



Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
Immigration detention capacity (2020)	0
International migrants (2019)	53,254

## NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/asia-pacific/bhutan>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

## STATISTICS

### Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	Not Available	2019	Total number of detained minors	Not Available	2017
Number of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres	Not Available	2020	Criminal prison population	1,119	2014
				1,001	2011
Percentage of foreign prisoners	6.8	2013	Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	145	2014
				135	2011

### Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	800,000	2020	International migrants	53,254	2019
	775,000	2015		51,100	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	6.6	2015	Refugees	21,392	2015

## DOMESTIC LAW

### LEGAL TRADITION

	Name	Observation Date
Legal tradition	Customary law	2017
	Common law	2017

### COVID-19 UPDATES

	Update Status	Observation Date
Latest Update	As of 2019, Bhutan reportedly had no immigration detention centres and few cases of people being placed in detention for immigration-related reasons. On 23 March, it was made mandatory for all persons travelling into Bhutan to undergo a period of quarantine to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. There have been reports of people being sent to prison for "clandestine entry and false declaration of travel history" in order to evade mandatory quarantine. As of 1 September 2020, there had been 225 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the country.	2020

## INTERNATIONAL LAW

### Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Ratification Year
International treaties	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1981
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1990
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1981
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified		3/19

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification				
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number		Observation Date	
	0/2		2017	
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms				
Visits by special procedures of the Human Rights Council	Name		Year of Visit	Observation Date
	Working Group on arbitrary detention		2019	2019
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms				
Relevant recommendations by UN Special Procedures	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year	Observation Date
	Working Group on arbitrary detention	31. The Working Group understands that there are no immigration detention facilities in the country and that the current practice is to seek the assistance of the police to hold those who have been found to be in breach of the Immigration Act, 2007. The lack of immigration detention facilities appears to have contributed to relatively few cases of immigration detention and, according to information received, such detention would generally not last longer than a day. 32. The Working Group views the current practice as positive and recalls that deprivation of liberty must be a measure of last resort. It welcomes the restrained approach of the authorities towards the opening of new detention facilities and invites them to consider carefully any initiatives that would lead to opening of new types of places of deprivation of liberty.	2019	2019
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms				
Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recommendation Issued		Year Issued	Observation Date
	No		2010	2017
	No		2014	2017

## INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

More information about immigration detention in Bhutan is available at the website of the Global Detention Project ([www.globaldetentionproject.org](http://www.globaldetentionproject.org))