



# THAILAND



## 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 SRETTHA Thawisin

### Government Type

constitutional monarchy

### Capital

Bangkok

### Legislature

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

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Tanee SANGRAT

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Robert F. GODEC

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 513,120 sq km

Land: 510,890 sq km

Water: 2,230 sq km

### Climate

tropical; rainy, warm, SW monsoon (mid-May to September); dry, cool NE monsoon (November to mid-March)

### Natural Resources

tin, rubber, natural gas, tungsten, tantalum, timber, lead, fish, gypsum, lignite, fluorite, arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

upper middle-income Southeast Asian economy; substantial infrastructure; major electronics, food, and automobile parts exporter; globally used currency; extremely low unemployment; ongoing Thailand 4.0 economic development

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$1.223 trillion (2021 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$17,100 (2021 est.)

**Industries** - tourism, textiles, garments, agricultural processing, beverages, tobacco, cement, light manufacturing, computers and parts, integrated circuits, furniture, plastics, cars/vehicle parts

**Agricultural products** – sugar cane, cassava, rice, oil palm fruit, rubber, maize, tropical fruit, poultry, pineapples, mangoes/guavas

**Exports** \$296 billion (2021 est.)

office machinery/parts, cars and vehicle parts, integrated circuits, delivery trucks, refined petroleum, rubber (2021)

**partners:** US 16%, China 13%, Japan 9%, Vietnam 4%, Australia 4% (2021)

**Imports** \$295.8 billion (2021 est.)

crude petroleum, integrated circuits, gold, natural gas, vehicle parts, broadcasting equipment (2021)

**partners:** China 28%, Japan 12%, Malaysia 5%, US 5%, UAE 4% (2021)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

69.8 million (2023 est.)

### Population Growth

0.2% (2023 est.)

### Ethnicity

Thai 97.5%, Burmese 1.3%, other 1.1%, unspecified <0.1% (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 92.5%, Muslim 5.4%, Christian 1.2%, other 0.9% (includes animist, Confucian, Hindu, Jewish, Sikh, and Taoist) (2021 est.)