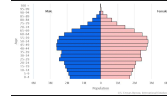


Thailand Country Factsheet



Introduction

Background

A unified Thai kingdom was established in the mid-13th century. A bloodless revolution in 1932 led to the establishment of a constitutional monarchy. Thailand since 2005 has experienced several rounds of political turmoil, including a military coup in 2006 and major street protests in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014, and 2020.

Geography

Area

total : 513,120 sq km

land: 510,890 sq km

water: 2,230 sq km

Climate

tropical; rainy, warm, cloudy southwest monsoon (mid-May to September); dry, cool northeast monsoon (November to mid-March); southern isthmus always hot and humid

Natural resources

tin, rubber, natural gas, tungsten, tantalum, timber, lead, fish, gypsum, lignite, fluorite, arable land

People and Society

Population

total: 69,920,998

Ethnic groups

Thai 97.5%, Burmese 1.3%, other 1.1%, unspecified <0.1% (2015 est.)

Languages

Thai (official) only 90.7%, Thai and other languages 6.4%, only other languages 2.9% (includes Malay, Burmese); English is a secondary language among the elite (2010 est.)

Religions

Buddhist 92.5%, Muslim 5.4%, Christian 1.2%, other 0.9% (includes animist, Confucian, Hindu, Jewish, Sikh, and Taoist) (2021 est.)

Population growth rate

0.17% (2024 est.)

Government

Government type

constitutional monarchy

Capital

name: Bangkok

Executive branch

chief of state: King WACHIRALONGKON; also spelled Vajiralongkorn (since 1 December 2016)

head of government: Prime Minister PHAETHONGTHAN Chinnawat; also spelled PAETONGTARN Shinawatra (since 18 August 2024)

Legislative branch

summary: bicameral National Assembly consists of the Senate (200 seats) and the House of Representatives (500 seats)

Diplomatic representation in the US

chief of mission: Ambassador Dr. SURIYA Chindawongse (since 17 June 2024)

Diplomatic representation from the US

chief of mission: Ambassador Robert F. GODEC (since 7 October 2022)

Economy

Economic overview

upper middle-income Southeast Asian economy; substantial infrastructure; major electronics, food, and automobile parts exporter; globally used currency; extremely low unemployment, even amid COVID-19; ongoing Thailand 4.0 economic development

Real GDP (purchasing power parity)

\$1.516 trillion (2023 est.)

\$1.488 trillion (2022 est.)

\$1.452 trillion (2021 est.)

Real GDP per capita

\$21,100 (2023 est.)

\$20,800 (2022 est.)

\$20,300 (2021 est.)

Exports

\$336.871 billion (2023 est.)

\$324.063 billion (2022 est.)

\$295.972 billion (2021 est.)

Exports - partners

US 17%, China 11%, Japan 8%, Vietnam 4%, Malaysia 4% (2022)

Exports - commodities

machine parts, integrated circuits, cars, trucks, vehicle parts/accessories (2022)

Imports

\$328.009 billion (2023 est.)

\$334.478 billion (2022 est.)

\$296.115 billion (2021 est.)

Imports - partners

China 26%, Japan 11%, UAE 6%, US 5%, Malaysia 5% (2022)

Imports - commodities

crude petroleum, integrated circuits, gold, natural gas, vehicle parts/accessories (2022)

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