



Kingdom of BHUTAN



General Information

Capital:	Thimphu	Chief of State:	King Jigme Khesar Namgyel WANGCHUCK
Cities:	Paro, Punaka	Head of Government	Chairman of the Council of Ministers Sangay NGEDUP
Population: *	2,279,723 (July 2006 est.)	National Day:	17 December
Life expectancy: *	54.78 years (2006 est.)	Independence Day:	8 August 1949
Literacy: *	47% (2003 est.)	Government Type:	Democratic Monarchy
Official language:	Dzongkha		
Currency:	Ngultrum (Nu)		
Exchange rate:	1 USD = 44.101 Nu (2005)		

Selected Economic Indicators

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
GDP (Mn US \$) (current price)	495.0	532.0	609.0	749.0	864.0	1,021.0
GDP PPP (Bn US \$)	2,071.0	2,256.0	2,459.0	2,723.0	3,007.0	3,477.0
GDP per capita (US \$)	705.0	741.0	829.0	998.0	1,126.0	1,303.0
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (d)	2,945.0	3,140.0	3,348.0	3,629.0	3,921.0	4,437.0
Real GDP growth (% change YOY) ©	8.6	7.1	7.1	7.5	7.4	12.7
Current account balance (Mn US \$)	-26.0	-48.0	-49.0	-178.0	-131.0	-32.0
Current account balance (% GDP)	-5.3	-9.1	-8.1	-23.8	-15.2	-3.1
Exports (Mn \$) **	99.5	103.6	112.8	157.6	186.0	
Imports (Mn \$) **	169.8	186.5	189.6	245.0	410.5	
Goods & services exports (%GDP)	21.7	12.2	12.3	24.3	n.a.	n.a.
Inflation (% change YOY) :	3.4	2.5	2.1	4.6	5.5	6.0

Major Bhutan's exports 2004 (Mn USD) **

Electricity	2,711.7
Cement	357.4
Particle board	246.9

Bhutan's principal export destination, 2005 **

1. India	32.55%
2. Hongkong	10.23%
3. Bangladesh	4.99%
4. Dominican Republic	1.76%
5. United Kingdom	0.26%

Bhutan's principal import sources, 2005**

1. India	24.84%
2. Germany	14.29%
3. Japan	3.18%
4. France	1.30%
5. Bangladesh	1.04%

Source: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

*CIA World Fact Book

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