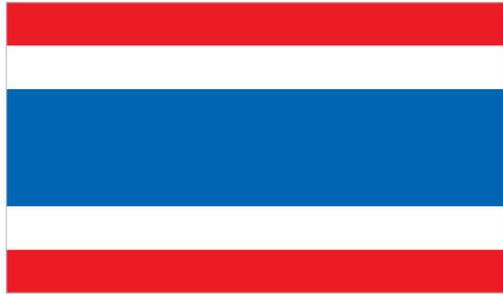




THAILAND



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King WACHIRALONGKON

Head of Government

Prime Minister PRAYUT Chan-ocha

Government Type

constitutional monarchy

Capital

Bangkok

Legislature

bicameral National Assembly or Rathhasapha consists of the appointed Senate or Wuthissapha (250 seats) and the directly elected House of Representatives or Saphaphuthan Ratsadon (500 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Justice; Constitutional Court; Supreme Administrative Court

Ambassador to US

Ambassador THANI Thongphakdi

US Ambassador

Vacant; Charge d'Affaires Michael HEATH

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

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

a free-enterprise economy with a relatively well-developed infrastructure and generally pro-investment policies; exports account for about two thirds of GDP; industry and service sectors produce about 90% of GDP; the agricultural sector contributes only 10% of GDP but employs about one third of the labor force

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.24 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$17,900 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$235.1 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 12.4%, US 11.2%, Japan 9.5%, Hong Kong 5.2%, Vietnam 4.9%, Australia 4.5%, Malaysia 4.4% (2017 est.)

Imports

\$203.2 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 20%, Japan 14.5%, US 6.8%, Malaysia 5.4% (2017 est.)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

68.6 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

0.29% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

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

Language

Thai (official) only 90.7%,
Thai and other languages 6.4%, only other languages (includes Malay, Burmese) (2010 est.)

Religion

Buddhist 94.6%, Muslim 4.3%, Christian 1% (2015 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 50.7% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 1.73% annual rate of change (2015 20 est.)

Literacy

92.9% (2015)

