

COUNTRY PROFILE

THAILAND



Location: Southeastern Asia, bordering the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand, southeast of Burma

Capital: Bangkok

Government Type: Constitutional Monarchy.

Area:

Total: 513,120 sq km

Land: 510,890 sq km

Water: 2,230 sq km

Population: 68,200,824

Population Density: (per sq KM) 133 (2015)

Population Growth Rate: 0.32% (2016 est.)

Population below Poverty Line: 12.6% (2012 est.)

Ethnic Groups: Thai 95.9%, Burmese 2%, other 1.3%, unspecified 0.9% (2010 est.)

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

Languages: Thai (official) 90.7%, Burmese 1.3%, other 8%

Religions: Buddhist (official) 93.6%, Muslim 4.9%, Christian 1.2%, other 0.2%, none 0.1% (2010 est.)

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 41.2% (arable land 30.8%; permanent crops 8.8%; permanent pasture 1.6%)

Forest: 37.2%

Other: 21.6% (2011 est.)

Natural Hazards: Land subsidence in Bangkok area resulting from the depletion of the water table; droughts

Literacy: 96.7%

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 3.2% (2016 est.)

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$16,800 (2016 est.)

Exports: \$190 billion (2016 est.)

Export Commodities: automobiles and parts, computer and parts, jewelry and precious stones, polymers of ethylene in primary forms, refined fuels, electronic integrated circuits, chemical products, rice, fish products, rubber products, sugar, cassava, poultry

Improved Drinking Water Source: 97.8% of population

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 93% of population