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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
Dependency ratio	60.6	47.0
Sex ratio	111	110
Population Distribution (%)		
Urban	30.9	37.8
Rural	69.1	62.2
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	2025		%/% POINT CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	65.3	65.5	0.20 ▲
Male	73.5	74.2	0.70 ▲
Female	56.3	55.8	0.50 ▼
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.9	3.2	0.30 ▲
Male	2.4	2.3	0.10 ▼
Female	3.5	4.7	1.20 ▲
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	17.3	17.8	0.50 ▲
Male	13.8	13.4	0.40 ▼
Female	20.3	22.4	2.10 ▲
Number of New Jobseekers Registered	2,820	3,276	16.17 ▲
Male	1,624	1,811	11.51 ▲
Female	1,196	1,465	22.49 ▲
Placement through Overseas Employment Program	181	399	120.44 ▲
Male	81	120	48.15 ▲
Female	100	279	179.00 ▲

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	2025		%/% POINT CHANGE
	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	
GDP by Sector (Nu. in Million)	63,398.75	77,894.11	22.86 ▲
Agriculture	6,492.56	10,053.09	54.84 ▲
Industry	17,224.60	24,983.96	45.05 ▲
Service	39,681.59	42,857.06	8.00 ▲
GDP Growth (%)	7.71	9.63	1.92 ▲
Share of Agriculture to GDP (%)	10.24	12.91	2.67 ▲
Share of Industry to GDP (%)	27.17	32.07	4.90 ▲
Share of Service to GDP (%)	62.59	55.02	7.57 ▼

Source: Quarterly Gross Domestic Product, Second Quarter, 2025 Report, NSB.

INDICATORS	2025		%/% POINT CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Inflation Rate (%) ¹	3.33	3.82	0.49 ▲
Total Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD in Million)	799.07	922.17	15.41 ▲
USD (in Million)	628.90	665.60	5.84 ▲
Rupees (Rs. in Million)	14,593.50	22,604.50	54.89 ▲
Exchange Rate 1 USD to Ngultrum	85.80	88.10	2.68 ▲
Non Performing Loans Ratio (NPR) (%)	3.19	3.06	0.13 ▼
Credit to Deposit Ratio (%)	81.76	80.71	1.05 ▼
Money Supply (Nu. in Million)	247,439.00	267,339.00	8.04 ▲
Minimum Lending Rate (%)	6.38	6.11	0.27 ▼
Credit to private sector (Million Nu.)	245,302.65	255,025.94	3.96 ▲

INDICATORS	2025		%/% POINT CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Number of Domestic Digital Transactions (Million)	80.55	86.33	7.18 ▲
Value of Domestic Digital Transactions (Billion Nu.)	267.61	258.24	3.50 ▼
Volume of remittances (Million Nu.)	8,070.73	8,070.73	13.22 ▲
Number of accounts			
Saving	1,023,118	1,019,419	0.36 ▼
Current	83,484	84,213	0.87 ▲
Recurring deposits	77,341	55,546	28.18 ▼
Fixed deposits	53,470	77,618	45.16 ▲

Note: Data are reported for each Qtr or as at the end of the respective Qtr.

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

PUBLIC FINANCE (NU. IN MILLION)

INDICATORS	2025		%/% POINT CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Government Revenue Receipt ¹	25,512.51	18,328.68	28.16 ▼
Tax Revenue	15,603.61	11,752.77	24.68 ▼
Non-Tax Revenue	9,908.90	6,575.90	33.64 ▼
Government Expenditure	34,333.87	15,061.41	56.13 ▼
Current	12,877.97	10,860.51	15.67 ▼
Capital	20,345.10	2,100.45	89.68 ▼
Net Lending	383.67	0.00	100.00 ▼
Repayment	727.13	2,100.45	188.87 ▲
Total Public Debt	303,965.23	...	-
As % of GDP	100.50	...	-
External Debt	279,318.32	...	-
As % of GDP	92.31	...	-
Hydro Debt	170,087.65	...	-
As % of GDP	56.21	...	-
Non-Hydro Debt	109,230.67	...	-
As % of GDP	36.10	...	-
Domestic Debt	24,646.91	...	-
As % of GDP	8.15	...	-
Convertible Currency Debt (USD in Million)	1,123.31	...	-
As % of GDP	32.05	...	-
Rupee Debt (Rs. in Million)	183,202.32	...	-
As % of GDP	60.88	...	-
Total Debt Service through Budget	11,628.76	...	-

Note: ¹Provisional data from Department of Revenue and Customs.

Source: Ministry of Finance.

INDUSTRIES AND TRADE

INDICATORS	2025		PER- CENTAGE CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Industries			
Industries by Sector	30,512	30,865	1.16 ▲
Production and Manufacturing	4,334	4,376	0.97 ▲
Services	24,357	24,742	1.58 ▲
Construction	1,821	1,747	4.06 ▼
Industries by Ownership	30,512	30,865	1.16 ▲
Sole Proprietorship	28,999	29,237	0.82 ▲
Partnership	399	413	3.51 ▲
Company	978	1,083	10.74 ▲
Others	136	132	2.94 ▼
Industries by Size	30,512	30,865	1.16 ▲
Large	433	441	1.85 ▲
Medium	817	850	4.04 ▲
Small	18,261	18,502	1.32 ▲
Cottage	11,001	11,072	0.65 ▲
Number of FDI Industries	129	129	0.00-
Trade			
Trade by Sector	23,268	21,546	7.40 ▼
Micro Trade	9,661	8,088	16.28 ▼
Retail	12,707	12,558	1.17 ▼
Wholesale	900	900	0.00-
Trade by Ownership	23,268	21,546	7.40 ▼
Sole Proprietorship	22,544	20,830	7.60 ▼
Partnership	216	225	4.17 ▲
Company	453	443	2.21 ▼
Others	55	48	12.73 ▼
Trade by Size	23,268	21,546	7.40 ▼
Large	1,393	1,454	4.38 ▲

INDICATORS	2025		PER- CENTAGE CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Small	11,598	11,406	1.66 ▼
Cottage	9,661	8,088	16.28 ▼

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	2025		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Export	10,889.19	11,485.40	5.48 ▲
India	8,731.72	8,993.07	2.99 ▲
Third Countries	2,157.47	2,492.33	15.52 ▲
Import	36,300.70	49,406.08	36.10 ▲
India	26,303.39	24,744.34	5.93 ▼
Third Countries	9,997.31	24,661.74	146.68 ▲
Balance of trade	-25,411.51	-37,920.68	49.23 ▲
India	-17,571.67	-15,751.27	10.36 ▼
Third Countries	-7,839.84	-22,169.41	182.78 ▲

Note: Provisional Figure.

Source: Department of Revenue and Customs.

TOURISM

INDICATORS	2025		PER- CENTAGE CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Total number of Tourists Arrival	67,019	28,265	57.83 ▼
Countries other than India (COTI)	18,378	9,474	48.45 ▼
India	48,641	18,791	61.37 ▼
Tourists Arrival by Port of Entry	67,019	...	-
Gelephu	96	...	-
Paro	25,962	...	-
Phuentsholing	40,553	...	-
Samdrup Jongkhar	393	...	-
Samtse	6	...	-
Nganglam	9	...	-
Tourists Revenue to Government (USD in Million)	12.27	5.88	52.08 ▼

Source; Dapartment of Tourism, MoICE.

HEALTH

INDICATORS	2000	2012	2023
Health			
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
Sanitation			
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	2023	2024	2025
Health Institutes (Number)			
Hospitals	54	55	59
Primary Health Centres (PHC)	186	187	194
Sub-Posts	51	51	51
Outreach Clinics (ORC)	554	557	555

INDICATORS	2023	2024	2025
Health Information and Service Centres (HISC)		7	7
Indigenous Hospitals	1	1	1
Indigenous Units	72	80	80
Training Institutes	3	4	4

Source: Annual Health Bulletins Report.

INDICATORS	2022	2023	2024
Health Human Resources¹			
General Specialists/Sub-Specialists	136	121	177
Medical Officers (MS/CMO/MO/GDMO)	143	211	173
Clinical Nurses	278	359	368
Staff/Assistant Nurses	1,330	1,229	1204
Health Assistants (HA)	659	580	574

Note: ¹For 2022, the data is as of January 2022.

Source: Annual Health Bulletins Report.

EDUCATION

INDICATORS	2022	2023	2024
Education			
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) ¹	70.6	70.6	70.6
Number of Educational Institutes (Schools, Institutes and Centres)			
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
Centres and Institutes			
ECCD Centres	491	525	574
Schools with SEN Program	26	39	44
Tertiary Institutes	18	17	17
Other Institutes ²	536	692	518

Note: ¹ Data sourced from Bhutan Living Standard Survey 2022 (BLSS 2022).

² 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	2025		PER- CENTAGE CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Transport			
Length of Road (Km) ¹	18,040.43	18,056.63	0.09 ▲
Number of Motorable Bridges	393	393	0.00-
Number of Suspension Bridges	438	438	0.00-
Number of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Druk Air	65,666	46,537	29.13 ▼
Revenue Earned by Druk Air (Nu. in Million)	1,209.98	1,401.27	15.81 ▲
Number of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Bhutan Airlines	31,283	23,954	23.43 ▼
Revenue Earned by Bhutan Airlines (Nu. in Million)	608.26	362.71	40.37 ▼
Number of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Helicopter Service	1,182	708	40.10 ▼
Revenue Earned by Helicopter Service (Nu. in Million)	47.94	30.45	36.49 ▼
Number of Motor Vehicles Registered	121,210	123,055	1.52 ▲
Heavy	7,790	7,831	0.53 ▲
Medium	2,406	2,446	1.66 ▲
Light	86,396	87,873	1.71 ▲
Two-Wheeler	8,740	8,995	2.92 ▲
Taxi	6,955	6,961	0.09 ▲
Other ²	8,923	8,949	0.29 ▲

INDICATORS	2025		PER- CENTAGE CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Telecommunication			
Number of Telephone Exchange Stations	106	106	0.00-
Number of Telephone Connections	9,829	9,828	0.01 ▼
Number of Internet Connections	822,629	830,927	1.01 ▲
Lease Line Connections	40,536	46,133	13.81 ▲
Broadband Internet Connections	5,601	7,172	28.05 ▲
EDGE/GPRS+3G+4G Connections	695,640	685,861	1.41 ▼
5G Connections	80,852	91,761	13.49 ▲
B-Mobile Subscribers	548,291	508,115	7.33 ▼
Tashicell Subscribers	327,655	319,766	2.41 ▼

Note: ¹The 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.

²Includes tractors, power tillers, and earth-moving equipment.

Source: MoIT and BICMA.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION (IN METRIC TON)

INDICATORS	2025		PER-CENTAGE CHANGE
	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	
Cereals	386.05	4,968.59	1187.05 ▲
Oilseeds	120.06	45.22	62.33 ▼
Vegetables	4,589.27	7,108.19	54.89 ▲
Species	2,865.73	1,544.40	46.11 ▼
Roots and Tubers	1,414.11	14,359.01	915.41 ▲
Fruits and Nuts	13,662.77	9,481.57	30.60 ▼
Dairy Products	14,120.30	16,173.56	14.54 ▲
Meat	1,215.81	1,253.60	3.11 ▲
Honey	10.81	16.11	49.01 ▲
Eggs (Number in Million)	20.40	25.84	26.66 ▲

Source: Quarterly Integrated Agriculture and Livestock Survey of Bhutan, 2025

FORESTY

INDICATORS	2024
Forestry (Number)	
Divisional Forest Office	14
Range Offices Division	42
Beat Office Division	76
Range Office Park	32
Beat Office Park	14
Forest Cover (%) ¹	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 ²	1
Forestry Research Institute	1

Note: ¹Excluding alpine shrubs 3.39% and shrubs 9.74%. ²Merged 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	2025		%/% POINT CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Total Electricity Generation ¹	3,643.14	7,021.61	92.74 ▲
Total Scheduled Electricity Export	1,746.19	4,128.32	136.42 ▲
Total Schedule Export of Electricity to India (%)	47.93	58.79	10.86 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Chhukha	435.46	805.08	84.88 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Chhukha	324.95	653.25	101.03 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Kurichhu	110.77	141.88	28.09 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Kurichhu	4.95	70.10	1314.92 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Tala	1,001.60	2,350.02	134.63 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Tala	485.47	1,211.29	149.51 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Dagachhu	82.02	220.46	168.78 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Dagachhu	79.32	205.31	158.85 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Mangdechhu	895.20	1,664.27	85.91 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Mangdechhu	815.20	1,476.95	81.18 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Basochu	58.61	132.69	126.41 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Basochu	19.63	89.65	356.61 ▲
Hydro Electricity Generated by Nikachhu	124.55	261.21	109.73 ▲

INDICATORS	2025		%/% POINT CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Hydro Electricity Generated by Punatsangchhu II	934.94	1,446.00	54.66 ▲
Schedule Electricity Export from Punatsangchhu II	0.00	199.00	-
Total Electricity Import (Bid Quantum)	118.08	0.00	100.00 ▼
Total Domestic Sales	1,908.68	44.79	97.65 ▼
Total Subsidized Energy	44.50	0.33	99.25 ▼
Number of Villages Electrified	4,493	4,493	0.00-
Number of Towns Electrified	54	54	0.00-
Number of Electricity Consumers	258,848	260,693	0.71 ▲

Note: ¹Does not include generation from solar plants, wind plant and mini/micro hydro power plants.

Source: Department of Energy, MoENR.

GOVERNANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

INDICATORS	2025		PER- CENTAGE CHANGE
	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	
Number of Complaints Received	100	87	13.00 ▼
Number of complaints Admissible	49	41	16.33 ▼
Number of cases Investigated	11	9	2.00 ▼
Number of cases Referred for Prosecution	9	6	33.33 ▼

Source: Anti-Corruption Commission.

SOCIAL PROTECTION

INDICATORS	2025		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	
Number of Contributors to NPPF	63,598	64,487	1.40 ▲
Civil and Corporate Members	49,992	50,565	1.15 ▲
Male	32,696	32,963	0.82 ▲
Female	17,296	17,602	1.77 ▲
Armed Force Members	13,606	13,922	2.32 ▲
Male	12,109	12,327	1.80 ▲
Female	1,497	1,595	6.55 ▲
Number of Pensioners	10,804	10,946	1.31 ▲
Civil and Corporate Members	6,572	6,696	1.89 ▲
Armed Force Members	4,232	4,250	0.43 ▲

Note: Data on total active members as of end of quarters.

Source: National Pension and Provident Fund (NPPF).

INDICATORS	2022	2023	2024
Number Civil Servants	30,194	28,406	29,723
Male	18,118	17,035	17,563
Female	12,076	11,371	12,160

Source: Civil Service Statistics, RCSE.