

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 percapita 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