



# THAILAND

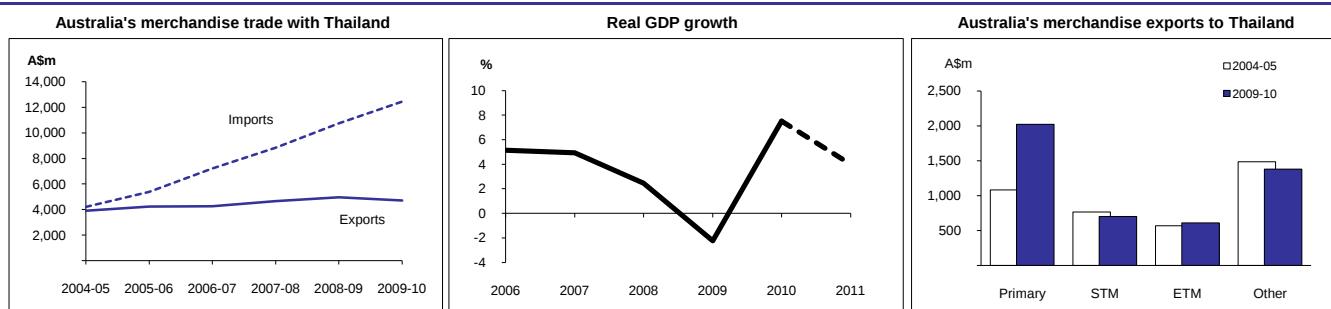
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

|                           |                                |                                               |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Capital:</b>           | Bangkok                        | <b>Head of State:</b>                         |  |
| <b>Surface area:</b>      | 513 thousand sq km             | <b>HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej</b>             |  |
| <b>Official language:</b> | Thai                           | <b>Head of Government:</b>                    |  |
| <b>Population:</b>        | 67.7 million (2010)            | <b>Prime Minister HE Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva</b> |  |
| <b>Exchange rate:</b>     | A\$1 = 28.5281 Baht (Aug 2010) |                                               |  |

| <i>Recent economic indicators:</i>           | 2006  | 2007   | 2008  | 2009   | 2010(a) | 2011(b) |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| <b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>        | 207.2 | 247.1  | 272.4 | 264.0  | 312.6   | 334.0   |
| <b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>                 | 483.4 | 522.1  | 546.7 | 539.3  | 584.8   | 615.5   |
| <b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>                | 3,174 | 3,759  | 4,108 | 3,941  | 4,621   | 4,888   |
| <b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>        | 7,404 | 7,942  | 8,243 | 8,051  | 8,644   | 9,009   |
| <b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>       | 5.1   | 4.9    | 2.5   | -2.2   | 7.5     | 4.0     |
| <b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>      | 2,315 | 15,682 | 1,633 | 20,291 | 11,100  | 8,477   |
| <b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>      | 1.1   | 6.3    | 0.6   | 7.7    | 3.6     | 2.5     |
| <b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b> | 73.7  | 73.5   | 76.6  | 68.5   | 71.2    | 70.7    |
| <b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>             | 4.6   | 2.2    | 5.5   | -0.8   | 3.0     | 2.8     |



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

| <b>Australian merchandise trade with Thailand, 2009-10:</b> |        | <b>Total share:</b> | <b>Rank:</b> | <b>Growth (yoy):</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Exports to Thailand (A\$m):                                 | 4,707  | 2.3%                | 10th         | -4.9%                |
| Imports from Thailand (A\$m):                               | 12,441 | 6.1%                | 4th          | 15.7%                |
| Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):                     | 17,148 | 4.2%                | 6th          | 9.2%                 |

### Major Australian exports, 2009-10 (A\$m):

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Gold                          | 1,314 |
| Crude petroleum               | 1,164 |
| Aluminium                     | 447   |
| Medicaments (incl veterinary) | 172   |

### Major Australian imports, 2009-10 (A\$m):

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Goods vehicles                    | 2,985 |
| Gold                              | 2,152 |
| Pumps (excl liquid pumps) & parts | 1,382 |
| Passenger motor vehicles          | 952   |

### Australia's trade in services with Thailand, 2009-10:

|                                           |       | <b>Total share:</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Exports of services to Thailand (A\$m):   | 1,057 | 2.0%                |
| Imports of services from Thailand (A\$m): | 2,116 | 4.0%                |

### Major Australian service exports, 2009-10 (A\$m):

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Education-related travel | 728 |
| Transport                | 119 |

### Major Australian service imports, 2009-10 (A\$m):

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Personal travel excl education | 1,117 |
| Transport                      | 520   |

### Australia's investment relationship with Thailand, 2009 (e):

|                                            | <b>Total:</b> | <b>FDI:</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Australia's investment in Thailand (A\$m): | 1,316         | 216         |
| Thailand's investment in Australia (A\$m): | 1,189         | np          |

## Thailand's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Thailand's principal export destinations, 2009:

|   |               |       |
|---|---------------|-------|
| 1 | United States | 10.9% |
| 2 | China         | 10.6% |
| 3 | Japan         | 10.3% |
| 5 | Australia     | 5.6%  |

### Thailand's principal import sources, 2009:

|    |           |       |
|----|-----------|-------|
| 1  | Japan     | 18.7% |
| 2  | China     | 12.7% |
| 3  | Malaysia  | 6.4%  |
| 11 | Australia | 2.8%  |

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.