

THAILAND

Capital: Bangkok

GEODATA

Area

513,115 km²

Major languages

Thai, Chinese

Major religious group

Buddhist (95%)

Surrounding countries

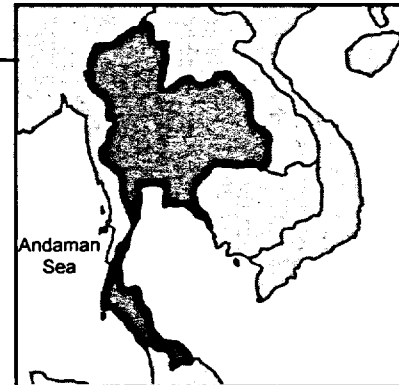
Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Burma

Population

62.3 million (2000)

Population growth rate

0.93% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Representatives;
multiparty

Leaders

King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX)

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Surikiat Sathirathai

Minister of Commerce

Adisai Bodharamik

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Thailand ranks 66th among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$3 million (1999–2000, bilateral disbursement)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$119.2 billion US (2000)

Real GDP growth rate

4.3% (2000)

GDP per capita

\$1,913 US (2000)

Main exports

Textiles and garments, computers and parts, electrical appliances, rice

Main imports

Electrical and other machinery, fuel and lubricants, vehicles and parts

Main exports to Canada

\$1.67 billion (2000), including electrical machinery, boilers, mechanical machinery, fish and crustaceans, clothing, meat preparations

Main imports from Canada

\$370.4 million (2000), including wood pulp, cereals, fertilizer, fish and crustaceans, salt, sulphur

Inflation rate

1.6% (2000)

Unemployment rate

3.6% (2000)

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