

Thailand's Economy at a Glance

Population: 66.6 million (2008)

GDP: 270.0 billion USD; 2.6% growth rate (2008)

Agriculture 9%; Production 46%; Construction

0.2%; Services 48%

GDP Per Capita: 4,072.5 USD (2008)

Unemployment Rate: 1.4% (2008)

Inflation: 5.5% (2008); -0.2% (Mar 09)

Interest Rate: BOT's policy rate 1.25%; 3-month

Deposit rate 0.75%; Lending rate 6.0% (7 May 2009)

Foreign Reserves: 117.0 billion USD (Apr 2009);

Foreign Debts: 64.8 billion USD; 26.8% of GDP (2008)

Exports: 177.8 billion USD (F.O.B.) (2008)

Imports: 178.6 billion USD (C.I.F.) (2008)

Major Exports: textiles and garments, gems and jewelry, leather goods and footwear, computer and components, integrated circuits, plastic products, toys, electronics and electrical appliances, and automobiles

Major Imports: machinery and parts, petroleum, iron and steel, chemicals, vehicles and parts, jewelry, fish preparations, electrical appliances, fertilizers and pesticides

Current Account Balance: -0.2 billion USD; -0.1 % of GDP (2008)

Taxation: VAT: 7%; Corporate Tax: 30%; Personal Income Tax: up to 37%

Minimum Wage: 203 Baht/Day in Greater Bangkok (2008)

Stock Market Index (SET index): 527.72 (7 May 2009); P/E ratio: 13.61

Currency: Thai Baht (THB); (As of 6 May 2009) Bank's selling rate

35.3244 THB/USD

53.2469 THB/GBP

47.0618 THB/EUR

36.0788 THB/100 JPY

