

## Thai International Trade in May 2026

Thailand's export in May 2026 amounted to USD 34,333.1 million (THB 1,095,139 million), marking the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive month of expansion with a growth rate of 10.6 percent. Excluding oil-related products, gold, and military goods, exports expanded by 8.6 percent. The primary export growth drivers remain the demand for advanced technology products and global investment in AI and data center infrastructure. This is further fueled by accelerated orders from importers to hedge against potential supply chain disruptions and uncertainties surrounding U.S. trade measures. Products seeing robust growth in export include industrial products such as computers, radio transmitters, telephones and components, and electrical appliances. Exports of agricultural products like durian and rambutan also continue to experience growth in accordance with seasonality. Additionally, high-potential agricultural products such as mung beans, coffee, and cashew nuts demonstrate remarkable sustained growth rates despite constituting smaller share of total exports. Key export markets driving export expansion are the United States, Japan, ASEAN(5), and the European Union. **For the first five months of 2026, Thai exports grew by 17.0 percent, while exports of real sector (excluding gold, oil-related products, and weaponry) expanded by 16.7 percent.**

Thai exports in May 2026, expanded by 10.6 percent to USD 34,333.1 million, while imports grew by 35.1 percent to USD 40,044.5 million, resulting in a trade deficit of USD 5,711.4 million. **For the first five months of 2026**, Thai exports increased by 17.0 percent to 162,085.9 million USD while imports increased by 35.6 percent to 187,295.2 million USD, resulting in a trade deficit of 25,209.3 million USD.

### Export Products

Thai exports of agricultural and agro-industrial products contracted by **7.2 percent** (YoY), contracting for the first time in 3 months. Agricultural products contracted by **3.1 percent**, returning to contraction after expanding in the previous month. Meanwhile, agro-industrial products declined by **13.2 percent**, continuing the trend for the second month. Key products showing growth included **fresh, chilled, frozen, and dried fruits (+5.2%)**, **pet food (+3.1%)**, **cocoa and cocoa preparations (+34.0%)**, and **mung beans (+225.4%)**. Conversely, exports of several major products declined, including **rubber (-5.3%)**, **wheat products and other food preparations (-18.4%)**, **animal or vegetable fats and oils (-37.5%)**, **sugar (-33.2%)**, **chilled and frozen chicken (-26.2%)**, and **meat and edible meat offal (-42.2%)**. For the first five months of 2026, the exports of agricultural and agro-industrial products contracted by **1.9 percent**.

Thai exports of industrial products expanded by **14.4 percent** (YoY), marking the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of growth. Key products showing strong expansion included **computers, equipment, and components (+26.8%)**, **telephones and components (+129.9%)**, **gems and jewelry (excluding gold) (+3.2%)**, **plastic pellets (+17.4%)**, **copper and articles thereof (+53.1%)**, **aluminium products (+28.2%)**, and **transmission apparatus (+188.2%)**. Conversely, exports of several products declined, including **automobiles and parts (-15.2%)**, **air conditioning machine and parts thereof (-5.1%)**, and **wood and wood products (-15.6%)**. For the first five months of 2026, exports of industrial products expanded by **20.9 percent**.

## Export Markets

- Exports to primary markets increased by **14.2 percent** (YoY), with continued expansion in the United States (+33.5%), Japan (+11.7%), the European Union (27) (+18.4%), and ASEAN(5) (+29.7%), while exports declined to China (-2.5%) and CLMV (-16.1%).
- Exports to secondary markets grew by **0.1 percent** (YoY), Expansion was recorded in Australia (+9.2%), Latin America (+18.0%), Russia and CIS (+7.8%), Africa (+6.1%), and The United Kingdom (+3.0%). Meanwhile, there were contractions in South Asia (-5.6%) and the Middle East (-4.4%)
- Exports to other markets expanded by **40.0 percent**.

## Export Prospects

Thailand's 2026 export performance is expected to continue amid the limited recovery of the global economy. The primary challenges include geopolitical uncertainties owing to the situation in the Middle East and US trade measures, which directly affect both cost for businesses and consumer purchasing power. Nevertheless, Thai exports continue to receive tailwind from the robustly growing demand for advanced technology products and the gradual de-escalation in the Middle East, meaning that the exports would continue to maintain its overall growth. The Ministry of Commerce is actively introducing multi-dimensional measures to drive exports, with particular focus on monitoring and responding to geopolitical volatility, together with systemic reform of the export structure, shifting to high value-added products. This is to ensure Thailand's competitiveness on the world stage throughout the rest of the year.



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### Thai International Trade Value in April 2026

Unit: Million USD

	May 2026	Jan - May 2026
Trade Value	74,377.6 +22.6%	349,381.1 +26.3%
Export value	34,333.1 +10.6%	162,085.9 +17.0%
Exports of real sector	30,428.7 +8.6%	142,725.9 +16.7%
Import value	40,044.5 +35.1%	187,295.2 +35.6%
Trade Balance	-5,711.4	-25,209.3

### Top 10 Thai Export Products – May 2026

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