



# THAILAND

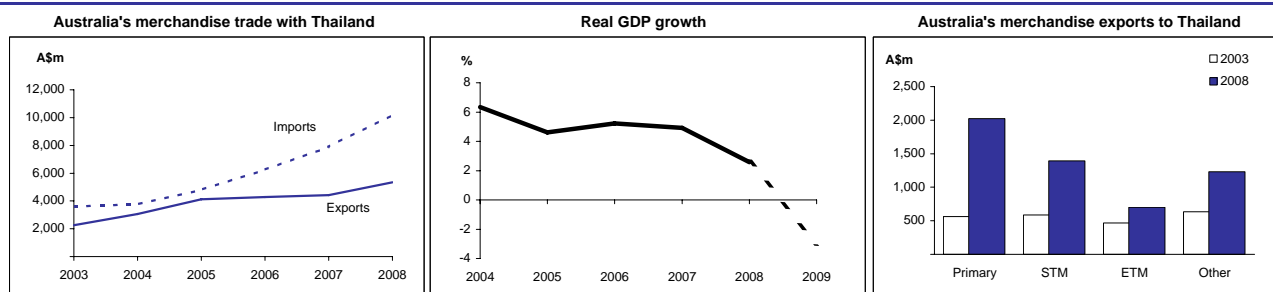
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Bangkok	<b>Head of State:</b>	HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej
<b>Surface area:</b>	513 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister HE Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva
<b>Official language:</b>	Thai		
<b>Population:</b>	66.4 million (2008)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 22.8875 Baht (Feb 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	273.2	268.6
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	413.3	445.2	483.6	521.0	546.1	534.8
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	2,479	2,709	3,171	3,743	4,115	4,005
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	6,350	6,838	7,407	7,926	8,225	7,975
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	6.3	4.6	5.2	4.9	2.6	-3.0
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	2,767	-7,642	2,174	14,049	-178	1,624
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	1.7	-4.3	1.1	5.7	-0.1	0.6
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	70.7	73.5	73.8	73.3	76.4	72.4
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	2.8	4.5	4.6	2.2	5.5	0.5



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

Australian merchandise trade with Thailand, 2008:	Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Thailand (A\$m):	2.4%	10th	21.0%
Imports from Thailand (A\$m):	4.5%	6th	29.5%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	3.5%	8th	26.4%

Major Australian exports, 2008 (A\$m):		Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$m):	
Gold	1,132	Goods vehicles	2,305
Crude petroleum	1,091	Gold	1,500
Aluminium	768	Passenger motor vehicles	1,137
Copper	302	Heating & cooling equipment & parts	411

Australia's trade in services with Thailand, 2008:	Total share:
Exports of services to Thailand (A\$m):	1.8%
Imports of services from Thailand (A\$m):	3.4%

Major Australian service exports, 2008 (A\$m):		Major Australian service imports, 2008 (A\$m):	
Education-related travel	603	Personal travel excl education	937
Transportation	120	Transportation	671

## Thailand's global merchandise trade relationships.

Thailand's principal export destinations, 2008:			Thailand's principal import sources, 2008:		
1	United States	11.4%	1	Japan	18.7%
2	Japan	11.3%	2	China	11.2%
3	China	9.1%	3	United States	6.4%
7	Australia	4.5%	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.