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Estimated Population at Midyear 2026 (1st July)

	Male	Female	Total
1. Total Population (x 1,000)	31,441	34,039	65,480
2. Population by Area of Residence (x 1,000)			
Urban area (population living in all types of cities and municipal areas)	20,185	21,880	42,065
Rural area (population living outside urban areas)	11,256	12,159	23,415
3. Population by Region (x 1,000)			
Bangkok Metropolis	3,960	4,310	8,270
Central (excluding Bangkok Metropolis)	9,658	10,392	20,050
Northern	4,994	5,483	10,477
Northeastern	8,345	9,093	17,438
Southern	4,484	4,761	9,245
4. Population by Age Group (x 1,000)			
Children (under 15 years)	4,667	4,451	9,118
Labor force (15-59 years)	20,514	20,884	41,398
Older persons (60 years and over)	6,260	8,704	14,964
Older persons (65 years and over)	4,055	6,113	10,168
Pre-school ages (0-5 years)	1,462	1,405	2,867
School ages (6-21 years)	5,999	5,714	11,713
Women of reproductive age (15-49 years)		15,442	
5. Life Expectancy at Birth (average number of years a person could expect to live after birth)	Male 72.0 years	Female 80.2 years	
6. Life Expectancy at Sixty (average number of years a person could expect to live after age sixty)	Male 17.5 years	Female 23.3 years	
7. Life Expectancy at Eighty (average number of years a person could expect to live after age eighty)	Male 5.8 years	Female 8.4 years	
8. Vital Rates			
Crude birth rate (per 1,000 population)			5.7
Crude death rate (per 1,000 population)			9.6
Natural growth rate (percent)			-0.4
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)			7.1
Child (under 5) mortality ratio (per 1,000 live births)			10.1
9. Total Fertility Rate (average number of children a woman would have throughout her reproductive years)		0.86	
10. Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (percent)		73.0	
11. Women aged 20-44 years with permanent childlessness (percent)			3.7

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Sources of data

- * Report on the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2019, National Statistical Office & UNICEF.
- * Population and Housing Census 2010, National Statistical Office.
- * The 2007, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2021 Survey of the Older Persons in Thailand, National Statistical Office.
- * Report on Population Projections for Thailand 2010 - 2040 (Revised), Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council.
- * Bureau of Registration and Administration, Department of Local Administration, Ministry of Interior.

Notes on data

- * Population in Listing 1-4 : Thais and non-Thais whose names are in household registration.
- * Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 population) : Number of births in one year divided by midyear population and multiplied by 1,000.
- * Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 population) : Number of deaths in one year divided by midyear population and multiplied by 1,000.
- * Natural Growth Rate (percent) : Number of births minus number of deaths divided by midyear population and multiplied by 100.
- * Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) : Number of deaths of infants under age 1 in one year divided by total live births in that year and multiplied by 1,000.
- * Child (under 5) Mortality Ratio (per 1,000 live births) : Number of deaths of children under age 5 in one year divided by total live births in that year and multiplied by 1,000.
- * Total Fertility Rate (TFR) : Average number of children a woman would have throughout her reproductive years, calculated by summing the age-specific fertility rates of women of reproductive age.
- * Contraceptive Prevalence Rate : Percent of currently married women age 15 – 49 using contraception.



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