



# THAILAND

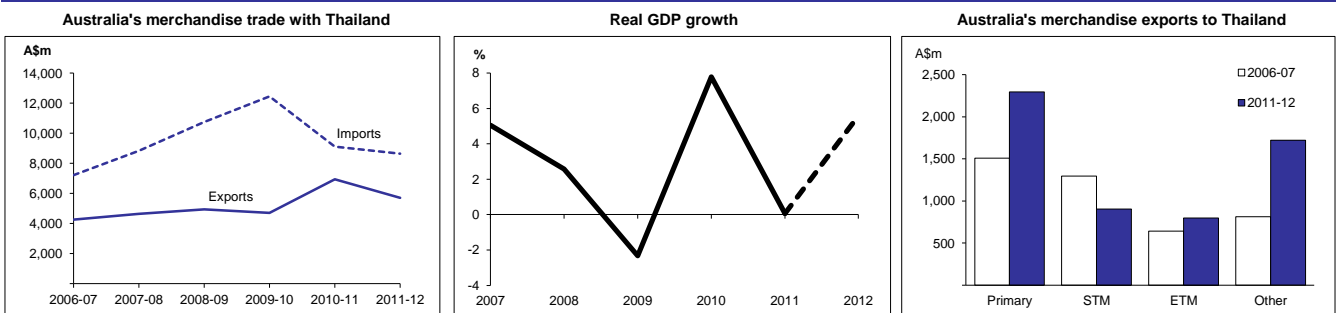
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

<b>Capital:</b>	Bangkok	<b>Head of State:</b>	HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej
<b>Surface area:</b>	513 thousand sq km		
<b>Official language:</b>	Thai	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister HE Ms Yingluck Shinawatra
<b>Population:</b>	64.1 million (2011)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 32.9082 Baht (Aug 2012)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 (a)	2012 (b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	247.0	272.6	263.7	318.9	345.7	377.0
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$bn) (c):</b>	522.3	547.6	539.6	589.3	602.2	646.1
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	3,918	4,300	4,151	4,992	5,395	5,848
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$) (c):</b>	8,286	8,639	8,494	9,226	9,398	10,023
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	5.1	2.6	-2.3	7.8	0.1	5.6
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	15,682	2,157	21,896	13,176	11,870	-749
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	6.3	0.8	8.3	4.1	3.4	-0.2
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	73.4	76.4	68.6	71.5	77.3	73.1
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	2.2	5.5	-0.8	3.3	3.8	3.2



## Australia's trade and investment relationship with Thailand (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Thailand, 2011-12:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Thailand (A\$m):	5,712	2.2%	10th	-17.8%
Imports from Thailand (A\$m):	8,644	3.6%	8th	-5.2%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	14,356	2.8%	9th	-10.7%

Major Australian exports, 2011-12 (A\$m):	
Gold	1,607
Crude petroleum	975
Aluminium	403
Copper	391

Major Australian imports, 2011-12 (A\$m):	
Goods vehicles	2,127
Gold	659
Passenger motor vehicles	551
Heating & cooling equipment & parts	455

Australia's trade in services with Thailand, 2011-12:		Total share:
Exports of services to Thailand (A\$m):	905	1.8%
Imports of services from Thailand (A\$m):	2,447	4.1%

Major Australian service exports, 2011-12 (A\$m):	
Education-related travel	555
Personal travel excl education	133

Major Australian service imports, 2011-12 (A\$m):	
Personal travel excl education	1,430
Transport	843

Australia's investment relationship with Thailand, 2011 (e):	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Thailand (A\$m):	2,106	431
Thailand's investment in Australia (A\$m):	13,408	np

## Thailand's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Thailand's principal export destinations, 2011:

1	China	12.0%
2	Japan	10.5%
3	United States	9.6%
8	Australia	3.5%

### Thailand's principal import sources, 2011:

1	Japan	18.5%
2	China	13.4%
3	United Arab Emirates	6.3%
8	Australia	3.5%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF/EIU forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding; (e) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published. .. Data not meaningful.