

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS BHUTAN

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ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

	20	24	
INDICATORS	1 <sup>s⊤</sup> QUARTER	2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER	PERCENTAGE (%) INCREASE (▲)/ DECREASE (▼)/ NO CHANGE (0.0)
POPULATION			
Population <sup>1</sup>	777,224	777,224	0.0
Male	404,411	404,411	0.0
Female	372,813	372,813	0.0
Population Density (Per Sq. Km) <sup>2</sup>	19	19	0.0
Population Growth Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	1.3	1.3	0.0
Average Household Size <sup>3</sup>	4.0	4.0	0.0
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT <sup>4</sup>			
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	63.9	61.8	2.10 🔻
Male	72.8	72.5	0.30 🔻
Female	54.1	50.0	4.10 🔻
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	3.7	0.40 🔻
Male	4.0	3.1	0.90 🔻
Female	4.3	4.5	0.20 🔺
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	22.9	19.2	3.70 🔻
Male	25.7	18.9	6.80 🔻
Female	19.7	19.6	0.10 🔻
Number of New Job Seekers Reg- istered	4,047	6,238	54.14 🔺
Male	1,963	3,262	66.17 🔺
Female	2,084	2,976	42.80
Placement through Overseas Em- ployment Program	537	346	35.57 🔻
Male	190	143	24.74 🔻
Female	347	203	41.50 🔻

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## NATIONAL POVERTY RATE (2022)

Bhutan Poverty Rate (%) <sup>5</sup>	12.4	12.4	0.0
Urban	4.2	4.2	0.0
Rural	17.5	17.5	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Projected Population Bhutan 2017-47, NSB. <sup>2</sup> Population and Housing Census of Bhutan, 2017. <sup>3</sup> Bhutan Living Standard Survey 2022 Report. <sup>4</sup> Quarterly Labour Force Survey Report and Bhutan Labour Market Information System (BLMIS). <sup>5</sup> Poverty Analysis Report, 2022.

INCOME			
GDP (Nu. in Million) <sup>1</sup>	227,813.72	249,388.19	9.47 🔺
Per Capita GDP in USD (1 USD = Nu. 82.60)	3,833.03	3,919.55	2.26 🔺
GDP Growth (%)	5.21	4.88	0.33 🔻
Share of Agriculture to GDP (%)	6.81	6.57	0.24 🔻
Saving as % of GDP	21.23	19.70	1.53 🔻
Investment as % of GDP	55.78	45.18	10.60 🔻
Export of Goods and Services as % of GDP	25.50	28.33	2.83 🔺
Import of Goods and Services as % of GDP	60.07	53.24	6.83 🔻
Inflation Rate (%)2	4.61	2.96	1.65 🔻
Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD in Million) <sup>3</sup>	699.60	596.85	14.69 🔻
USD (in Million)	475.75	423.39	11.01 🔻
Rupees (Rs. in Million)	18,663.20	14,448.87	22.58 🔻
Exchange Rate 1 USD to Ngultrum	83.37	83.30	0.08 🔻

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Non Performing Loans (NPR) (Nu. in Million)	6,959.83	7,333.33	5.37 🔺
Credit to Deposit Ratio (%)	76.95	79.07	2.12 🔺
Money Supply (Nu. in Million)	223,286.32	220,405.41	1.29 🔻
Minimum Lending Rate (%)	6.91	6.91	0.0
<sup>1</sup> National Accounts Report 2023 & 2024. <sup>3</sup> Foreign Exchange Reserves as of March		ation Rate (Yea	r On Year).
PUBLIC FINANCE (NU. IN MILLION	)		
Government Revenue Receipt <sup>1</sup>	9,470.96	18,460.35	94.92 🔺
Tax Revenue	7,805.85	9,744.58	24.84 🔺
Non-Tax Revenue	1,665.11	8,715.77	423.44 🔺
Other Revenue	1,237.34	7,389.16	497.18 🔺
Current Revenue from Govern- ment Agencies	416.17	570.45	37.07
Capital Revenue from Govern- ment Agencies	11.60	756.16	6420.30 🔺
Govt. Expenditure	22,162.32	25,388.05	14.56 🔺
Current	11,458.46	12,229.21	6.73 🔺
Capital	6,853.08	12,375.74	80.59 🔺
Repayment	2,101.27	1,814.27	13.66 🔻
TOTAL PUBLIC DEBT (NU. IN MILLION) <sup>2</sup>	293,089.46	285,179.42	2.70 🔻
As % of GDP	109.82	106.90	2.92 🔺
External Debt	261,122.84	263,702.06	0.99 🔺
As % of GDP	97.80	98.80	1.00 🔺
Hydro Debt	167,497.98	167,194.63	0.18 🔻

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As % of GDP	62.80	62.60	0.20 🔻
Non-Hydro Debt	93,624.86	96,507.43	3.08 🔺
As % of GDP	35.10	36.20	1.10 🔺
Domestic Debt	31,966.62	21,477.36	32.81 🔻
As % of GDP	12.00	8.00	4.00 🔻
Convertible Currency Debt (USD in Million)	1,060.74	1,090.81	2.83 🔺
As % of GDP	33.20	34.10	0.90 🔺
Rupee Debt (Rupees in Million)	172,566.79	172,565.03	0.0
As % of GDP	64.70	64.70	0.0
Total Debt Service through Budget (Nu. in Million)	14,536.77	15,064.41	3.63 🔺

<sup>1</sup> Provisional Data from Department of Revenue and Customs. <sup>2</sup> As of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter and as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.

INDUSTRIES (NUMBER) <sup>1</sup>			
Industries by Sector	29,446	29,954	1.73 🔺
Production and Manufacturing	3,841	3,867	0.68 🔺
Services	23,533	24,059	2.24 🔺
Construction	2,072	2,028	2.12 🔻
Industries by Ownership	29,446	29,954	1.73 🔺
Sole Proprietorship	28,186	28,671	1.72 🔺
Partnership	349	370	6.02
Company	793	785	1.01 🔻
Others	118	128	8.47 🔺
Industries by Size	29,446	29,954	1.73 🔺
Large	431	427	0.93 🔻

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Medium	798	779	2.38 🔻
Small	17,790	18,246	2.56 🔺
Cottage	10,427	10,502	0.72 🔺
Number of FDI Industries	108	114	5.56 🔺
TRADE <sup>1</sup>			
Trade by Sector	21,270	22,307	4.88 🔺
Micro Trade	8,616	9,546	10.79 🔺
Retail	11,742	11,878	1.16 🔺
Wholesale	912	883	3.18 🔻
Trade by Ownership	21,270	22,307	4.88
Sole Proprietorship	20,656	21,670	4.91 🔺
Partnership	203	212	4.43 🔺
Company	370	382	3.24 🔺
Others	41	43	4.88 🔺
Trade by Size	21,270	22,307	4.88 🔺
Large	1,379	1,368	0.80 🔻
Medium	502	533	6.18 🔺
Small	10,773	10,860	0.81 🔺
Cottage	8,616	9,546	10.79 🔺
FOREIGN TRADE <sup>2</sup>			
Export (Nu. in Million)	9,405.32	12,500.42	32.91 🔺
India	7,181.58	7,618.53	6.08 🔺
Countries other than India	2,223.73	4,881.89	119.54 🔺
Import (Nu. in Million)	24,531.11	26,687.16	8.79 🔺
India	20,803.11	23,904.57	14.91 🔺

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Countries other than India	3,728.01	2,782.59	25.36 🔻
Balance of Trade (Nu. in Million)	-15,125.80	-14,186.74	6.21 🔻
India	-13,621.52	-16,286.04	19.56 🔺
Countries other than India	-1,504.27	2,099.30	239.56 🔻

<sup>1</sup> Data as of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter and 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. <sup>2</sup> The Data reflects for that particular Quarter.

TOURISM			
Total Number of Tourists Arrival	25,003	50,605	102.40 🔺
Tourists from Countries other than India	10,019	13,081	30.56 🔺
Tourists from India	14,984	37,524	150.43 🔺
Total Tourists Revenue (USD in Million) <sup>1</sup>	5.88	8.70	48.00
HEALTH			
Life Expectancy at Birth <sup>2</sup>	70.2	70.2	0.0
Male	68.8	68.8	0.0
Female	71.7	71.7	0.0
Infant Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 Live Births) <sup>3</sup>	15.2	15.2	0.0
Crude Birth Rate (Per 1,000 Population)	18.0	18.0	0.0
Crude Death Rate (Per 1,000 Population)	10.2	10.2	0.0
Maternal Mortality Ratio (Per 100,000 Live Births)	53	53	0.0
Total Fertility Rate (Children Per Woman)	2.0	2.0	0.0

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Deliveries Attended by Skilled Health Workers (%)	98.5	98.5	0.0	
Institutional Deliveries (%)	98.0	98.0	0.0	
Under-5 Mortality (Per 1000)	19.5	19.5	0.0	
Neonatal Mortality Rate (Per 1000)	6.9	6.9	0.0	
% of population within 2 hours from the nearest health facility	96.8	96.8	0.0	
HEALTH INSTITUTES (NUMBER) <sup>4</sup>				
Hospitals	55	55	0.0	
Primary Health Centres (PHC)	187	187	0.0	
Sub-Posts	51	51	0.0	
Outreach Clinics (ORC)	557	557	0.0	
Health Information and Service Centres (HISC)	7	7	0.0	
Indigenous Hospitals	1	1	0.0	
Indigenous Units	80	80	0.0	
Training Institutes	4	4	0.0	
HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES <sup>4</sup>				
General Specialists/Sub-Special- ists	121	121	0.0	
Medical officers (MS/CMO/MO/ GDMO)	211	211	0.0	
Clinical Nurses	359	359	0.0	
Staff/Assistant Nurses	1229	1229	0.0	
Health Assistants (HA)	580	580	0.0	
SANITATION <sup>3</sup>				

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Rural Population Access to Improved Drinking Water Source (%)	99.5	99.5	0.0
Rural Population Access to Im- proved Sanitation (%)	98.9	98.9	0.0
Under One Immunization Cover- age (%)	99.40	99.40	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Estimated Revenue from Sustainable Development Fees (SDF), Department of Tourism, MoICE. <sup>2</sup> Population and Housing Census of Bhutan 2017. <sup>3</sup> National Health Survey, 2023 <sup>4</sup> Annual Health Bulletins 2024.

EDUCATION 1			
Number of Students	155,159	155,159	0.0
Number of Teachers	10,158	10,158	0.0
Net Enrollment Rate in ECCD	37.66	37.66	0.0
Net Enrollment Rate in Primary (PP-VI)	94.27	94.27	0.0
Net Enrollment Rate in Basic (PP-X)	92.71	92.71	0.0
Net Enrollment Rate in Second- ary (VII-XII)	68.90	68.90	0.0
National Literacy Rate (6 years and above)	70.60	70.60	0.0
NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUCENTRES)	UTES (SCHO	OLS, INSTITUT	ES AND
Government Schools	497	497	0.0
Higher Secondary Schools	79	79	0.0
Middle Secondary Schools	57	57	0.0
Lower Secondary Schools	38	38	0.0
Primary Schools	323	323	0.0

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INDICATORS	1 <sup>s⊤</sup> QUARTER	2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER	INCREASE (▲)/ DECREASE (▼)/ NO CHANGE (0.0)
Private Schools	27	27	0.0
Higher Secondary Schools	14	14	0.0
Middle Secondary Schools	2	2	0.0
Lower Secondary Schools	1	1	0.0
Primary Schools	10	10	0.0
ECCD Centres	525	525	0.0
Schools with SEN Program	39	39	0.0
Tertiary Institutes <sup>2</sup>	17	17	0.0
Other Institutes	213	213	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Annual Education Statistics, 2023. <sup>2</sup> Includes Special Institutes, Technical Training Institutes and Monastic Education Institutes.

<b>TRANSPORT &amp; COMMUNICATIONS</b>			
Length of Road (Km)	18,343	18,343	0.0
Number of Motorable Bridges	383	388	1.31 🔺
Number of Suspension Bridges	437	437	0.0
Number of Telephone Exchange Stations	106	106	0.0
Number of Telephone Connections	11,023	10,964	0.54 🔻
Number of Internet Connections	739,547	757,561	2.44 🔺
Lease Line Connections	10,439	21,422	105.21 🔺
Broadband Internet Connections	4,033	4,483	11.16 🔺
EDGE/GPRS+3G+4G Connec- tions	698,947	708,032	1.30 🔺
5G Connections	26,128	23,624	9.58 🔻
B-Mobile Subscribers	488,392	489,772	0.28 🔺
Tashi Cell Subscribers	300,066	301,527	0.49 🔺

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No. of Revenue Earning Passen- gers Carried by Druk Air	54,758	63,738	16.40 🔺
Revenue Earned by Druk Air (Nu. in Million)	1,080.15	2,577.91	138.66 🔺
No. of Revenue Earning Passen- gers Carried by Bhutan Airline	5,342	37,227	596.87
Revenue Earned by Bhutan Air- line (Nu. in Million)	46.97	376.60	701.86
No. of Revenue Earning Pas- sengers Carried by Helicopter Services	161	485	201.24
Revenue Earned by Helicopter Services (Nu. in Million)	28.87	64.82	124.52
No. of Motor Vehicles Registered	126,952	127,257	0.24
Heavy & Medium	14,741	14,749	0.05
Light	83,496	83,559	0.08
Two Wheeler	12,388	12,391	0.02
Taxi	6,792	6,927	1.99 🔺
Private Electric Vehicle	358	361	0.84
Others <sup>1</sup>	9,177	9,270	1.01 🔺
<sup>1</sup> Includes Tractors, Power Tillers and Ear	th Moving Equi	oment.	
AGRICULTURE (NUMBER)			
Agriculture Extension Centres	205	201	1.95 🔻
Agriculture Seed Centres	1	1	0.0
Regional Seed Centres	3	3	0.0
Agriculture Seed Farms	4	4	0.0
National Plant Protection Centres	1	1	0.0

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Agriculture Machinery and Technol- ogy Centres	1	1	0.0
National Mushroom Centre	1	1	0.0
Agriculture Research and Develop- ment Centres	3	3	0.0
Agriculture Research and Develop- ment Sub-Centres	3	4	33.33 🔺
Soil and Plant Analytical Laboratory	1	1	0.0
National Centre for Organic Agri- culture	1	1	0.0
Farm Machinery Cooperation Limit- ed (SOE)	1	1	0.0
Agricultural Marketing Centres (Num	bers)		
National Post Harvest Centre	1	1	0.0
Regional Post Harvest Centres	4	4	0.0
Regional Agricultural Marketing and Cooperative office	3	3	0.0
LIVESTOCK (NUMBER)			
Livestock Extension Centres	218	218	0.0
National Livestock Research Centre	1	1	0.0
National Centre for Animal Health	1	1	0.0
Dzongkhag Veterinary Hospitals	20	20	0.0
Regional Livestock Development Centre	1	1	0.0
National Veterinary Hospital	1	1	0.0
Regional Veterinary Hospital & Epidemiology Centres	3	3	0.0
Satellite Veterinary Laboratory	1	1	0.0

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Government Livestock Farms (for Breeding/Production)	18	17	5.56 🔻
Vaccine Production Centre	1	1	0.0
Liquid Nitrogen and Semen Pro- cessing Centres	2	2	0.0
National Development Centre for Animal Nutrition	1	1	0.0
Regional Development Centre for Animal Nutrition	1	1	0.0
National Highland Development Centre	1	1	0.0
Bhutan Livestock Development Corporation (SOE)	1	1	0.0
Livestock Product Value Addition Centre	1	1	0.0
National Biodiversity Centre	1	1	0.0
Centre for Nublang Conservation and Development	1	1	0.0
Centre for Yubja Conservation and Development	1	1	0.0
FORESTRY (NUMBER)			
Divisional Forest Offices	14	14	0.0
Range Offices Division	42	42	0.0
Beat Office Division	76	76	0.0
Range Office Park	32	32	0.0
Beat Office Park	14	14	0.0
Forest Cover (%) <sup>1</sup>	69.7	69.7	0.0
Protected Area (%)	43.48	43.48	0.0

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Protected Areas Number (Parks, Sanctuaries and Reserves)	10	10	0.0
Biological Corridors (%)	8.28	8.28	0.0
Royal Botanical Park (%)	0.24	0.24	0.0
Tiger Centre <sup>2</sup>	1	1	0.0
Forestry Research Institute	1	1	0.0
POWER (UNITS IN MILLION)			
Total Electricity Generation <sup>3</sup>	948.58	2,282.28	140.60 🔺
Total scheduled electricity export	59.54	603.02	912.80 🔺
Total Scheduled Export of Elec- tricity to India (%)	6.28	26.42	320.95 🔺
Hydro Electricity Generated by Chhukha	178.37	344.32	93.04 🔺
Scheduled Electricity Export from Chhukha	0.00	76.40	100.00 🔺
Hydro Electricity Generated by Kurichhu	44.11	114.19	158.85 🔺
Scheduled Electricity Export from Kurichhu	0.00	0.00	0.0
Hydro Electricity Generated by Tala	351.69	784.02	122.93 🔺
Scheduled Electricity Export from Tala	0.00	29.63	100.00 🔺
Hydro Electricity Generated by Dagachhu	42.93	57.31	33.50 🔺
Scheduled Electricity Export from Dagachhu	38.11	38.90	2.07
Hydro Electricity Generated by Mangdechhu	261.93	867.24	231.10 🔺

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Scheduled Electricity Export from Mangdechhu	0.00	362.29	100.00 🔺
Hydro Electricity Generated by Basochu	39.95	47.17	18.08 🔺
Scheduled Electricity Export from Basochu	0.00	16.01	100.00 🔺
Hydro Electricity Generated by Nikachhu	29.60	68.03	129.80 🔺
Scheduled Electricity Export from Nikachhu	21.43	79.79	272.35 🔺
Total Electricity Import (Bid Quan- tum)	996.27	217.79	78.14 🔻
Total Domestic Sales	1,724.66	1,772.01	2.75 🔺
Total Subsidized Energy	42.91	42.58	0.77 🔻
Number of Villages Electrified	3,879	3,879	0.0
Number of Towns Electrified	42	42	0.0
Number of Electricity Consumers	245,532	249,438	1.59 🔺
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (NUMBER	R)		
Total Number of countries with which Bhutan has diplomatic relations⁴	55	55	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Alpine Shrubs 3.39% and Shrubs 9.74%. <sup>2</sup> Merged under Nature Conservation Division and It functions as a Sub Center. <sup>3</sup> Does not include Mini/Micro Generation. <sup>4</sup> Includes European Union.







