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INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	3 RD QUARTER	4 TH QUARTER	
POPULATION			
Population ¹	777,224	777,224	-
Male	404,411	404,411	-
Female	372,813	372,813	-
Population Density (Per Sq. Km) ²	19	19	-
Population Growth Rate (%) ²	1.3	1.3	-
Average Household Size ³	4.0	4.0	-
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT⁴			
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	65.1	64.8	0.30 ▼
Male	75.7	74.0	1.70 ▼
Female	53.5	54.6	1.10 ▲
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.09	3.11	0.02 ▲
Male	2.4	2.3	0.10 ▼
Female	4.2	4.4	0.20 ▲
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	16.5	17.7	1.20 ▲
Male	11.9	14.5	2.60 ▲
Female	21.8	21.2	0.60 ▼
Number of New Jobseekers Registered	2,868	2,865	0.10 ▼
Male	1,562	1,433	8.26 ▼
Female	1,306	1,432	9.65 ▲
Placement through Overseas Employment Program	294	514	74.83 ▲
Male	97	153	57.73 ▲
Female	197	361	83.25 ▲
NATIONAL POVERTY RATE (2022)			
Bhutan Poverty Rate (%) ⁵	12.4	12.4	-
Urban	4.2	4.2	-
Rural	17.5	17.5	-

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

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	3 RD QUARTER	4 TH QUARTER	
INCOME			
GDP (Nu. in Million) ¹	249,388.19	249,388.19	-
GDP Per Capita in USD (1 USD = Nu. 82.60)	3,919.55	3,919.55	-
GDP Growth (%)	4.88	4.88	-
Share of Agriculture to GDP (%)	6.57	6.57	-
Saving as % of GDP	19.70	19.70	-
Investment as % of GDP	45.18	45.18	-
Export of Goods and Services as % to GDP	28.33	28.33	-
Import of Goods and Services as % to GDP	53.24	53.24	-
Inflation Rate (%) ²	1.81	1.74	0.06 ▼
Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD in Million) ³	647.69	700.51	8.16 ▲
USD (in Million)	457.88	509.7	11.32 ▲
Rupees (Rs. in Million)	15,881.16	16,116.10	1.48 ▲
Exchange Rate 1 USD to Ngultrum ³	83.67	84.5	0.83 ▲
Non Performing Loans Ratio (NPR) (%) ³	3.65	3.26	0.39 ▼
Credit to Deposit Ratio (%) ³	80.17	78.91	1.26 ▼
Money Supply (Nu. in Million) ³	222,955.97	236,333.90	6.00 ▲
Minimum Lending Rate (%) ³	6.80	6.80	-
¹ National Accounts Statistics 2024. ² Quarterly Inflation Rate (year on year), NSB. ³ Data as of 30 th September, 2024 for 3 rd Quarter and as of 30 th November, 2024 for 4 th Quarter.			

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	3 RD QUARTER	4 TH QUARTER	
PUBLIC FINANCE (NU. IN MILLION)			
Government Revenue Receipt ¹	12,203.58	9,972.46	18.28 ▼
Tax Revenue	8,831.87	8,257.10	6.51 ▼
Non-Tax Revenue	3,371.71	1,715.24	49.13 ▼
Other Revenue	2,518.10	1,213.81	51.80 ▼
Current Revenue from Government Agencies	795.30	487.03	38.76 ▼
Capital Revenue from Government Agencies	58.31	14.45	75.21 ▼
Government Expenditure	13,360.13	10,749.12	19.54 ▼
Current	10,110.86	4,061.67	59.83 ▼
Capital	2,727.90	2,727.90	-
Repayment	2,170.33	931.60	57.08 ▼
TOTAL PUBLIC DEBT (NU. IN MILLION)²	290,257.05	292,742.48	0.86 ▲
As % of GDP	95.20	97.12	1.92 ▲
External Debt	266,659.00	269,144.43	0.93 ▲
As % of GDP	87.46	89.29	1.83 ▲
Hydro Debt	166,972.39	167,951.83	0.59 ▲
As % of GDP	54.77	55.72	0.95 ▲
Non-Hydro Debt	99,686.61	101,192.60	1.51 ▲
As % of GDP	32.70	33.57	0.87 ▲
Domestic Debt	23,598.05	23,598.05	-
As % of GDP	7.74	7.83	0.09 ▲
Convertible Currency Debt (USD in Million)	1,125.46	1,085.36	3.56 ▼
As % of GDP	30.93	30.83	0.09 ▼
Rupee Debt (Rs. in Million)	172,367.87	176,205.26	2.23 ▲
As % of GDP	56.54	58.46	1.92 ▲
Total Debt Service through Budget	13,329.16	13,329.16	-

¹Provisional data from Department of Revenue and Customs. ²As of 30th September, 2024 for 3rd Quarter and as of 31st December, 2024 for 4th Quarter.

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	3 RD QUARTER	4 TH QUARTER	
INDUSTRIES¹			
Industries by Sector	30,201	30,621	1.39 ▲
Production and Manufacturing	3,981	4,309	8.24 ▲
Services	24,250	24,373	0.51 ▲
Construction	1,970	1,939	1.57 ▼
Industries by Ownership	30,201	30,621	1.39 ▲
Sole Proprietorship	28,881	29,227	1.20 ▲
Partnership	390	410	5.13 ▲
Company	797	845	6.02 ▲
Others	133	139	4.51 ▲
Industries by Size	30,201	30,621	1.39 ▲
Large	440	444	0.91 ▲
Medium	804	807	0.37 ▲
Small	18,199	18,199	-
Cottage	10,758	11,171	3.84 ▲
Number of FDI Industries	115	121	5.22 ▲
TRADE¹			
Trade by Sector	22,613	22,513	0.44 ▼
Micro Trade	9,553	9,549	0.04 ▼
Retail	12,179	12,072	0.88 ▼
Wholesale	881	892	1.25 ▲
Trade by Ownership	22,613	22,513	0.44 ▼
Sole Proprietorship	21,965	21,836	0.59 ▼
Partnership	218	212	2.75 ▼
Company	383	418	9.14 ▲
Others	47	47	-
Trade by Size	22,613	22,513	0.44 ▼
Large	1,396	1,412	1.15 ▲
Medium	561	560	0.18 ▼
Small	11,103	10,995	0.97 ▼
Cottage	9,553	9,546	0.07 ▼

¹Data as of 30th September, 2024 for 3rd Quarter and 31st December, 2024 for 4th Quarter.

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	3 RD QUARTER	4 TH QUARTER	
FOREIGN TRADE¹			
Export (Nu. in Million)	9,649.30	10,495.94	8.77 ▲
India	7,327.97	7,381.41	0.73 ▲
Third Countries	2,321.33	3,114.53	34.17 ▲
Import (Nu. in Million)	26,807.43	32,610.70	21.65 ▲
India	22,439.31	25,681.05	14.45 ▲
Third Countries	4,368.12	6,929.65	58.64 ▲
Balance of trade (Nu. in Million)	-17,158.13	-22,114.76	28.89 ▲
India	-15,111.34	-18,299.64	21.10 ▲
Third Countries	-2,046.78	-3,815.12	86.40 ▲
TOURISM			
Total number of Tourists Arrival	20,025	49,160	145.49 ▲
Tourists from Countries other than India (COTI)	7,973	20,957	162.85 ▲
Tourists from India	12,052	28,203	134.01 ▲
Total Tourists Revenue from SDF (USD in Million) ²	4.70	12.10	157.45 ▲

¹Data reflects to that particular Quarter. ²Estimated revenue from Sustainable Development Fees (SDF), Department of Tourism, MoICE.

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	3 RD QUARTER	4 TH QUARTER	
Health			
Life Expectancy at Birth ¹	70.2	70.2	-
Male	68.8	68.8	-
Female	71.7	71.7	-
Infant Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 Live Births) ²	15.2	15.2	-
Crude Birth Rate (Per 1,000 Population) ²	18.0	18.0	-
Crude Death Rate (Per 1,000 Population) ²	8.5	8.5	-
Maternal Mortality Ratio (Per 100,000 Live Births) ²	53.0	53.0	-

Total Fertility Rate (Children Per Woman) ¹	1.7	1.7	-
Deliveries Attended by Skilled Health Workers (%) ²	98.5	98.5	-
Institutional Delivery (%) ²	98.0	98.0	-
Under-5 Mortality Rate (Per 1000) ²	19.5	19.5	-
Neonatal Mortality Rate (Per 1000) ²	6.9	6.9	-
% of Population within 2 Hours from the Nearest Health Facility ²	96.8	96.8	-
Health Institutes (Number)³			
Hospitals	55	55	-
Primary Health Centres (PHC)	187	187	-
Sub-Posts	51	51	-
Outreach Clinics (ORC)	557	557	-
Health Information and Service Centres (HISC)	7	7	-
Indigenous Hospitals	1	1	-
Indigenous Units	80	80	-
Training Institutes	4	4	-
HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES⁴			
General Specialists/Sub-Specialists	141	141	-
Medical Officers (MS/CMO/MO/GDMO)	217	217	-
Clinical Nurses	362	362	-
Staff/Assistant Nurses	1,233	1,233	-
Health Assistants (HA)	601	601	-
SANITATION²			
Rural Population Access to Improved Drinking Water Source (%)	99.5	99.5	-
Rural Population Access to Improved Sanitation (%)	98.9	98.9	-
Under One Immunization Coverage (%)	99.4	99.4	-

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

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	3 RD QUARTER	4 TH QUARTER	
EDUCATION ¹			
Number of Students	155,262	155,262	-
Number of Teachers	10,096	10,096	-
Net Enrollment Rate in ECCD	38.14	38.14	-
Net Enrollment Rate in Primary (PP-VI)	88.83	88.83	-
Net Enrollment Rate in Basic (PP-X)	90.83	90.83	-
Net Enrollment Rate in Secondary (VII-XII)	62.61	62.61	-
National Literacy Rate (6 years and above)	70.60	70.60	-
NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES (SCHOOLS, INSTITUTES AND CENTRES)			
Government Schools	491	491	-
Higher Secondary Schools	78	78	-
Middle Secondary Schools	63	63	-
Lower Secondary Schools	32	32	-
Primary Schools	318	318	-
Extended Classrooms	47	47	-
Special Institutes	2	2	-
Private Schools	26	26	-
Higher Secondary Schools	10	10	-
Middle Secondary Schools	2	2	-
Lower Secondary Schools	1	1	-
Primary Schools	13	13	-
ECCD Centres	574	574	-
Schools with SEN Program	44	44	-
Tertiary Institutes	17	17	-
Other Institutes ²	518	518	-

¹Annual Education Statistics 2024. ²Other Institutes includes Technical Training Institutes, Institutes of Zorig Chusum, Continuing Education Centres, Non-Formal Education Centres and Monastic Education Institutes.

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	3 RD QUARTER	4 TH QUARTER	
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS			
Length of Road (km) ¹	18,343	18,116	1.24
Number of Motorable Bridges	388	388	- ▼
Number of Suspension Bridges	437	438	0.23 ▲
Number of Telephone Exchange Stations	106	106	-
Number of Telephone Connections	10,831	10,335	4.58 ▼
Number of Internet Connections	764,501	805,599	5.38 ▲
Lease Line Connections	24,385	29,122	19.43 ▲
Broadband Internet Connections	4,781	5,021	5.02 ▲
EDGE/GPRS+3G+4G Connections	712,283	746,909	4.86 ▲
5G Connections	23,052	24,547	6.49 ▲
B-Mobile Subscribers	496,446	500,862	0.89 ▲
Tashicell Subscribers	305,171	338,644	10.97 ▲
Number of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Druk Air	45,437	70,912	56.07 ▲
Revenue Earned by Druk Air (Nu. in Million)	948.89	1,638.38	72.66 ▲
Number of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Bhutan Airlines	31,721	39,641	24.97 ▲
Revenue Earned by Bhutan Airlines (Nu. in Million)	305.12	512.39	67.93 ▲
Number of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Helicopter Service	384	547	42.45 ▲

Revenue Earned by Helicopter Service (Nu. in Million)	30.82	89.25	189.58 ▲
Number of Motor Vehicles Registered	127,589	123,456	3.24 ▼
Heavy & Medium	14,711	11,179	24.01 ▼
Light	83,693	86,035	2.80 ▲
Two Wheeler	12,411	10,182	17.96 ▼
Taxi	7,127	6,685	6.20 ▼
Electric Vehicle ²	368	375	1.90 ▲
Others ³	9,279	9,000	3.01 ▼

¹Difference in road length was due to updated road inventory collected through precise technology and updated length of Dzongkhag roads after taking over from Local Governments. ²Excludes EV Taxi. ³Includes Tractors, Power Tillers and Earth Moving Equipments.

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	3 RD QUARTER	4 TH QUARTER	
AGRICULTURE (NUMBER)			
Agriculture Extension Centre	201	201	-
Agriculture Seed Centre	1	1	-
Regional Seed Centre	3	3	-
Agriculture Seed Farm	4	4	-
National Plant Protection Centre	1	1	-
Agricultre Machinery and Technology Centre	1	1	-
National Mushroom Centre	1	1	-
Agriculture Research and Development Centre	3	3	-
Agriculture Research and Development Sub-centre	4	4	-
Soil and Plant Analytical Laboratory	1	1	-
National Centre for Organic Agriculture	1	1	-
Farm Machinery Cooperation Limited (SOE)	1	1	-
Agricultural Marketing Centres (Number)			

National Post Harvest Centre	1	1	-
Regional Post Harvest Centre	4	4	-
Regional Agricultural Market- ing and Cooperative Office	3	3	-
Livestock (Number)			
LIVESTOCK EXTENSION CENTRE	218	218	-
National Livestock Research Centre	1	1	-
National Centre for Animal Health	1	1	-
Dzongkhag Veterinary Hospital	20	20	-
Regional Livestock Develop- ment Centre	1	1	-
National Veterinary Hospital	1	1	-
Regional Veterinary Hosiptal & Epidemiology Centre	3	3	-
Statellite Veterinary Laboratory	1	1	-
Government Livestock Farms (for breeding/production)	17	17	-
Vaccine Production Centre	1	1	-
Liquid Nitrogen and Semen Processing Centre	2	2	-
National Development Centre for Animal Nutrition	1	1	-
Regional Development Centre for Animal Nutrition	1	1	-
National highland Development Centre	1	1	-
Bhutan Livestock Development Corporation (SOE)	1	1	-
Livestock Product Value Addi- tion Centre	1	1	-
National Biodiversity Centre	1	1	-
Centre for Nublang Conserva- tion and Development	1	1	-
Centre for Yubja Conservation and Development	1	1	-

INDICATORS	2024		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	3 RD QUARTER	4 TH QUARTER	
FORESTRY (NUMBER)			
Divisional Forest Office	14	14	-
Range Offices Division	42	42	-
Beat Office Division	76	76	-
Range Office Park	32	32	-
Beat Office Park	14	14	-
Forest Cover (%) ¹	69.7	69.7	-
Protected Area (%)	43.48	43.48	-
Protected Areas Number (Parks, Sanctuaries and Re-serves)	10	10	-
Biological Corridors (%)	8.28	8.28	-
Royal Botanical Park (%)	0.24	0.24	-
Tiger Centre ²	1	1	-
Forestry Research Institute	1	1	-
POWER (UNITS IN MILLION)			
Total Electricity Generation ³	5,613.55	2,779.10	50.49 ▼
Total Scheduled Electricity Export	3,639.61	1,051.35	71.11 ▼
Total Schedule Export of Electricity to India (%)	64.84	37.83	27.01 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Chhukha	773.73	474.52	38.67 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Chhukha	774.85	182.81	76.41 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Kurichhu	143.69	91.35	36.43 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Kurichhu	0.00	0.00	-
Hydro Electricity Generated by Tala	2,409.70	1,096.75	54.49 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Tala	677.97	101.44	85.04 ▼

Hydro Electricity Generated by Dagachhu	222.05	126.53	43.02 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Dagachhu	182.69	122.51	32.94 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Mangdechhu	1,660.44	774.98	53.33 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Mangdechhu	1,660.46	514.29	69.03 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Basochu	132.74	83.25	37.28 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Basochu	107.26	36.07	66.37 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Nikachhu	271.20	131.72	51.43 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Nikachhu	236.38	94.23	60.14 ▼
Total Electricity Import (Bid Quantum)	0.00	247	-
Total Domestic Sales	1,784.20	1,844.13	3.36 ▲
Total Subsidized Energy	42.81	43.92	2.60 ▲
Number of Villages Electrified	3,879	3879	-
Number of Towns Electrified	42	42	-
Number of Electricity Consumers	253,145	256,727	1.41 ▲
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (NUMBER)			
Total Number of Countries with which Bhutan has Diplomatic Relations ⁴	55	57	3.64 ▲

¹Excluding alpine shrubs 3.39% and shrubs 9.74%. ²Merged under Nature Conservation Division and it functions as a sub centre. ³Does not include generation from solar plants, wind plant and mini/micro hydro power plants.. ⁴Includes European Union.



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