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## POPULATION

Indicators	2023	2024	2025
Population	770,276	777,224	784,043
Male	401,092	404,411	407,663
Female	369,184	372,813	376,380

Source: National Population Projection 2017-47, NSB.

Indicators	2005	2017
Population Density (Per Sq. Km)	16	19
Population Growth Rate (%)	1.3	1.3
Average Household Size	4.6	3.9
Life Expectancy at Birth	66.3	70.2
Male	65.7	68.8
Female	66.9	71.7

Source: PHCB 2005 and PHCB 2017, NSB.

## LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

INDICATORS	2024	2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	4 <sup>TH</sup> QTR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR	
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	64.8	64.3	0.50 ▼
Male	74.0	73.3	0.70 ▼
Female	54.6	54.4	0.20 ▼
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.11	3.6	0.49 ▲
Male	2.3	2.7	0.40 ▲
Female	4.4	4.9	0.50 ▲
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	17.7	17.1	0.60 ▼
Male	14.5	14.8	0.30 ▲
Female	21.2	19.5	1.70 ▼
Number of New Jobseekers Registered	2,865	4,317	50.68 ▲
Male	1,433	2,337	63.08 ▲
Female	1,432	1,980	38.27 ▲
Placement through Overseas Employment Program	514	346	32.68 ▼
Male	153	157	2.61 ▲
Female	361	189	47.65 ▼

Source: Quarterly Labour Force Survey Reports, NSB and Bhutan Labour Market Information System (BLMIS).

## POVERTY

INDICATORS	2012	2017	2022
Poverty Rate (%)	12	8.2	12.4
Urban	1.8	0.8	4.2
Rural	16.7	11.9	17.5

Note: The poverty rate for 2022 is not comparable with previous years due to a change in methodology.

Source: Poverty Analysis Report, NSB.

## INCOME

INDICATORS	2021	2022	2023
GDP (Nu. in Million)	187,772.77	227,813.72	249,388.19
GDP Per Capita in USD	3,358.59	3,833.03	3,919.55
GDP Growth (%)	4.09	5.21	4.88
Share of Agriculture to GDP (%)	19.19	14.67	14.96
Saving as % of GDP	15.39	23.59	19.70
Investment as % of GDP	35.83	55.78	45.18
Export of Goods and Services as % to GDP	31.83	25.79	28.33
Import of Goods and Services as % to GDP	52.74	60.14	53.24

Source: National Accounts Report, NSB.

INDICATORS	2024	2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	4 <sup>TH</sup> QTR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR	
Inflation Rate (%) <sup>1</sup>	1.74	3.34	1.60 ▲
Total Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD in Million)	892.70	886.88	0.65 ▼
USD (in Million)	670.34	660.27	1.50 ▼
Rupees (Rs. in Million)	18,916.73	19,393.24	2.52 ▲
Exchange Rate 1 USD to Ngultrum	85.07	85.58	0.60 ▲
Non Performing Loans Ratio (NPR) (%)	2.45	3.11	0.66 ▲
Credit to Deposit Ratio (%)	78.05	79.14	1.09 ▲
Money Supply (Nu. in Million)	242,758.40	243,829.30	0.44 ▲
Minimum Lending Rate (%)	6.80	6.38	0.42 ▼

Note: All data are provisional, except for the inflation rate.

Source: Royal Monetary Authority (RMA) and <sup>1</sup> Monthly CPI Report, NSB.

## PUBLIC FINANCE (NU. IN MILLION)

INDICATORS	2024	2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	4 <sup>TH</sup> QTR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR	
Government Revenue Receipt <sup>1</sup>	22,176.04	11,056.71	50.14 ▼
Tax Revenue	17,089.05	8,670.67	49.26 ▼
Non-Tax Revenue	5,087.00	2,386.04	53.10 ▼
Government Expenditure	10,749.12	19,393.44	80.42 ▲
Current	4,061.67	12,135.92	198.79 ▲
Capital	2,727.90	6,935.55	154.24 ▲
Net Lending	224.92	-1,918.35	111.72 ▼
Repayment	931.60	2,240.32	140.48 ▲
Total Public Debt	292,742.48	298,183.29	1.86 ▲
As % of GDP	97.12	99.09	1.97 ▲
External Debt	269,144.43	277,085.24	2.95 ▲
As % of GDP	89.29	92.08	2.79 ▲
Hydro Debt	167,951.83	170,041.96	1.24 ▲
As % of GDP	55.72	56.50	0.79 ▲
Non-Hydro Debt	101,192.60	107,043.28	5.78 ▲
As % of GDP	33.57	35.57	2.00 ▲
Domestic Debt	23,598.05	21,098.05	10.59 ▼
As % of GDP	7.83	7.01	0.82 ▼
Convertible Currency Debt (USD in Million)	1,085.36	1,094.75	0.87 ▲
As % of GDP	30.83	31.23	0.40 ▲
Rupee Debt (Rs. in Million)	176,205.26	183,090.30	3.91 ▲
As % of GDP	58.46	60.84	2.38 ▲
Total Debt Service through Budget	13,329.16	13,329.16	0.00 -

Note: <sup>1</sup> Provisional data from Department of Revenue and Customs.

Source: Ministry of Finance.

## INDUSTRIES AND TRADE

INDICATORS	2024	2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	4 <sup>TH</sup> QTR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR	
<b>Industries</b>			
Industries by Sector	30,621	30,739	0.39 ▲
Production and Manufacturing	4,309	4,385	1.76 ▲
Services	24,373	24,439	0.27 ▲
Construction	1,939	1,915	1.24 ▼
Industries by Ownership	30,621	30,739	0.39 ▲
Sole Proprietorship	29,227	29,219	0.03 ▼
Partnership	410	430	4.88 ▲
Company	845	945	11.83 ▲
Others	139	145	4.32 ▲
Industries by Size	30,621	30,739	0.39 ▲
Large	444	452	1.80 ▲
Medium	807	896	11.03 ▲
Small	18,199	18,161	0.21 ▼
Cottage	11,171	11,230	0.53 ▲
Number of FDI Industries	121	123	1.65 ▲
<b>Trade</b>			
Trade by Sector	22,513	21,546	4.30 ▼
Micro Trade	9,549	8,088	15.30 ▼
Retail	12,072	12,558	4.03 ▲
Wholesale	892	900	0.90 ▲
Trade by Ownership	22,513	21,546	4.30 ▼
Sole Proprietorship	21,836	20,830	4.61 ▼
Partnership	212	225	6.13 ▲
Company	418	443	5.98 ▲
Others	47	48	2.13 ▲

INDICATORS	2024	2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	4 <sup>TH</sup> QTR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR	
Trade by Size	22,513	21,546	4.30 ▼
Large	1,412	1,454	2.97 ▲
Medium	560	598	6.79 ▲
Small	10,995	11,406	3.74 ▲
Cottage	9,546	8,088	15.27 ▼

Note: Data on total number of active licenses as of end of quarters.

Source: Department of Industry & Department of Trade, MoICE.

### FOREIGN TRADE (NU. IN MILLION)

INDICATORS	2024	2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	4 <sup>TH</sup> QTR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR	
Export	10,495.94	10,323.85	1.64 ▼
India	7,381.41	8,310.57	12.59 ▲
Third Countries	3,114.53	2,013.28	35.36 ▼
Import	32,610.70	37,273.15	14.30 ▲
India	25,681.05	26,458.71	3.03 ▲
Third Countries	6,929.65	10,814.43	56.06 ▲
Balance of trade	-22,114.76	-26,949.30	21.86 ▲
India	-18,299.64	-18,148.15	0.83 ▼
Third Countries	-3,815.12	-8,801.15	130.69 ▲

Source: Department of Revenue and Customs, MoF.

## TOURISM

INDICATORS	2024	2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	4 <sup>TH</sup> QTR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR	
Total number of Tourists Arrival	49,160	27,320	44.43 ▼
Tourists from Countries other than India (COTI)	20,957	10,568	49.57 ▼
Tourists from India	28,203	16,752	40.60 ▼
Tourists Arrival by Port of Entry	...	27,320	-
Gelephu	...	74	-
Paro	...	12,269	-
Phuentsholing	...	14,648	-
Samdrup Jongkhar	...	327	-
Samtse	...	2	-
Tourists Revenue to Government (USD in Million)	12.95	6.53	49.58 ▼

Source; Department of Tourism, MoICE.

**HEALTH**

<b>INDICATORS</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Health</b>			
Infant Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 Live Births)	60.5	30.0	15.2
Crude Birth Rate (Per 1,000 Population)	34.1	17.9	18.0
Crude Death Rate (Per 1,000 Population)	8.6	6.2	8.5
Maternal Mortality Ratio (Per 100,000 Live Births)	255.0	86.0	53.0
Total Fertility Rate (Children Per Woman)	4.7	2.3	2.0
Deliveries Attended by Skilled Health Workers (%)	23.7	74.6	98.5
Institutional Delivery (%)	19.8	73.7	98.0
Under-5 Mortality Rate (Per 1000)	84.0	37.3	19.5
Neonatal Mortality Rate (Per 1000)	...	21.0	6.9
% of Population within 2 Hours from the Nearest Health Facility	...	87.7	96.8
<b>Sanitation</b>			
Rural Population Access to Improved Drinking Water Source (%)	73.2	97.2	99.5
Rural Population Access to Improved Sanitation (%)	...	57.9	98.9
Crude Childhood Immunization Coverage (%)	...	95.1	99.4

Source: National Health Survey, MoH.

INDICATORS	2024	2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	4 <sup>TH</sup> QTR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR	
<b>Health Institutes (Number)</b>			
Hospitals	57	59	3.51 ▲
Primary Health Centres (PHC)	185	194	4.86 ▲
Sub-Posts	51	51	0.00 -
Outreach Clinics (ORC)	557	555	0.36 ▼
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 -
<b>Health Human Resources</b>			
General Specialists/Sub-Specialists	141	174	23.40 ▲
Medical Officers (MS/CMO/MO/GDMO)	217	171	21.20 ▼
Clinical Nurses	362	368	1.66 ▲
Staff/Assistant Nurses	1,233	1,204	2.35 ▼
Health Assistants (HA)	601	574	4.49 ▼

Source: National Medical Service, MoH.

## EDUCATION

INDICATORS	2022	2023	2024
<b>Education</b>			
Number of Students	162,536	155,159	155,272
Number of Teachers	10,584	10,158	10,096
Net Enrollment Rate in ECCD	39	38	38
Net Enrollment Rate in Primary (PP-VI)	93	94	89
Net Enrollment Rate in Basic (PP-X)	92	92.71	91
Net Enrollment Rate in Secondary (VII-XII)	55	69	63
National Literacy Rate (6 years and above) <sup>1</sup>	70.6	70.6	70.6
<b>Number of Educational Institutes (Schools, Institutes and Centres)</b>			
Government Schools	500	497	491
Higher Secondary Schools	71	79	78
Middle Secondary Schools	62	57	63
Lower Secondary Schools	59	38	32
Primary Schools	308	323	318
Extended Classrooms	62	45	47
Special Institutes	2	2	2
Private Schools	23	27	26
Higher Secondary Schools	21	14	10
Middle Secondary Schools	2	2	2
Lower Secondary Schools	1	1	1
Primary Schools	12	10	13
<b>Centres and Institutes</b>			
ECCD Centres	491	525	574
Schools with SEN Program	26	39	44
Tertiary Institutes	18	17	17
Other Institutes <sup>2</sup>	536	692	518

Note: <sup>1</sup> Data sourced from Bhutan Living Standard Survey 2022 (BLSS 2022).

<sup>2</sup> Other Institutes includes Technical Training Institutes, Institutes of Zorig Chusum, Continuing Education Centres, Non-Formal Education Centres and Monastic Education Institutes.

Source: Annual Education Statistics Reports.

## TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

INDICATORS	2024	2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	4 <sup>TH</sup> QTR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR	
<b>Transport</b>			
Length of Road (Km) <sup>1</sup>	18,116	18,101	0.08 ▼
Number of Motorable Bridges	388	393	1.29 ▲
Number of Suspension Bridges	438	438	0.00 -
Number of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Druk Air	70,912	57,296	19.20 ▼
Revenue Earned by Druk Air (Nu. in Million)	1,638.38	1,193.67	27.14 ▼
Number of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Bhutan Airlines	39,641	30,874	22.12 ▼
Revenue Earned by Bhutan Airlines (Nu. in Million)	512.39	342.92	33.07 ▼
Number of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Helicopter Service	547	1,104	101.83 ▲
Revenue Earned by Helicopter Service (Nu. in Million)	89.25	39.65	55.57 ▼
Number of Motor Vehicles Registered	123,456	131,542	6.55 ▲
Heavy & Medium	11,179	14,780	32.21 ▲
Light	86,035	86,537	0.58 ▲
Two Wheeler	10,182	12,622	23.96 ▲
Taxi	6,685	7,592	13.57 ▲
Electric Vehicle <sup>2</sup>	375	515	37.33 ▲
Others <sup>3</sup>	9,000	9,496	5.51 ▲
<b>Telecommunication</b>			
Number of Telephone Exchange Stations	106	106	0.00 -
Number of Telephone Connections	10,335	9,888	4.33 ▼
Number of Internet Connections	805,599	815,249	1.20 ▲
Lease Line Connections	29,122	36,607	25.70 ▲
Broadband Internet Connections	5,021	5,630	12.13 ▲
EDGE/GPRS+3G+4G Connections	746,909	699,299	6.37 ▼
5G Connections	24,547	73,713	200.29 ▲
B-Mobile Subscribers	500,862	533,607	6.54 ▲
Tashicell Subscribers	338,644	335,174	1.02 ▼

Note: <sup>1</sup>The change in road length is due to updated road information collection—highway and dzongkhag road data collected by a consultant, and farm road data by the DoST.

<sup>2</sup>Excludes EV taxis. <sup>3</sup>Includes tractors, power tillers, and earth-moving equipment.

Source: MoIT and BICMA.

## AGRICULTURE

INDICATORS	2024
<b>Agriculture (Number)</b>	
Agriculture Extension Centre	201
Agriculture Seed Centre	1
Regional Seed Centre	3
Agriculture Seed Farm	4
National Plant Protection Centre	1
Agricultre Machinery and Technology Centre	1
National Mushroom Centre	1
Agriculture Research and Development Centre	3
Agriculture Research and Development Sub-centre	4
Soil and Plant Analytical Laboratory	1
National Centre for Organic Agriculture	1
Farm Machinery Cooperation Limited (SOE)	1
<b>Agricultural Marketing Centres (Number)</b>	
National Post Harvest Centre	1
Regional Post Harvest Centre	4
Regional Agricultural Marketing and Cooperative Office	3
<b>Livestock (Number)</b>	
Livestock Extension Centre	218
National Livestock Research Centre	1
National Centre for Animal Health	1
Dzongkhag Veterinary Hospital	20
Regional Livestock Development Centre	1
National Veterinary Hospital	1
Regional Veterinary Hosiptal & Epidemiology Centre	3
Statellite Veterinary Laboratory	1
Government Livestock Farms (for breeding/production)	17

INDICATORS	2024
Vaccine Production Centre	1
Liquid Nitrogen and Semen Processing Centre	2
National Development Centre for Animal Nutrition	1
Regional Development Centre for Animal Nutrition	1
National highland Development Centre	1
Bhutan Livestock Development Corporation (SOE)	1
Livestock Product Value Addition Centre	1
National Biodiversity Centre	1
Centre for Nublang Conservation and Development	1
Centre for Yubja Conservation and Development	1

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

## FORESTRY

INDICATORS	2024
<b>Forestry (Number)</b>	
Divisional Forest Office	14
Range Offices Division	42
Beat Office Division	76
Range Office Park	32
Beat Office Park	14
Forest Cover (%) <sup>1</sup>	69.7
Protected Area (%)	43.48
Protected Areas Number (Parks, Sanctuaries and Reserves)	10
Biological Corridors (%)	8.28
Royal Botanical Park (%)	0.24
Tiger Centre <sup>2</sup>	1
Forestry Research Institute	1

Note: <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 centre.

Source: Department of Forest and Park Services, MoENR.

## HYDRO-POWER (UNITS IN MILLION)

INDICATORS	2024	2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	4 <sup>TH</sup> QTR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR	
Total Electricity Generation <sup>1</sup>	2,779.10	1,380.63	50.32 ▼
Total Scheduled Electricity Export	1,051.35	80.87	92.31 ▼
Total Schedule Export of Electricity to India (%)	37.83	5.86	31.97 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Chhukha	474.52	183.76	61.27 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Chhukha	182.81	1.14	99.38 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Kurichhu	91.35	46.68	48.90 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Kurichhu	0.00	0.00	-
Hydro Electricity Generated by Tala	1,096.75	370.87	66.18 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Tala	101.44	0.00	100.00 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Dagachhu	126.53	42.52	66.40 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Dagachhu	122.51	40.99	66.54 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Mangdechhu	774.98	297.00	61.68 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Mangdechhu	514.29	34.40	93.31 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Basochu	83.25	34.79	58.21 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Basochu	36.07	0.00	100.00 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Nikachhu	131.72	36.62	72.20 ▼
Schedule Electricity Export from Nikachhu	94.23	4.34	95.39 ▼
Hydro Electricity Generated by Punatsangchhu II	NA	368.40	-

INDICATORS	2024	2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	4 <sup>TH</sup> QTR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR	
Schedule Electricity Export from Punatsangchhu II	NA	0.00	-
Total Electricity Import (Bid Quantum)	247.00	633.57	156.51 ▲
Total Domestic Sales	1,844.13	1,826.72	0.94 ▼
Total Subsidized Energy	43.92	44.75	1.89 ▲
Number of Villages Electrified	3,879	4,493	15.83 ▲
Number of Towns Electrified	42	54	28.57 ▲
Number of Electricity Consumers	256,727	257,545	0.32 ▲

Note: <sup>1</sup> Does not include generation from solar plants, wind plant and mini/micro hydro

Source: Department of Energy, MoENR.



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