



# Kingdom of THAILAND



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## General Information\*

<b>Capital</b>	: Bangkok	<b>Head of State</b>	: H.R.H. King Bhumibol Adulyadej
<b>Cities</b>	: Chiang Mai, Nakorn Ratchasima, Phuket	<b>Head of Government</b>	: Prime Minister HE Somchai Wongsawat
<b>Area</b>	: 514,000 sq. km	<b>National Day</b>	: 5 December
<b>Population</b>	: 65,493,296 (July 2008 est.)	<b>Government Type</b>	: Constitutional Monarchy
<b>Life expectancy</b>	: 72.89 years (2008 est.)	<b>Exchange rate</b>	: 1 USD = 34.35 Bht
<b>Literacy</b>	: 92.60 % (2008 est.)	<b>HDI Rank**</b>	: 78
<b>Official language</b>	: Thai	<b>Internet Domain</b>	: .th
<b>Currency</b>	: Baht (Bht)		
<b>FDI**</b>	: 2.60% of GDP (2005)		
<b>National Airlines</b>	: THAI Airways		

## Recent Economic Indicators\*\*\*

	Units	2004	2005	2006	2007(a)	2008 (a)
<b>GDP, current prices</b>	U.S.\$ (bn.)	161.34	176.42	206.70	245.35	272.14
<b>GDP, deflator</b>	Index	175.95	184.06	193.25	199.53	206.41
<b>GDP per capita, current prices</b>	U.S.\$	2,479.01	2,709.55	3,166.40	3,732.13	4,098.70
<b>GDP (PPP) valuation of country GDP</b>	Current international dollar (bn.)	413.28	445.37	483.19	519.79	556.41
<b>GDP (PPP) per capita GDP</b>	Current international dollar	6,350.06	6,840.20	7,401.85	7,906.68	8,379.98
<b>GDP (PPP) share of world total</b>	Percent	0.79	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.80
<b>Current account balance</b>	U.S.\$ (bn.)	15.70	15.93	16.21	16.29	16.49

\* (a) IMF Estimate Data

## Thailand's Global Merchandise Trade Relationships\*\*\*

Thailand's Principal Export Destinations, 2007:		Thailand's Principal Import Sources, 2007:	
1 United States	12.6%	1 Japan	20.3%
2 Japan	11.9%	2 China	11.6%
3 China	9.7%	3 United States	6.8%

Source: \*CIA World Fact Book

\*\* Human Development Report 2007-2008-UNPD

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