

Economic Update For December 2022



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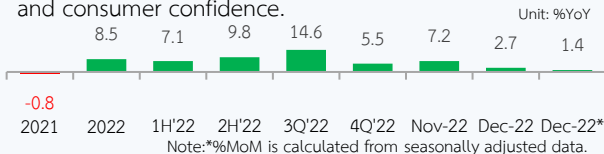
The Thai economy continued to recover in December from the previous month, despite pressure from the global economic slowdown. This was supported by an improvement in private consumption as the service sector expanded further on the back of a recovery in foreign tourism. Exports of goods continued to decline compared to the same period last year, pressured by the slowing economies of trading partners. As a result, manufacturing output and private investment indicators declined.

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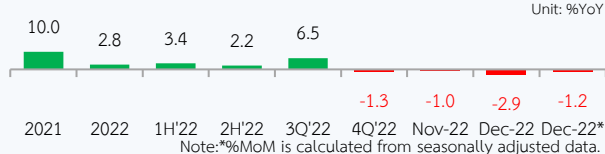
Private Consumption

Private consumption indicators after seasonal adjustment increased from the previous month. This was mainly due to an increase in spending on services as a result of the recovery in the tourism sector. Meanwhile, indicators of household purchasing power continued to improve, both in terms of employment and consumer confidence.



Private Investment

Private investment indicators after seasonal adjustment decreased from the previous month, as the machinery and equipment category fell in line with the decline in industrial production. Meanwhile, the construction category fell as sales of construction materials and construction area permits declined.



Exports

- In December, exports declined by 14.6%YoY to USD 21,719 mn due to the slowing economies of trading partners. The main products that decreased in exports were agricultural products, automobiles, and electronics.
- In 2022, exports continued to grow by 5.5%YoY, but at a slower pace than the previous year. Due to high inflation, Fed rate hike, geopolitical problems and Chinese economic slowdown.

Market	Share (%) Jan-Dec 22	2022		Dec-22	
		USD Mn	%YoY	USD Mn	%YoY
Total	100.0	287,068	5.5	21,719	-14.6
ASEAN	25.0	71,890	10.3	4,983	-19.0
U.S.A.	16.6	47,527	13.4	3,957	-3.9
China	12.0	34,390	-7.7	2,559	-20.8
Japan	9.3	26,830	6.6	2,218	-0.9
EU	8.6	24,669	-1.3	1,797	-13.7
Middle East	3.8	10,778	21.0	947	-0.1

Commodity Price & Exchange Rate	2022		Dec-22	
	Price	%YoY	Price	%YoY
Dubai oil price (USD/bbl)	97.0	41.0	76.8	5.5
Gold price (USD/troy oz)	1,800.6	0.1	1,797.6	0.4
Exchange rate (THB/USD)	35.1	9.6	34.8	3.7
NEER index	115.5	-2.0	118.4	3.5

Farm income

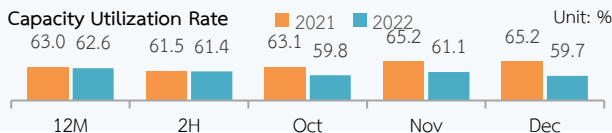
In December, agricultural income rose by 13.5%YoY, continuing the growth from the previous month, due to an increase in both prices and production of agricultural products.

Item (%YoY)	Farm Income		Agricultural Price		Agricultural Production	
	Nov-22	Dec-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Nov-22	Dec-22
	Agriculture	16.0	13.5	13.2	7.4	2.4
Paddy	28.3	22.4	29.9	22.9	-1.2	-0.4
Cassava	19.8	15.6	18.3	14.1	1.3	1.3
Rubber, RSS3	-11.5	-19.1	-17.1	-18.2	6.8	-1.0
Durian	450.6	934.5	51.5	51.5	263.4	582.8
Swine	38.1	29.0	42.8	32.1	-3.3	-2.4
Fowl	29.2	12.7	27.9	11.4	1.0	1.1

MPI and Capacity Utilization (Cap-U)

December MPI fell by 8.2%YoY, due to production decline in many categories. In particular, appliances and chemicals declined in line with slowing global demand. Meanwhile, motor vehicles declined following an acceleration in production in the previous month.

MPI (%YoY)	2022	4Q'22	Nov-22	Dec-22	%MoM
Overall MPI	0.6	-5.8	-5.1	-8.2	-1.8
Automotive	11.4	8.4	13.3	1.4	-17.1
Petroleum	8.8	-8.7	-18.9	2.1	27.1
Hard disk drive	-29.1	-42.5	-47.7	-39.4	42.9



Domestic vehicle sales

December vehicle sales fell by 9.0%YoY to 82,799 units, due to the shortage of semiconductor parts in some car models and flooding in some areas. However, the total number of car sales in 2022 was 849,388 units, an increase of 11.9%YoY. As a result of the recovery of the economy after the COVID-19 situation eased, economic activities increased and the return of foreign tourists.

Domestic Vehicle Sales, 2022

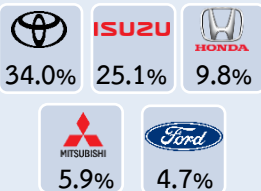
Total Vehicle Sales



849,388 Units

+11.9%YoY

Market Share By Brand



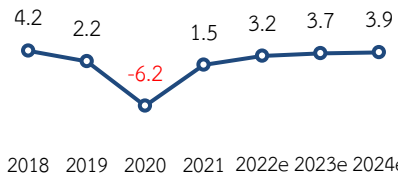
By Model

- 1 Isuzu D-Max 21.4%
- 2 Toyota Hilux 17.1%
- 3 Honda City 5.4%
- 4 Ford Ranger 3.5%
- 5 Toyota Yaris 3.4%

By body type, sales of passenger cars in December were down 22.6%YoY to 24,698 units, while sales of commercial cars were down 1.7%YoY to 58,101 units. However, in 2022, car sales for all car types still increased. The highest selling vehicle category was commercial cars with 584,265 units sold, accounting for 68.8% of the total vehicle sales.

Domestic Vehicle Sales by Body Type	Jan-Dec 2022		Dec-22	
	Unit	%YoY	Unit	%YoY
Passenger car	265,123	5.3	24,698	-22.6
Commercial car	584,265	15.2	58,101	-1.7
Pick up 1 ton	388,298	11.4	35,491	-2.8
SUV	82,582	16.4	9,654	-14.5
Other	113,385	29.2	12,956	14.7
Overall	849,388	11.9	82,799	-9.0

Thai GDP Forecast by BOT (%YoY)



%YoY	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e
Private Consumption	0.3	6.1	3.4	3.2
Government Consumption	3.2	-0.2	-1.4	0.8
Private Investment	3.3	5.1	3.4	4.0
Public Investment	3.8	-1.5	1.8	7.0
Value of Merchandise Exports	18.8	7.4	1.0	2.6
Headline Inflation (%)	1.2	6.3	3.0	2.1

Tourism

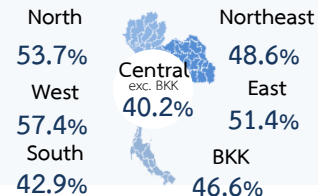
In December, Thailand welcomed 22.4 mn foreign tourists, an increase of 872.3%YoY, due to an increase in tourists from almost all nationalities, especially Malaysia and Russia. This was partly due to the high season and the continued easing of international travel restrictions. As a result, there were 11.2 mn foreign tourists in 2022, up from 0.43 mn in the previous year, or an increase of 2,506.6%YoY.

International tourist arrivals, 2022



The average hotel occupancy rate nationwide was 47.9% in 2022, improving from 14.0% in the previous year. As a result of the increase in both Thai and foreign tourists, following the easing of travel restrictions and the implementation of the country's full opening policy.

Occupancy Rate, 2022



Export of Goods

For Dec 2022

Major Products	Share 2022 (%)	Jan-Dec 22		Dec-22	
		USD million	%YoY	USD million	%YoY
Total exports	100.0	287,068	5.5	21,719	-14.6
Agriculture	9.3	26,721	2.2	2,042	-11.6
- Rice	1.4	3,971	14.7	418	-4.1
- Rubber	1.8	5,160	-7.7	271	-47.7
- Tapioca	1.5	4,412	11.2	382	-12.4
- Fruits	2.0	5,652	-7.1	401	21.6
- Fishery	0.6	1,665	-2.2	119	-17.6
Agro-industrial	7.9	22,769	17.8	1,557	-10.8
- Prepared or preserved seafood	1.3	3,845	10.1	326	1.5
- Cane sugar and molasses	1.1	3,157	97.9	87	-45.5
- Wheat products and other food preparations	0.9	2,520	7.5	207	-7.3
- Beverages	0.7	1,983	2.6	157	-1.4
Manufacturing	78.6	225,694	4.4	17,249	-15.7
- Automotive	13.1	37,642	-2.2	3,298	-13.6
- Electronics	15.7	45,094	5.0	4,143	-2.0
- Electrical appliances	10.2	29,387	3.9	2,244	-13.1
- Precious stones and jewelry	5.3	15,106	50.3	568	-32.0
- Unwrought gold	2.5	7,070	82.0	47	-80.5
- Rubber products	4.8	13,862	-4.2	1,048	-12.2
- Petro-chemical products	3.7	10,683	-5.0	651	-32.1
- Chemicals	3.3	9,572	-3.1	627	-35.3
- Machinery & equipment	3.0	8,744	7.2	675	-11.2
- Apparels & Textile	2.4	6,850	5.0	491	-18.3
- Metal & steel	2.4	7,006	1.5	519	-17.2
Mining & Fuel	4.1	11,883	15.6	871	-4.8

Products	Dec-22	
	USD million	%YoY
Automotive	3,298	-13.6
- Passenger car	1,061	-8.7
- Pick up and trucks	669	-33.6
- Motorcycle	342	8.1
- Spark-ignition reciprocating internal combustion	338	-8.8
- Parts & accessories	774	-9.2

Products	Dec-22	
	USD million	%YoY
Electronics	4,143	-2.0
- Computer parts	1,761	-24.2
- HDD	985	-34.1
- Electronic integrated circuits	747	-2.6
- Telecommunication	552	65.6
- Semi-conductor devices, transistors, diodes	457	83.7

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