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INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE (%) - INCREASE (▲)/ DECREASE (▼)/ NO CHANGE (-)
	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	
POPULATION			
Population ¹	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) ²	19	19	0.0-
Population Growth Rate (%) ²	1.3	1.3	0.0-
Average Household Size ³	4.0	4.0	0.0-
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (%)⁴			
Labour Force Participation Rate	63.9	72.5	8.60 ▲
Male	72.8	50.0	22.80 ▼
Female	54.1	61.8	7.70 ▲
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 Registered	4,047	6,238	54.14 ▲
Male	1,963	3,262	66.17 ▲
Female	2,084	2,976	42.80 ▲
Placement through Overseas Employment 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 (%) ⁵	12.4	12.4	0.0-
Urban	4.2	4.2	0.0-
Rural	17.5	17.5	0.0-

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

INCOME

GDP (Nu. in Million) ¹	227,813.72	249,388.19	9.47 ▲
Per Capita GDP in Us \$ (1 Us \$ = 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 % to GDP	25.50	28.33	2.83 ▲
Import of Goods and Services as % to GDP	60.07	53.24	6.83 ▼
Inflation Rate (%) ²	4.61		4.61 ▼
Foreign Exchange Reserves (\$ in Million) ³	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 US \$ to Ngultrum	83.37	83.30	0.08 ▼

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE (%) - INCREASE (▲)/ DECREASE (▼)/ NO CHANGE (-)
	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	
Non Performing Loans (NPR) (Nu. in Millions)	6,959.83	7,333.33	5.37 ▲
Credit to Deposit Ratio (%)	76.95	79.07	2.2 ▲
Money Supply (Nu. in Millions)	223,286.32	220,405.41	1.29 ▼
Minimum Landing Rate (%)	6.91	6.91	0.0-

¹ National Accounts Report 2023 & 2024. ² Quarterly Inflation Rate (Year On Year). ³ foreign Exchange Reserves as of March & May 2024.

PUBLIC FINANCE

Government Revenue Receipt (Nu. in Million) ¹	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 Government Agencies	416.17	570.45	37.07 ▲
Capital Revenue from Government Agencies	11.60	756.16	6420.30 ▲
Govt. Expenditure (Nu. in Million)	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)²	293,089.46	285,179.42	2.70 ▼
As Percentage (%) of GDP	109.82	106.90	2.92 ▼
External Debt	261,122.84	263,702.06	0.99 ▲
As Percentage (%) of GDP	97.80	98.80	1.00 ▲
Hydro Debt (Nu.)	167,497.98	167,194.63	0.18 ▼

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE (%) - INCREASE (▲)/ DECREASE (▼)/ NO CHANGE (-)
	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	
As a Percentage of GDP	62.80	62.60	0.20 ▼
Non-Hydro Debt (Nu.)	93,624.86	96,507.43	3.08 ▲
As a Percentage of GDP	35.10	36.20	1.10 ▲
Domestic Debt	31,966.62	21,477.36	32.81 ▼
As Percentage (%) of GDP	12.00	8.00	4.00 ▼
Convertible Currency Debt (Us \$ in Million)	1,060.74	1,090.81	2.83 ▲
As Percentage (%) of GDP	33.20	34.10	0.90 ▲
Rupee Debt (Rupees in Million)	172,566.79	172,565.03	0.00 ▼
As Percentage (%) of GDP	64.70	64.70	0.0-
Total Debt Service through Budget (Nu. in Million)	14,536.77	15,064.41	3.63 ▲

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

INDUSTRIES

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 ▼

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE (%) - INCREASE (▲)/ DECREASE (▼)/ NO CHANGE (-)
	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	
Medium	798	779	2.38 ▼
Small	17,790	18,246	2.56 ▲
Cottage	10,427	10,502	0.72 ▲
Number of FDI on Industries	108	114	5.56 ▲
TRADE			
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	21270	22307	4.88 ▲
Large	1379	1368	0.80 ▼
Medium	502	533	6.18 ▲
Small	10773	10860	0.81 ▲
Cottage	8616	9546	10.79 ▲
FOREIGN TRADE ²			
Export (Nu. in Million)	9,405.32	12,500.42	32.91 ▲
India	7,181.58	7,618.53	6.08 ▲
Third Countries	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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	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	
Third Countries	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 ▲
Third Countries	-1,504.27	2,099.30	239.56 ▼

¹ Data as of 31st March, 2024 for 1st Quarter and 30th June, 2024 for 2nd Quarter. ² 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 (Us \$ in Million) ¹	5.88	8.70	48.00 ▲

HEALTH

Life Expectancy at Birth ²	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) ³	15.2	15.2	0.0-
Crude Birth Rate (Per 1,000 Population)	18	18	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	2	0.0-

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE (%) - INCREASE (▲)/ DECREASE (▼)/ NO CHANGE (-)
	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	
Deliveries Attended by Skilled Health Workers (%)	98.5	98.5	0.0-
Institutional Delivery (%)	98	98	0.0-
Under-5 Mortality (Per 1000)	19.5	19.5	0.0-
Neonatal Mortality Rate (Per 1000)	6.9	6.9	0.0-
Percentage of population within 2 hours to the nearest health facility	96.8	96.8	0.0-
HEALTH INSTITUTES (NUMBER)⁴			
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 RESOURCES⁴			
General Specialists/Sub-Specialists	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-

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SANITATION³			
Rural population access to improved drinking water source (%)	99.5	99.5	0.0-
Rural population access to improved sanitation (%)	98.9	98.9	0.0-
Under one immunization coverage (%)	99.40	99.40	0.0-
¹ Estimated Revenue from Sustainable Development Fees (SDF), Department of Tourism, MoICE. ² Population and Housing Census of Bhutan 2017. ³ National Health Survey, 2023 ⁴ 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 Secondary (VII-XII)	68.90	68.90	0.0-
National Literacy Rate (6 years and above)	70.60	70.60	0.0-
NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES (SCHOOLS, INSTITUTES AND CENTRES)			
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-

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	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	
Primary Schools	323	323	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 ²	17	17	0.0-
Other Institutes	213	213	0.0-

¹ Annual Education Statistics, 2023. ² Includes Special Institutes, Technical Training Institutes and Monastic Education Institutes.

TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

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 Connections	698,947	708,032	1.30 ▲
5G Connections	26,128	23,624	9.58 ▼

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	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	
B-Mobile Subscribers	488,392	489,772	0.28 ▲
Tashi Cell Subscribers	300,066	301,527	0.49 ▲
No. of revenue Earning passengers 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 passengers carried by Bhutan Airline	5,342	37,227	596.87 ▲
Revenue earned by Bhutan Airline (Nu. in Million)	46.97	376.60	701.86 ▲
No. of revenue earning passengers 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	117,775	127,257	8.05 ▲
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 ¹	9,177	9,270	1.01 ▲

¹ Includes Tractors, Power Tillers and Earth Moving Equipments.

AGRICULTURE (NUMBER)

Agriculture Extension Centres	205	201	1.95 ▼
Agriculture Seed Centre	1	1	0.0-
Regional Seed Centres	3	3	0.0-

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	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	
Agriculture Seed Farms	4	4	0.0-
National Plant Protection Centre	1	1	0.0-
Agriculture Machinery and Technology Centre	1	1	0.0-
National Mushroom Centre	1	1	0.0-
Agriculture Research and Development Centres	3	3	0.0-
Agriculture Research and Development Sub-Centres	3	4	33.33 ▲
Soil and Plant Analytical Laboratory	1	1	0.0-
National Centre for Organic Agriculture	1	1	0.0-
Farm Machinery Cooperation Limited (SOE)	1	1	0.0-
Agricultural Marketing Centres (Numbers)			
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-

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	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	
National Veterinary Hospital	1	1	0.0-
Regional Veterinary Hospital & Epidemiology Centres	3	3	0.0-
Satellite Veterinary Laboratory	1	1	0.0-
Government Livestock Farms (for Breeding/Production)	18	17	5.56 ▼
Vaccine Production Centre	1	1	0.0-
Liquid Nitrogen and Semen Processing 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-

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	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	
Beat Office Park	14	14	0.0-
Forest Cover (%) ¹	69.7	69.7	0.0-
Protected Area (%)	43.48	43.48	0.0-
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 ²	1	1	0.0-
Forestry Research Institute	1	1	0.0-
POWER (UNITS IN MILLION)			
Total Electricity Generation ³	948.58	2,282.28	140.60 ▲
Total scheduled electricity export (MU)	59.54	603.02	912.80 ▲
Total Schedule Export of Electricity to India (%)	6.28	26.42	320.95 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Chhukha	178.37	344.32	93.04 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Chhukha	0.00	76.40	100.00 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Kurichhu	44.11	114.19	158.85 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Kurichhu	0.00	0.00	0.0-
Hydro Electricity Generated by Tala	351.69	784.02	122.93 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Tala	0.00	29.63	100.00 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Dagachhu	42.93	57.31	33.50 ▲

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Schedule Electricity Export from Dagachhu	38.11	38.90	2.07 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Mangdechhu	261.93	867.24	231.10 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Mangdechhu	0.00	362.29	100.00 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Basochu	39.95	47.17	18.08 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Basochu	0.00	16.01	100.00 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Nikachhu	29.60	68.03	129.80 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Nikachhu	21.43	79.79	272.35 ▲
Total Electricity Import (Bid Quantum) (Mu)	996.27	217.79	78.14 ▼
Total Domestic Sales(Mu)	1,724.66	1,772.01	2.75 ▲
Total Subsidized Energy (Mu)	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)			
Total Number of countries with which Bhutan has diplomatic relations ⁴	55	55	0.0-

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 Mini/Micro Generation. ⁴ Includes European Union.



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