

**BHUTAN AT A GLANCE, 2003.**

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<b>1. Land</b>		<b>Figure</b>
Area (sq. km)		38,394
Administrative Units		
Dzongkhags (districts)		20
Geogs (blocks)		201
Currency		Ngultrum
National Language		Dzongkha

## 2. Population

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Population*</b>	734,340	100.0
Male	370,805	50.5
Female	363,535	49.5
<b>Age Composition (%)</b>		100.0
0-14		42.1
15-59		50.7
60+		7.2
Urban population (%)		21.0
Rural population (%)		79.0
Population density		18.7
Median age (years)		19.4
Index of aging		10.1
<b>Life expectancy, 1994</b>		66.1
Male (years)		66.0
Female (years)		66.2
Total fertility rate, 2000		4.7

\* Based on 1996 estimate of 600,000 and growth rate=2.5%  
(National Health survey, 2000)

## 3. Labour Force

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
Economic dependency ratio	166	122
Crude activity rate	38	45
General activity rate	59	70
Unemployment rate	1.4	1.4
Employment rate	98.6	98.6
Economically active population	58.9	69.7
Male	32.8	37.9
Female	26.1	31.8

## 4. Health

(in numbers)

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Doctors	109	114	122

Hospitals	29	29	29
BHUs	160	168	166
Indigenous hospitals	1	1	1
Population per doctor	6,220	7,476	5872.3
Safe drinking water (%)	78	78	78
Health coverage (%)	90	90	90

### 5. Education (in numbers)

Infrastructure	2000	2001	2002	2003
Private schools	8	12	14	18
Community schools	151	164	182	188
Primary schools	110	104	97	90
Lower Secondary Schools	59	64	65	77
Middle Secondary Schools	na	na	27	23
Higher Secondary Schools	26	31	12	16
Institutions	7	7	11	14
<b>Total enrolment</b>	117,713	126,500	136,177	145,249
Schools	115,889	124,788	133,081	141,998
Institutes	1,824	1,712	3,096	3251
<b>Teachers</b>	3,026	3,355	4,206	4746
Schools	2,867	3,182	3924	4,433
Institutes	159	173	282	313
<b>Student to teacher ratio</b>	39	38	32	31

### 6. Gross Domestic Product (million Nu.)

Indicators	2000	2001	2002
GDP at current market prices	21,698.0	24,895.0	29,086.0
GNP at market prices	18,240.0	22,213.0	25,758.0
Agriculture share to GDP	35.9	32.9	33.2
GDP real growth (%)	5.7	6.6	6.7
Final consumption	15,750.0	17,958.6	19671
Investment	9,496.0	11,962.0	15497

### 7. Consumer Price Indices

Percentage change over the previous year

Item	2000		2001		2002		2003
	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun
Food	0.6	1.3	0.8	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.7
Non-food	8.9	9.6	8	4.9	3.5	2.7	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.4</b>	3.6	3.2	2.7	2.3	0.1
Purchasing Power of Ngultrum (PPN)	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15

Average growth of price indices over the specified period

Average growth (%)	June December		June December		
	1980-'02	1979-'01	1980-'03	1979-'02	1979-'03
Food	7.8	7.8	7.5	7.2	7.6
Non-food	10.2	10.6	9.8	9.8	10.2
<b>Total</b>	8.6	8.7	8.3	8.1	8.5

### 8. Agriculture, 2003

Type of land	%
Forest	72.5
Pasture	3.9
Agriculture	7.8
Horticulture	0.1
Settlement	0.1
Others	15.6

### 9. Industries

Number of industrial establishments

Sectors	2000	2001	2002
Production & manufacturing	523	569	730
Services	3,281	3,773	4478
Contract	5,212	8,536	9102
<b>All sectors</b>	9,016	12,878	14310

### 10. Transport & Communication, (in numbers)

Details	2000	2001	2002
All roads (km.)	3,746	3,746	3919.81
Bridges	542	184	383
Registered vehicles during the year	19,463	21,261	23068
Druk Air passengers	19,233 *	39,009	40859
Telephone connections	n.a	17,509	21071
Postal infrastructure	107	109	109

### 11. Energy

Details	2000	2001	2002
Towns electrified (nos.)	40	40	40
Village electrified (nos.)	552	646	690
Consumers ('000)	35.7	36	36
Electricity consumption (MU)	445.6	401.9	402

### Revenue from Chhukha hydropower, (million Nu.)

Details	2000	2001	2002	2003
Export	2,411.2	46.4	1991.3	1322.2
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### 12. Tourism

Number of tourist arrivals by region

Region	1997	1998	2000	2001	2002
America	1,010	1,714	3,024	2,367	na
Asia & Pacific	1,712	1,418	1,556	1,462	na
Europe	2,590	3,062	2,948	2,450	na
Others	51	9	7	114	na
<b>All region</b>	5,363	6,203	7,535	6,393	na
Revenue earning (US \$ million)	6.50	7.98	11.00	9.00	133.44

### 13. Balance of Payments, (million Nu.)

Trade	1996/97	1997/98	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Value of exports	3,553.8	4,274.2	4,455.6	4,615.8	4994.8
Value of imports	4,525.2	5,226.1	8,074.7	9,106.3	8990.2
Balance of trade	-971.4	-951.9	(3,086.9)	(4,490.4)	(3,995.5)
Money reserves (million US \$)	176.0	216.7	292.6	294.2	316.9

Average exchange rates, ngultrum per US dollar.

Period	1998	1998	2000	2001	2002
Calendar year	41.26	41.3	44.9	47.2	48.6
Fiscal year	38.39	38.4	43.6	43.6	48.2

### 14. Public Finance, (million Nu.)

Details	1996/97	1997/98	2000/01	2001/02 *	2002/2003
Revenue	2,073.0	2,989.8	4,946.8	4,613.2	5100.2
Tax	868.9	1,246.4	2,192.2	2,475.4	3086.6
Non-tax	1,204.1	1,743.4	2,754.6	2,137.8	2013.6
Grants	2,232.1	1,816.3	3,711.0	2,918.4	-
Total expenditure	4,630.6	4,588.3	10,665.6	9,809.5	11201.9

Source: Dept. of Budget & Accounts, Ministry of Finance