Thai International Trade in August 2026

Thailand's export in August 2026 amounted to USD 34,618.7 (THB 1,157,667 million), marking the 26th consecutive month of expansion with growth rate of 24.3 percent. Excluding oil-related products, gold, and military goods, export expanded by 19.5 percent. This growth was primarily driven by overseas investments in infrastructure and AI-related industries, which boosted demand for electronic products. Meanwhile, fruit exports to China experienced a remarkable rebound, particularly fresh durians and mangosteen, supported by seasonal harvesting from the southern region. Overall export markets expanded significantly across both major and secondary markets. However, risk factors requiring close monitoring include escalating tensions around the Strait of Hormuz, which could impact energy and transportation costs, as well as uncertainties surrounding United States trade measures. **For the first eight months of 2026, Thai exports grew by 18.9 percent, while exports of real sector (excluding oil-related products, gold, and weaponry) expanded by 18.6 percent.**

Thai exports in August 2026, expanded by 24.3 percent to USD 34,618.7 million, while **imports** grew by 25.1 percent to USD 37,101.4 million, **resulting in a trade deficit** of USD 2,482.7 million. **For the first eight months of 2026,** Thai **exports** increased by 18.9 percent to USD 266,149.7 million while **imports** increased by 36.1 percent to USD 303,986.9 million, **resulting in a trade deficit** of USD 37,837.2 million.

Export Products

Thai exports of agricultural and agro-industrial products expanded by 1.4 percent **(YoY),** returning to positive growth after a 4-month contraction. **Agricultural products expanded by** 4.2 percent, continuing their second month of expansion, **Meanwhile, agro-industrial products declined by** 1.9 percent**, continuing their fifth month of decline.** Key products showing growth included **fresh, chilled, frozen, and dried fruits** (+24.0%), **rubber** (+23.2%), **canned and processed seafood** (+4.8%), **pet food** (+17.5%), **processed chicken** (+10.5%), **fresh chilled and frozen shrimp** (+18.8%). Conversely, exports of several major products declined, including **wheat products and other food preparations** (-19.1%), **beverages** (-5.8%), **animal and vegetable oils and fats** (-43.9%), **fresh chilled frozen chicken** (-3.0%), **Eatable meat and other animal parts** (-11.1%). For the first eight months of 2026, the export of agricultural and agro-industrial products contracted by 2.4 percent.

Thai exports of industrial products expanded by 27.1 percent (YoY), marking the 29th consecutive month of growth. Key products showing strong expansion included **computer, equipment, and components** (+42.1%), **telephone and components** (+151.2%), **circuits board** (+19.2%), **gems and jewelry (excluding gold)** (+3.2%), **Electrical transformer and parts** (+55.6%), **electrical equipment and parts** (+40.9%), **Video recording, and parts thereof** (+1,155.7%), **Printed Circuit** (+126.8%). Conversely, exports of several products declined, including **automobiles and parts** (-7.1%), **machinery and parts thereof** (-2.2%), and **motorcycles, parts and accessories** (-12.9%). For the eight months of 2026, exports of industrial products expanded by 22.7 percent.

Export Markets

- **Exports to primary markets increased by 25.4 percent (YoY),** with continued expansion in the United States (+48.7%), China (+15.5%), Japan (+19.6%), the European Union (27) (+23.1%), ASEAN (5) (+19.3%), and CLMV (+0.3%).
- **Exports to secondary markets grew by 17.8 percent (YoY)**, Expansion was recorded Australia (+81.0%), Latin America (+8.8%), Russia and CIS (+1.9%), while exports declined to Africa (-8.8%), the South Asia (-11.4%), Middle East (-7.8%), and The United Kingdom (-8.9%).
- **Exports to other markets Expanded** by 66.0 percent.

Export Prospects

Thailand’s export outlook for the remainder of 2026 is projected to maintain continuous expansion, supported by steady demand for AI-related electronics and clarity regarding US trade policies. However, geopolitical risks, energy prices, and freight rates remain downside pressures on global trade that require close monitoring. The Ministry of Commerce will proactively advance negotiations on the Thailand-US Reciprocal Trade Agreement (ART) for a swift conclusion, alongside driving 9 urgent missions to cope with shifting global trade dynamics, elevate the potential of SMEs and innovative products, and accelerate FTA negotiations to open new markets and reinforce the competitive edge of Thai exporters.

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Thai International Trade Value in August 2026

Unit: Million USD

	August 2026	Jan - August 2026
Trade Value	71,720.0 +24.7%	570,136.6 +27.5%
Export value	34,618.7 +24.3%	266,149.7 +18.9%
Exports of real sector	29,406.8 +19.5%	235,080.1 +18.6%
Import value	37,101.4 +25.1%	303,986.9 +36.1%
Trade Balance	-2,482.7	-37,837.2

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