



# THAILAND

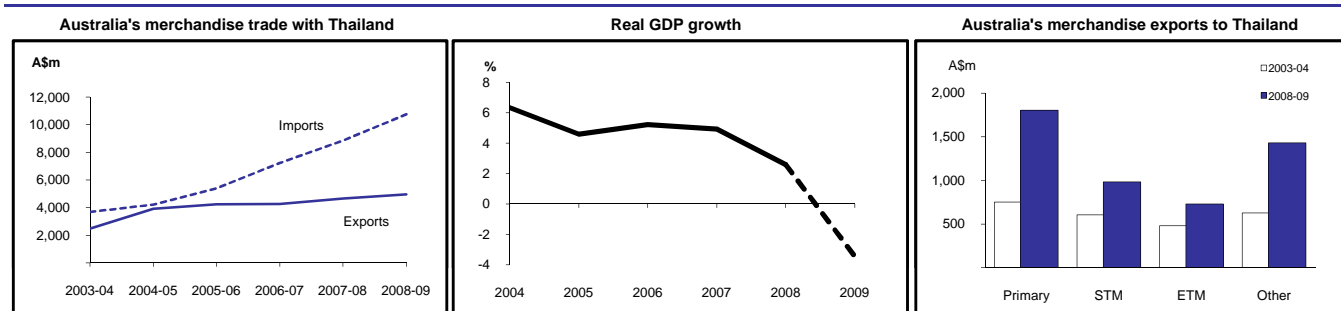
Fact Sheet

## 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>	67.1 million (2009)	<b>Prime Minister HE Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva</b>	
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 28.3428 Baht (Aug 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	161.3	176.4	207.0	246.1	273.3	266.4
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	413.3	445.2	483.7	522.1	547.1	536.4
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	2,479	2,709	3,171	3,743	4,116	3,973
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	6,350	6,838	7,410	7,942	8,239	7,998
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	6.3	4.6	5.2	4.9	2.6	-3.5
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	2,767	-7,642	2,174	14,049	-178	12,941
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	1.7	-4.3	1.1	5.7	-0.1	4.9
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	70.7	73.5	73.8	73.3	76.5	76.4
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	2.8	4.5	4.6	2.2	5.5	-1.2



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

<b>Australian merchandise trade with Thailand, 2008-09:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>	<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Growth (yoy):</b>
Exports to Thailand (A\$m):	4,947	2.1%	10th	6.5%
Imports from Thailand (A\$m):	10,749	4.9%	6th	21.5%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	15,696	3.5%	8th	16.3%

### Major Australian exports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Gold	1,311
Crude petroleum	827
Aluminium	640
Coal	273

### Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Gold	2,424
Goods vehicles	1,866
Passenger motor vehicles	750
Pumps (excl liquid pumps) & parts	708

### Australia's trade in services with Thailand, 2008-09:

Exports of services to Thailand (A\$m):	1,020	<b>Total share:</b>	1.9%
Imports of services from Thailand (A\$m):	2,017		3.6%

### Major Australian service exports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Education-related travel	669
Transportation	143

### Major Australian service imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Personal travel excl education	1,148
Transportation	514

### Australia's investment relationship with Thailand, 2008 (e):

Australia's investment in Thailand (A\$m):	<b>Total:</b>	1,137	<b>FDI:</b>	362
Thailand's investment in Australia (A\$m):		499		326

## Thailand's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Thailand's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	United States	11.4%
2	Japan	11.3%
3	China	9.1%
7	Australia	4.5%

### Thailand's principal import sources, 2008:

1	Japan	18.7%
2	China	11.2%
3	United States	6.4%
11	Australia	2.9%

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.