INTRODUCTION
A unified Thai kingdom was established in the mid-14th century. Known as Siam until 1939, Thailand is the only Southeast Asian country never to have been colonized by a European power. A bloodless revolution in 1932 led to the establishment of a constitutional monarchy.

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)

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

as of October 2021

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
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $1.207 trillion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $17,300 (2020 est.)
Industries - tourism, textiles, garments, agricultural processing, beverages, tobacco, cement, light manufacturing, computers and parts, integrated circuits, furniture, plastics, cars/vehicle parts
Agricultural products - sugarcane, cassava, rice, oil palm fruit, rubber, maize, tropical fruit, poultry, pineapples, mangoes/guavas
Exports $258.4 billion (2020 est.)
office machinery/parts, cars/vehicle parts, integrated circuits, delivery trucks, gold (2019)
partners: US 13%, China 12%, Japan 10%, Vietnam 5% (2019)
Imports $233.8 billion (2020 est.)
crude petroleum, integrated circuits, natural gas, vehicle parts, gold (2019)
partners: China 22%, Japan 14%, US 7%, Malaysia 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
69.5 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
0.26% (2021 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 2.9% (includes Malay, Burmese) (2010 est.)
Religion
Buddhist 94.6%, Muslim 4.3%, Christian 1% (2015 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 52.2% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 1.43% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)