

Thailand



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.
Capital	name: Bangkok
Government type	constitutional monarchy
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
Population	total: 69,920,998 (2024 est.)
Population growth rate	0.17% (2024 est.)
Ethnic groups	Thai 97.5%, Burmese 1.3%, other 1.1%, unspecified <0.1% (2015 est.)
Religions	Buddhist 92.5%, Muslim 5.4%, Christian 1.2%, other 0.9% (includes animist, Confucian, Hindu, Jewish, Sikh, and Taoist) (2021 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.)
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)
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)
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.) \$20,700 (2022 est.) \$20,200 (2021 est.)
Exports	\$337.45 billion (2023 est.) \$324.111 billion (2022 est.) \$295.972 billion (2021 est.)
Exports - partners	USA 18%, China 13%, Japan 7%, Australia 4%, Singapore 4% (2023)
Exports - commodities	machine parts, integrated circuits, trucks, cars, broadcasting equipment (2023)
Imports	\$327.008 billion (2023 est.) \$334.44 billion (2022 est.) \$296.569 billion (2021 est.)
Imports - partners	China 26%, Japan 11%, USA 7%, UAE 6%, Taiwan 5% (2023)
Imports - commodities	crude petroleum, integrated circuits, natural gas, gold, vehicle parts/accessories (2023)

Population Pyramid

