

KINGDOM OF THAILAND



- **Capital city:** Bangkok
- **Official language:** Thai

1) Geographical Features:

- Area: 513,120 sq km

- Geographical Coordinates: 15 00 N, 100 00 E
- 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
- Topography Type: central plain; Khorat Plateau in the east; mountains elsewhere

2) Political Features:

- Government Type: Constitutional monarchy
- Head of State: King Wachiralongkon Bodinthathepphayawarangkun, also spelled Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun, (since 1 December 2016)
- Head of Government: Prime Minister Gen. Prayut Chan-ocha (since 25 August 2014)

3) Economic Features:

- Total GDP: \$ 455.4 billion (2017 est.)
- GDP Growth Rate: 3.9% (2017 est.)
- GDP Per Capita: \$ 17,900 (2017 est.)
- GDP (PPP): \$ 1.236 trillion (2017 est.)
- Sectoral Composition of Economy (2017 Est.):
 - » Agriculture: 8.2%
 - » Industry: 36.2%
 - » Services: 55.6%
- Currency and Exchange Rate: Thai Baht per US dollar – 34.34 (2017 est.)
- Exports: \$235.1 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Exporting Partners: China 12.4%, US 11.2%, Japan 9.5%, Hong Kong 5.2%, Vietnam 4.9%, Australia 4.5%, Malaysia 4.4% (2017)
- Imports: \$203.2 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Importing Partners: China 20%, Japan 14.5%, US 6.8%, Malaysia 5.4% (2017)

4) Social and Demographic Features:

- Population Size: 68,615,858 (2018 est.)
- Main Languages Spoken: Thai (official) 90.7%, Burmese 1.3%, other 8%, English (a secondary language of the elite) (2010 est.)
- Main Religions Followed: Buddhist (official) 94.6%, Islam 4.3%, Christian 1%, other 0.1% (2015 est.)
- Biggest Ethnic Groups: Thai 97.5%, Burmese 1.3%, other 1.1%, unspecified 0.1% (2015 est.)
- Total Employment (Millions; Ages 15+): 38.6 (2016)
- Sex Ratio: 0.96 male(s) / female (2018 est.)

5) Military and Defense:

- Total Defense Expenditure: \$6420 m (2018)
- Defense Expenditure as a % of GDP: 1.3% (2014)
- Military Age: 21-49

- Military Obligation: (yes/no) Random conscription
- Military Strength (Active Manpower): 360,000 (2018)

6) Important Rankings:

- GDP Ranking (Nominal): 25 (2018)
- HDI Ranking: 83 (2018)
- Global Peace Index: 113 (2018)
- KOF Globalization Index: 54 (2018)
- Military Strength Ranking: 26 (2018)
- Where-To-Be-Born Index: 50 (2013)