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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

	20	25	PERCENTAGE
INDICATORS	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	CHANGE
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	64.3	65.3	1.00 ▲
Male	73.3	73.5	0.20 🛦
Female	54.4	56.3	1.90 ▲
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	2.9	0.70 ▼
Male	2.7	2.4	0.30 ▼
Female	4.9	3.5	1.40 ▼
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Male	14.8	13.8	1.00 ▼
Female	19.5	20.3	0.80
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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	2022	2023	2024
GDP (Nu. in Million)	227,813.72	248,863.09	280,007.94
GDP Per Capita in USD	3,833.03	3,911.29	4245.68
GDP Growth (%)	5.21	4.63	7.5
Share of Agriculture to GDP (%)	14.67	14.99	14.15
Saving as % of GDP	21.23	17.73	25.17
Investment as % of GDP	55.78	45.27	42.6
Export of Goods and Services as % to GDP	25.5	28.39	31.49
Import of Goods and Services as % to GDP	60.07	53.35	47.87

Source: National Accounts Report, NSB.

INDICATORS	2025		PERCENTAG
INDICATORS	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	E CHANGE
Inflation Rate (%) ¹	3.34	3.33	0.01 ▼
Total Foreign Exchange	886.88	816.84	7.90 ▼
Reserves (USD in Million) ²	000.00	010.04	7.00 ¥
USD (in Million)	660.30	694.80	5.22 ▲
Rupees (Rs. in Million)	19,393.20	10,397.00	46.39 ▼
Exchange Rate 1 USD to Ngultrum	85.60	85.90	0.35 ▲
Non Performing Loans Ratio (NPR) (%)	3.11	3.04	0.07 ▼
Credit to Deposit Ratio (%)	79.16	81.76	2.60 ▲
Money Supply (Nu. in Million) ²	243,829.30	247,197.20	1.38 ▲
Minimum Lending Rate (%)	6.38	6.38	0.00 -
Credit to Private Sector (Nu. in Million) ²	189,942.50	195,775.40	3.07 ▲
Credit to Government and			
Public Corporations (Nu. in	35,360.10	35,728.90	1.04 ▲
Million) ² Number of Domestic Digital Transactions (Nu. in Million) ³	76.25	54.49	-

Value of Domestic Digital	82.79	94.24	_
Transactions (Nu. in Billion) ³ Volume of Remittances (Nu. In Million)	5,032.45	7,128.58	41.65 ▲
Number of Accounts			
Saving	1,006,039	1,023,118	1.70 ▲
Current	83,682	83,484	0.24 ▼
Recurring Deposits	76,272	77,341	1.40 ▲
Fixed Deposits	53,213	53,470	0.48 ▲

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

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

² Data as of May 2025 for 2 nd Qtr.

³ Represents the number and volume of transactions for April and May only for the 2nd Qtr 2025.

PUBLIC FINANCE (NU. IN MILLION)

INDICATORS	20	PERCENTAGE	
INDICATORS	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	CHANGE
Government Revenue Receipt ¹	11,056.71	25,512.51	130.74 ▲
Tax Revenue	8,670.67	15,603.61	79.96 ▲
Non-Tax Revenue	2,386.04	9,908.90	315.29 ▲
Government Expenditure	19,393.44	34,333.87	77.04 ▲
Current	12,135.92	12,877.97	6.11 ▲
Capital	6,935.55	20,345.10	193.35 ▲
Net Lending	-1,918.35	383.67	120.00 ▲
Repayment	2,240.32	727.13	67.54 ▼
Total Public Debt	298,183.29	303,965.23	1.94 ▲
As % of GDP	99.09	100.50	1.41 ▲
External Debt	277,085.24	279,318.32	0.81 🛦
As % of GDP	92.08	92.31	0.24 ▲
Hydro Debt	170,041.96	170,087.65	0.03 🛦
As % of GDP	56.50	56.21	0.29 ▼
Non-Hydro Debt	107,043.28	109,230.67	2.04
As % of GDP	35.57	36.10	0.53
Domestic Debt	21,098.05	24,646.91	16.82 ▲
As % of GDP	7.01	8.15	1.13 ▲
Covertible Currency Debt (USD in Million)	1,094.75	1,123.31	2.61 ▲
As % of GDP	31.23	32.05	0.81 🛦
Rupee Debt (Rs. in Million)	183,090.30	183,202.32	0.06 ▲
As % of GDP	60.84	60.88	0.04 ▲
Total Debt Service through Budget	13,329.16	11,628.76	12.76 ▼

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

Source: Ministry of Finance.

INDUSTRIES AND TRADE

INDICATORS	202	25	PERCENTAGE
INDICATORS	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	CHANGE
Industries			
Industries by Sector	30,739	30,512	0.74 ▼
Production and	4.005	4 00 4	4.40 -
Manufacturing	4,385	4,334	1.16 ▼
Services	24,439	24,357	0.34 ▼
Contruction	1,915	1,821	4.91 ▼
Industries by Ownership	30,739	30,512	0.74 ▼
Sole Proprietorship	29,219	28,999	0.75 ▼
Partnership	430	399	7.21 ▼
Company	945	978	3.49 ▲
Others	145	136	6.21 ▼
Industries by Size	30,739	30,512	0.74 ▼
Large	452	433	4.20 ▼
Medium	896	817	8.82 ▼
Small	18,161	18,261	0.55 ▲
Cottage	11,230	11,001	2.04 ▼
Number of FDI Industries	123	129	4.88 ▲
Trade			
Trade by Sector	21,546	23,268	7.99 ▲
Micro Trade	8,088	9,661	19.45 ▲
Retail	12,558	12,707	1.19 ▲
Wholesale	900	900	0.00 -
Trade by Ownership	21,546	23,268	7.99 ▲
Sole Proprietorship	20,830	22,544	8.23 ▲
Partnership .	225	216	4.00 ▼
Company	443	453	2.26 ▲
Others	48	55	14.58 ▲
Trade by Size	21,546	23,268	7.99 ▲
Large	1,454	1,393	4.20 ▼
Medium	598	616	3.01 ▲
Small	11,406	11,598	1.68 ▲
Cottage	8,088	9,661	19.45 ▲

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	
INDICATORS	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	CHANGE	
Export	10,323.85	10,889.19	5.48 ▲	
India	8,310.57	8,731.72	5.07 ▲	
Third Countries	2,013.28	2,157.47	7.16 ▲	
Import	37,273.15	36,300.70	2.61 ▼	
India	26,458.71	26,303.39	0.59 ▼	
Third Countries	10,814.43	9,997.31	7.56 ▼	
Balance of trade	-26,949.30	-25,411.51	5.71 ▼	
India	-18,148.15	-17,571.67	3.18 ▼	
Third Countries	-8,801.15	-7,839.84	10.92 ▼	

Source: Department of Revenue and Customs, MoF.

TOURISM

INDICATORS	2025		PERCENTAGE
INDICATORS	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	CHANGE
Total number of Tourists Arrival	27,320	67,019	145.31 ▲
Tourists from Countries other than India (COTI)	10,568	18,378	73.90 ▲
Tourists from India	16,752	48,641	190.36 ▲
Tourists Arrival by Port of Entry	27,320	67,019	145.31 ▲
Gelephu	74	96	29.73 ▲
Paro	12,269	25,962	111.61 ▲
Phuentsholing	14,648	40,553	176.85 ▲
Samdrup Jongkhar	327	393	20.18
Samtse	2	6	200.00 🛦
Nganglam	NA	9	-
Tourists Revenue to Government (USD in Million)	6.53	12.27	87.90 ▲

Source; Dapartment of Tourism, MoICE.

HEALTH

ПЕАСІП			
INDICATORS	2000	2012	2023
Health			
Infant Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 Live	60.5	30.0	15.2
Births)	00.5	30.0	10.2
Crude Birth Rate (Per 1,000	34.1	17.9	18.0
Population)	0		.0.0
Crude Death Rate (Per 1,000	8.6	6.2	8.5
Population)			
Maternal Mortality Ratio (Per	255.0	86.0	53.0
100,000 Live Births)			
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
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Neonatal Mortality Rate (Per 1000)		21.0	6.9
% of Population within 2 Hours from		07.7	00.0
the Nearest Health Facility		87.7	96.8
Sanitation			
Pural Panulation Assess to			
Rural Population Access to Improved Drinking Water Source (%)	73.2	97.2	99.5
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Rural Population Access to		57.9	98.9
Improved Sanitation (%)		51.5	50.5
Crude Childhood Immunization		95.1	99.4
Coverage (%)		00.1	00.⊣

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
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 Resources ¹			
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: ¹ For 2022, the data is as of Junuary 2022.

Source: Annual Health Bulletins Report.

EDUCATION

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).

Source: Annual Education Statistics Reports.

²⁰ther Institutes includes Technical Training Institutes, Institutes of Zorig Chusum,

Continuing Education Centres, Non-Formal Education Centres and Monastic

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

INDICATORS	202	25	PERCENTAGE
INDICATORS	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	CHANGE
Transport			
Length of Road (Km) ¹	1	18,040.43	0.33 ▼
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	57,296	65,666	14.61 ▲
Revenue Earned by Druk Air (Nu. in Million)	1,193.67	1,209.98	1.37 ▲
Number of Revenue Earning Passengers Carried by Bhutan Airlines	30,874	31,283	1.32 ▲
Revenue Earned by Bhutan Airlines (Nu. in Million) Number of Revenue Earning	342.92	608.26	77.38 🛦
Passengers Carried by Helicopter Service	1,104	1,182	7.07 ▲
Revenue Earned by Helicopter Service (Nu. in Million)	39.65	47.94	20.90 🛦
Number of Motor Vehicles Registered		121,210	-
Heavy		7,790	-
Medium		2,406	-
Light		86,396	-
Two-Wheeler		8,740	-
Taxi		6,955	-
Other ²		8,923	-
EV		851	-
Telecommunication			
Number of Telephone Exchange Stations	106	106	0.00 -

Number of Telephone Connections	9,888	9,829	0.60 ▼
Number of Internet Connections	815,249	822,629	0.91 🛦
Lease Line Connections	36,607	40,536	10.73 ▲
Broadband Internet Connections	5,630	5,601	0.52 ▼
EDGE/GPRS+3G+4G Connections	699,299	695,640	0.52 ▼
5G Connections	73,713	80,852	9.68 ▲
B-Mobile Subscribers	533,607	548,291	2.75 ▲
Tashicell Subscribers	335,174	327,655	2.24 ▼

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.

Source: MoIT and BICMA.

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

AGRICULTURE

INDICATORS	2024
Agriculture (Number)	
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 Machinary Cooperation Limited (SOE)	1
Agricultural Marketing Centres (Number)	
National Post Harvest Centre	1
Regional Post Harvest Centre	4
Regional Agricultural Marketing and Cooperative Office	3
Livestock (Number)	
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
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
Cenre for Yubja Conservation and Development	1

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

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, Santuaries and Reserves)	10
Biological Corridors (%)	8.28
Royal Botanical Park (%)	0.24
Tiger Centre ²	1
Forestry Research Institute	1

Note: ¹ Excluding alpine shrubs 3.39% and shrubs 9.74%. ² 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)

HYDRO-POWER (UNITS IN MIL			2025 DEDCENTAGE	
INDICATORS	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	CHANGE	
Total Electricty Generation ¹	1,380.63	3,643.14	163.88 ▲	
Total Scheduled Electricity	80.87	1,746.19	2059.19 ▲	
Export	00.07	1,740.10	2000.10	
Total Schedule Export of Electricity to India (%)	5.86	47.93	42.07 ▲	
Hydro Electricity Generated by Chhukha	183.76	435.46	136.97 ▲	
Schedule Electricity Export from Chhukha	1.14	324.95	28404.69 🛦	
Hydro Electricity Generated by Kurichhu	46.68	110.77	137.31 ▲	
Schedule Electricity Export from Kurichhu	0.00	4.95	-	
Hydro Electricity Generated by Tala	370.87	1,001.60	170.07 ▲	
Schedule Electricity Export from Tala	0.00	485.47	-	
Hydro Electricity Generated by Dagachhu	42.52	82.02	92.90 🛦	
Schedule Electricity Export from Dagachhu	40.99	79.32	93.50 ▲	
Hydro Electricity Generated by Mangdechhu	297.00	895.20	201.42 🛦	
Schedule Electricity Export from Mangdechhu	34.40	815.20	2269.72 🛦	
Hydro Electricity Generated by Basochu	34.79	58.61	68.48 ▲	
Schedule Electricity Export from Basochu	0.00	19.63	-	
Hydro Electricity Generated by Nikachhu	36.62	124.55	240.10 🛦	
Schedule Electricity Export from Nikachhu	4.34	16.67	283.86 ▲	
Hydro Electricity Generated by Punatsangchhu II	368.40	934.94	153.79 ▲	

Schedule Electricity Export from Punatsangchhu II	0.00	0.00	-
Total Electricity Import (Bid Quantum)	633.57	118.08	81.36 ▼
Total Domestic Sales	1,826.72	1,908.68	4.49 ▲
Total Subsidized Energy	44.75	44.50	0.55 ▼
Number of Villages Electrified	4,493	4,493	0.00 -
Number of Towns Electrified	54	54	0.00 -
Number of Electricity Consumers	257,545	258,848	0.51 ▲

Note: ¹ Does 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		PERCENTAGE
	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	CHANGE
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
	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	CHANGE
Number of Contributors to NPPF	63,712	63,598	0.18 ▼
Civil and Corporate Members	50,078	49,992	0.17 ▼
Male	32,699	32,696	0.01 ▼
Female	17,379	17,296	0.48 ▼
Armed Force Members	13,634	13,606	0.21 ▼
Male	12,137	12,109	0.23 ▼
Female	1,497	1,497	0.00 -
Number of Pensioners	10,656	10,804	1.39 ▲
Civil and Corporate Members	6,460	6,572	1.73 ▲
Armed Force Members	4,196	4,232	0.86 ▲

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

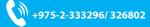
Source: National Pension and Provident Fund (NPPF).

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.











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