

# Thailand

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

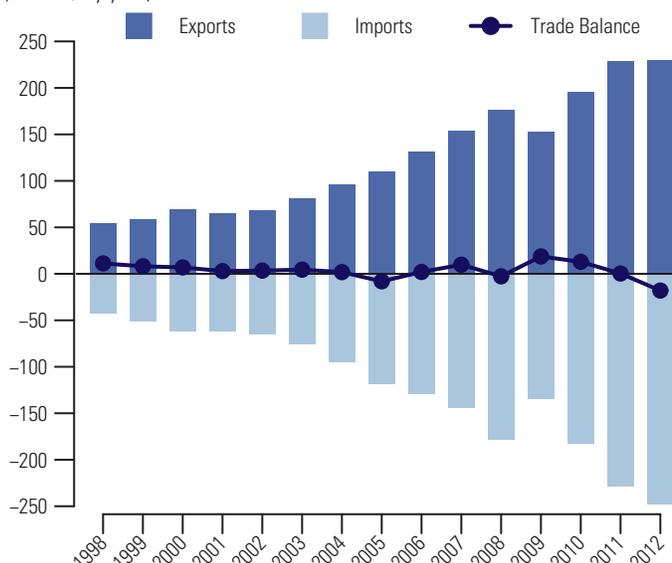
Trade System: Special

## Overview:

On average, Thailand's exports grew by 6.9 percent per year from 2008 to 2012 and amounted to 229.5 bln US\$ in 2012 (see table 1 and graph 1). Similarly, imports increased on average by 8.5 percent each year and reached 247.6 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). A trade deficit of 18.0 bln US\$ was recorded for 2012 (see graph 1). Trade with South-eastern Asia, Developed North America and Southern Asia recorded surpluses amounting respectively to 14.1 bln US\$, 10.4 bln US\$ and 4.8 bln US\$ (see graph 2). Significant trade deficits were recorded with Developed Asia-Pacific and Western Asia (both at -21.3 bln US\$). Compared to imports, exports were slightly more diversified across partners in 2012: 21 major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports compared to 16 major partners for imports (see graph 3).

**Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance**

(Bln US\$ by year)



## Exports Profile:

Thailand's exports in 2012 were composed of 40.5 percent machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), 13.1 percent food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and 12.6 percent manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) (see table 1). China, Japan and USA were the top markets for exports with concentration in machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) (see table 4). Thailand's main exported products for the past three years were automatic data processing machines and units thereof (HS code 8471), natural rubber, balata, gutta-percha, guayule, chicle (HS code 4001) and petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710) (see table 3).

**Table 1: Exports by SITC sections**

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2012	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2012 share
		2008-2012	2011-2012	
Total	229544.5	6.9	0.3	100.0
0+1	30008.1	7.3	-2.2	13.1
2+4	13433.7	7.8	-26.3	5.9
3	14938.5	7.2	16.1	6.5
5	23125.2	13.8	1.5	10.1
6	28872.2	6.9	0.1	12.6
7	92927.7	5.7	8.2	40.5
8	19550.3	1.5	-17.4	8.5
9	6688.8	18.2	12.8	2.9

**Table 2: Imports by SITC sections**

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

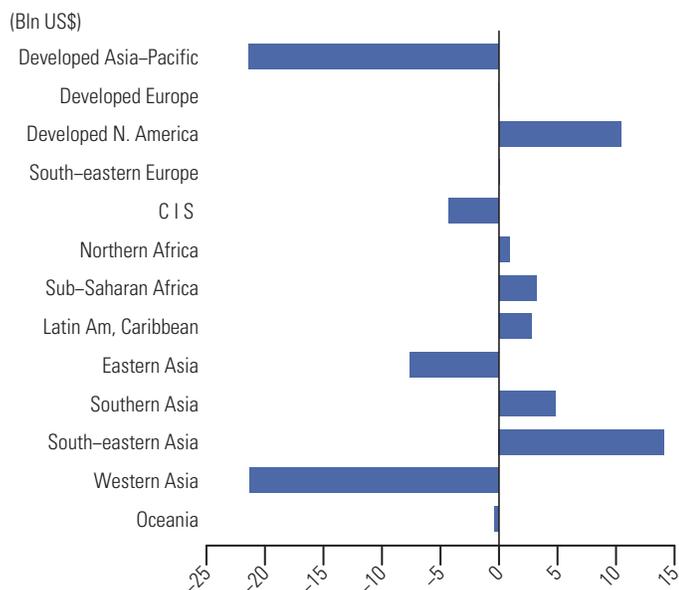
SITC	2012	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2012 share
		2008-2012	2011-2012	
Total	247575.9	8.5	8.4	100.0
0+1	10863.4	10.7	17.8	4.4
2+4	7580.3	2.6	-3.1	3.1
3	47858.2	6.5	10.0	19.3
5	23898.3	5.1	0.6	9.7
6	40432.2	4.7	3.2	16.3
7	90760.5	12.4	21.6	36.7
8	15440.5	8.3	11.1	6.2
9	10742.4	15.2	-34.8	4.3

**Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2010 to 2012**

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	
All Commodities.....		195311.5	228824.0	229544.5				
8471 Automatic data processing machines and units thereof.....		12852.1	11189.6	13711.6				752
4001 Natural rubber, balata, gutta-percha, guayule, chicle.....		7896.0	13176.4	8745.8	2.9	4.4	2.9	US\$/kg 231
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		7797.9	10093.2	11388.5	1.0	1.1		US\$/kg 334
8542 Electronic integrated circuits.....		8066.2	7910.4	6689.0				776
8704 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods.....		5844.0	5360.8	10519.8				782
7108 Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....		6493.8	5897.3	6637.6	2.5	40.7		thsd US\$/kg 971
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		7027.6	6264.7	5680.4	16.5			thsd US\$/unit 781
1006 Rice.....		5341.1	6507.5	4632.3	0.6	0.6	0.7	US\$/kg 042
8708 Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05.....		4156.0	4581.9	5861.3	7.8	8.4	8.6	US\$/kg 784
8415 Air conditioning machines, comprising a motor-driven fan.....		3403.1	3881.2	4081.0				741

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2012



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2012

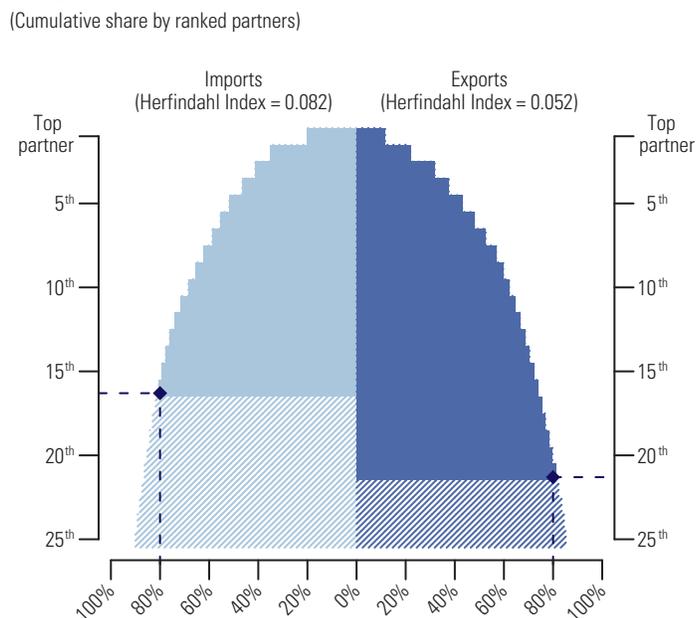


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2012

(Value in million US\$, percentages of country total)

Country	Total	Shares by SITC sections (%)									Total
		0+1	2+4	3	5	6	7	8	9		
World.....	229544.5	13.1	5.9	6.5	10.1	12.6	40.5	8.5	2.9	100	
China.....	26899.6	9.3	19.1	6.6	22.6	10.8	28.9	2.7	0.0	100	
Japan.....	23495.1	20.0	5.6	2.1	10.5	12.2	37.7	11.4	0.4	100	
USA.....	22816.6	15.7	3.1	3.1	2.1	11.2	45.5	19.3	0.0	100	
China, Hong Kong SAR....	13100.1	4.9	0.5	1.2	4.6	16.2	52.4	10.0	10.3	100	
Malaysia.....	12427.6	7.1	11.4	14.9	9.1	11.6	42.1	3.6	0.2	100	
Indonesia.....	11209.5	11.6	3.1	2.0	18.4	10.9	51.2	2.4	0.3	100	
Singapore.....	10836.0	4.6	1.1	37.7	6.5	6.2	38.9	4.9	0.2	100	
Australia.....	9762.8	8.5	0.3	2.1	7.9	12.8	53.4	7.3	7.7	100	
Viet Nam.....	6687.8	14.9	3.8	12.5	18.0	21.3	26.2	3.3	0.0	100	
India.....	5481.4	1.4	8.8	0.4	21.5	23.9	37.1	6.3	0.7	100	

**Imports Profile:**

Machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) accounted for more than a third (36.7 percent) of imports in 2012 (see table 2). Other major commodity groups included mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6), respectively with 19.3 and 16.3 percent of imports. The main imported goods during the period 2010 to 2012 were petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS code 2709), gold (including gold plated with platinum) (HS code 7108) and electronic integrated circuits (HS code 8542) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2010 to 2012

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	
All Commodities.....		182393.4	228483.3	247575.9				
2709 Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude.....		23893.9	32897.4	35843.2	0.6	0.8		US\$/kg 333
7108 Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....		7848.9	16464.8	10742.3	37.5	50.1		thsd US\$/kg 971
8542 Electronic integrated circuits.....		10762.0	10105.6	9166.1				776
8708 Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05.....		5065.5	5533.0	8359.7	10.2	10.8	11.2	US\$/kg 784
2711 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons.....		3769.0	4944.0	5729.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	US\$/kg 343
8473 Parts and accessories for use with machines of heading 84.69 to 84.72.....		4050.7	3586.3	3802.0	51.8	48.2		US\$/kg 759
8471 Automatic data processing machines and units thereof.....		2327.2	3252.4	4369.9				752
8517 Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy.....		2248.1	3125.6	4087.0				764
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		1682.1	2997.1	3441.6	0.8	1.0		US\$/kg 334
7210 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel.....		2117.5	2519.6	2676.5	1.0	1.1		US\$/kg 674