



# Kingdom of THAILAND



## General Information

<b>Capital:</b>	Bangkok	<b>Head of State:</b>	H.R.H. King Bhumibol Adulyadej
<b>Population:*</b>	64,631,595 (July 2006)	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Interim Prime Minister Surayut Chulanon
<b>Life expectancy:*</b>	72.25 years (2006)	<b>National Day:</b>	5 December
<b>Literacy:*</b>	92.6 % (2002)	<b>Government Type:</b>	Constitutional Monarchy
<b>Official language:</b>	Thai		
<b>Currency:</b>	Baht		
<b>Exchange rate: *</b>	1 USD = 36.07 Baht (at Feb 8, 07)		

## Selected Economic Indicators

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>GDP (Bn US \$) (current price)</b>	115.5	126.9	142.9	161.7	173.1	194.6
<b>GDP PPP (Bn US \$)</b>	403.5	432.4	471.5	513.5	544.8	583.7
<b>GDP per capita (US \$)</b>	1,836.0	1,999.0	2,233.0	2,484.0	2,659.0	2,959.0
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (d)</b>	6,411.0	6,814.0	7,366.0	7,890.0	8,368.0	8,877.0
<b>Real GDP growth (% change YOY) ©</b>	2.2	5.3	7.0	6.2	4.5	4.5
<b>Current account balance (US \$M)</b>	6,205.0	7,008.0	7,965.0	6,865.0	-3,714.0	-1,551.0
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	5.4	5.5	5.6	4.2	-2.1	-0.8
<b>Exports (Bn \$) **</b>	65.2	68.2	80.0	96.5	111.0	129.7
<b>Imports (Bn \$) **</b>	61.7	64.2	75.0	94.0	118.2	126.8
<b>Goods and Services Export (%)</b>	65.9	64.2	65.7	70.5	75.0	73.5
<b>Inflation (% change YOY) :</b>	1.7	0.6	1.8	2.8	4.5	4.9



Source: Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board, thailand

<b>Major Thai's exports 2005 (Bn Baht) ***</b>		<b>Major Thai's imports 2005 (Bn Baht) ***</b>	
Computer and parts	461.10	Machines, transport equipment	1,910.6
Electrical appliances	355.90	Basic manufactures	900.5
Vehicle parts	328.60	Mineral fuels	839.3
Integrated circuits and parts	221.50	Chemicals	457.2
Textile products	220.40	Crude materials excluding fuels	177.5
<b>Thailand's principal export destination, 2005 ***</b>		<b>Thailand's principal import sources, 2005***</b>	
1. United States	15.46%	1. Japan	23.67%
2. Japan	13.66%	2. China	10.13%
3. China	8.28%	3. United States	7.92%
4. Singapore	6.77%	4. Malaysia	7.35%
5. Hong Kong	5.56%	5. United Arab Emirates	5.18%
6. Malaysia	5.16%	6. Singapore	4.88%

Source: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

\*CIA World Fact Book

\*\* Ministry of Commerce, Thailand

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