	557	0.00
Health Information and Service Centres (HISC)	7	7	0.00
Indigenous Hospitals	1	1	0.00
Indigenous Units	80	80	0.00
Training Institutes	4	4	0.00
HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES⁴			
General Specialists/Sub-Specialists	121	141	16.53 ▲
Medical officers (MS/CMO/MO/GDMO)	211	217	2.84 ▲
Clinical Nurses	359	362	0.84 ▲
Staff/Assistant Nurses	1229	1,233	0.33 ▲
Health Assistants (HA)	580	601	3.62 ▲
SANITATION²			
Rural Population Access to Improved Drinking Water Source (%)	99.5	99.5	0.00
Rural Population Access to Improved Sanitation (%)	98.9	98.9	0.00

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	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Under One Immunization Coverage (%)	99.4	99.4	0.00

¹Population and Housing Census of Bhutan 2017. ² National Health Survey 2023. ³ Annual Health Bulletins 2024. ⁴National Medical Service, MoH.

EDUCATION¹

Number of Students	155,159	156,272	0.72 ▼
Number of Teachers	10,158	10,096	0.61 ▼
Net Enrollment Rate in ECCD	37.66	31.43	6.23 ▼
Net Enrollment Rate in Primary (PP-VI)	94.27	88.83	5.44 ▼
Net Enrollment Rate in Basic (PP-X)	92.71	90.83	1.88 ▼
Net Enrollment Rate in Secondary (VII-XII)	68.90	62.61	6.29 ▼
National Literacy Rate (6 years and above)	70.60	70.60	0.00

NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES (SCHOOLS, INSTITUTES AND CENTRES)

Government Schools	497	491	1.21 ▼
Higher Secondary Schools	79	78	1.27 ▼
Middle Secondary Schools	57	63	10.53 ▲
Lower Secondary Schools	38	32	15.79 ▼
Primary Schools	323	318	1.55 ▼
Extended Classrooms	45	47	4.44 ▲
Special Institutes	2	2	0.00
Private Schools	27	26	3.70 ▼
Higher Secondary Schools	14	10	28.57 ▼

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	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Middle Secondary Schools	2	2	0.00
Lower Secondary Schools	1	1	0.00
Primary Schools	10	13	30.00 ▲
ECCD Centres	525	526	0.19 ▲
Schools with SEN Program	39	44	12.82 ▲
Tertiary Institutes	17	17	0.00
Other Institutes ²	701	518	26.11 ▼

¹AES, 2023 for 2nd Qtr. & administrative data from MoESD for 3rd Qtr. ²Technical Training Institutes, Institutes of Zorig Chusum, CE Centres, NFE Centres and Monastic Education Institutes (2023).

TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Length of Road (Km)	18,343	18,343	0.00
Number of Motorable Bridges	388	388	0.00
Number of Suspension Bridges	437	437	0.00
Number of Telephone Exchange Stations	106	106	0.00
Number of Telephone Connections	10,964	10,831	1.21 ▼
Number of Internet Connections	757,561	764,501	0.92 ▲
Lease Line Connections	21,422	24,385	13.83 ▲
Broadband Internet Connections	4,483	4,781	6.65 ▲
EDGE/GPRS+3G+4G Connections	708,032	712,283	0.60 ▲
5G Connections	23,624	23,052	2.42 ▼
B-Mobile Subscribers	489,772	496,446	1.36 ▲
Tashi Cell Subscribers	301,527	305,171	1.21 ▲
No. of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Druk Air	63,738	45,437	28.71 ▼

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	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Revenue Earned by Druk Air (Nu. in Million)	1,497.76	948.89	36.65 ▼
No. of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Bhutan Airline	37,227	31,721	14.79 ▼
Revenue Earned by Bhutan Airline (Nu. in Million)	376.60	305.12	18.98 ▼
No. of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Helicopter Services	485	384	20.82 ▼
Revenue Earned by Helicopter Services (Nu. in Million)	35.95	30.82	14.27 ▼
No. of Motor Vehicles Registered	127,257	127,589	0.26 ▲
Heavy & Medium	14,749	14,711	0.26 ▼
Light	83,559	83,693	0.16 ▲
Two Wheeler	12,391	12,411	0.16 ▲
Taxi	6,927	7,127	2.89 ▲
Electric Vehicle ¹	361	368	1.94 ▲
Others ²	9,270	9,279	0.10 ▲

¹Excludes EV Taxi. ²Includes Tractors, Power Tillers and Earth Moving Equipment.

AGRICULTURE (NUMBER)

Agriculture Extension Centres	201	201	0.00
Agriculture Seed Centres	1	1	0.00
Regional Seed Centres	3	3	0.00
Agriculture Seed Farms	4	4	0.00
National Plant Protection Centres	1	1	0.00
Agriculture Machinery and Technology Centres	1	1	0.00

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National Mushroom Centre	1	1	0.00
Agriculture Research and Development Centres	3	3	0.00
Agriculture Research and Development Sub-Centres	4	4	0.00
Soil and Plant Analytical Laboratory	1	1	0.00
National Centre for Organic Agriculture	1	1	0.00
Farm Machinery Cooperation Limited (SOE)	1	1	0.00
Agricultural Marketing Centres (Numbers)			
National Post Harvest Centre	1	1	0.00
Regional Post Harvest Centres	4	4	0.00
Regional Agricultural Marketing and Cooperative office	3	3	0.00
LIVESTOCK (NUMBER)			
Livestock Extension Centres	218	218	0.00
National Livestock Research Centre	1	1	0.00
National Centre for Animal Health	1	1	0.00
Dzongkhag Veterinary Hospitals	20	20	0.00
Regional Livestock Development Centre	1	1	0.00
National Veterinary Hospital	1	1	0.00
Regional Veterinary Hospital & Epidemiology Centres	3	3	0.00
Satellite Veterinary Laboratory	1	1	0.00

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	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Government Livestock Farms (for Breeding/Production)	17	17	0.00
Vaccine Production Centre	1	1	0.00
Liquid Nitrogen and Semen Processing Centres	2	2	0.00
National Development Centre for Animal Nutrition	1	1	0.00
Regional Development Centre for Animal Nutrition	1	1	0.00
National Highland Development Centre	1	1	0.00
Bhutan Livestock Development Corporation (SOE)	1	1	0.00
Livestock Product Value Addition Centre	1	1	0.00
National Biodiversity Centre	1	1	0.00
Centre for Nublang Conservation and Development	1	1	0.00
Centre for Yubja Conservation and Development	1	1	0.00
FORESTRY (NUMBER)			
Divisional Forest Offices	14	14	0.00
Range Offices Division	42	42	0.00
Beat Office Division	76	76	0.00
Range Office Park	32	32	0.00
Beat Office Park	14	14	0.00
Forest Cover (%) ¹	69.7	69.7	0.00
Protected Area (%)	43.48	43.48	0.00

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	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Protected Areas Number (Parks, Sanctuaries and Reserves)	10	10	0.00
Biological Corridors (%)	8.28	8.28	0.00
Royal Botanical Park (%)	0.24	0.24	0.00
Tiger Centre ²	1	1	0.00
Forestry Research Institute	1	1	0.00
POWER (UNITS IN MILLION)			
Total Electricity Generation ³	2,282.28	5,613.55	145.96 ▲
Total scheduled electricity export	603.02	3,639.61	503.56 ▲
Total Scheduled Export of Electricity to India (%)	26.42	64.84	38.41 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Chhukha	344.32	773.73	124.71 ▲
Scheduled Electricity Export from Chhukha	76.40	774.85	914.20 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Kurichhu	114.19	143.69	25.84 ▲
Scheduled Electricity Export from Kurichhu	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hydro Electricity Generated by Tala	784.02	2,409.70	207.35 ▲
Scheduled Electricity Export from Tala	29.63	677.97	2188.02 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Dagachhu	57.31	222.05	287.45 ▲
Scheduled Electricity Export from Dagachhu	38.90	182.69	369.68 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Mangdechhu	867.24	1,660.44	91.46 ▲

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Scheduled Electricity Export from Mangdechhu	362.29	1,660.46	358.32 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Basochu	47.17	132.74	181.42 ▲
Scheduled Electricity Export from Basochu	16.01	107.26	569.87 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Nikachhu	68.03	271.20	298.67 ▲
Scheduled Electricity Export from Nikachhu	79.79	236.38	196.24 ▲
Total Electricity Import (Bid Quantum)	217.79	0.00	100.00 ▲
Total Domestic Sales	1,772.01	1,784.20	0.69 ▲
Total Subsidized Energy	42.58	42.81	0.54 ▲
Number of Villages Electrified	3,879	3,879	0.00
Number of Towns Electrified	42	42	0.00
Number of Electricity Consumers	249,438	253,145	1.49 ▲

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (NUMBER)

Total Number of countries with which Bhutan has diplomatic relations ⁴	55	55	0.00
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¹ Excluding Alpine Shrubs 3.39% and Shrubs 9.74%. ² Merged under Nature Conservation Division and It functions as a Sub Center. ³ Does not include generation from solar-plants, wind plants and Mini/ Micro Hydro Power Plants. ⁴ Includes European Union.



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