

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: 71,801,279 WDI-2023

Rural Population: 33,310,049 (2023)

Population Density: (per sq KM) 140.14 2021 WDI

Population Growth Rate: 0.14% 2023 WDI

Population below Poverty Line: 5.4% (2022) WDI

Ethnic Groups: Thai 97.5%, Burmese 1.3%, other 1.1%, unspecified <0.1%.

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) only 90.7%, Thai and other languages 6.4%, only other languages 2.9% (includes Malay, Burmese); English is a secondary language among the elite.

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 46.0% (2022) FAO. (Arable land 73.0% (2022) FAO/ Permanent crops 23.6% (2022) FAO/ Permanent meadows and pastures 3.4% (2022)

Forest: 38.82% 2021 WDI

Other: 21.6%

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

Literacy: 94.1% WDI 2021

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 1.88% WDI 2023

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$6,384.80 WDI 2023

Exports: \$ 294.59 billion (2021) WB

Exports 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: 100% of population (2022) WDI.

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 99.01% of population (2022) WDI