

Economic Update For October 2022



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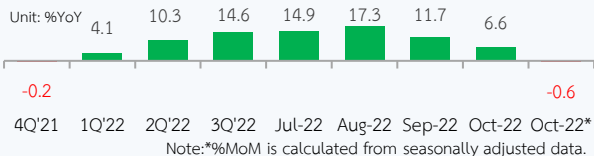
The Thai economy in October continued to recover, despite being pressured by a decline in exports following a slowdown in demand from trading partners and temporary factors from the shutdown of the oil refinery. As a result, industrial production and private investment indicators declined. Meanwhile, private consumption indicators declined slightly due to flooding problems and a decline in domestic car sales. However, the tourism sector continued to recover following the increase in the number of foreign tourists after the country was fully reopened.

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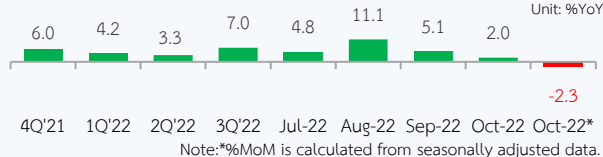
Private Consumption

Private consumption in October after seasonal adjustment dropped slightly from the previous month, partly due to flooding problems and some consumers postponing car purchase to wait for the launch of new models. However, Expenditure in tourism-related categories continued to increase.



Private Investment

Private investment in October after seasonal adjustment slightly decrease by 2.3%MoM, due to decreases in investment in machinery and equipment. However, investment in construction continued to increase in line with the expansion of permitted construction areas and sales of construction materials.



Exports

- In October, exports fell by 4.4%YoY following a slowdown in demand from trading partners, especially decline in electronic products by falling HDD export. Meanwhile, chemical products decline by Chinese market slowdown and petro-chemical products decline following the drop in oil prices.
- Export growth in 10M2022 remained robust with growth of 9.1%YoY to USD 243,139 Mn, partly due to the baht depreciation.

Farm Income

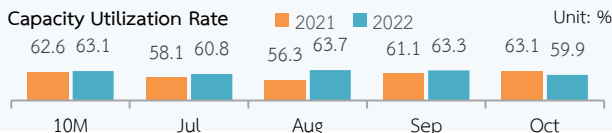
October farm income expanded by 25.5%YoY, due to rising prices of livestock, fruit and paddy, coupled with a recovery in swine production from African Fever (ASF) and an increase in oil palm output.

Item (%YoY)	Farm Income		Agricultural Price		Agricultural Production	
	Sep-22	Oct-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Sep-22	Oct-22
Agriculture	19.9	25.5	18.9	18.3	0.8	6.0
Paddy	31.7	34.1	26.4	30.0	4.2	3.1
Cassava	23.7	25.5	26.1	25.2	-1.9	0.3
Rubber, RSS3	-2.5	-6.6	-5.8	-5.1	3.6	-1.6
Durian	-75.3	25.3	51.5	51.5	-83.7	-17.3
Swine	56.8	84.2	56.7	53.6	0.1	19.9
Fowl	42.8	42.8	41.7	41.1	0.8	1.2

MPI and Capacity Utilization (Cap-U)

October MPI drop by 3.7%YoY, due to refinery maintenance shutdowns and chemical production slowdown in line with external demand. Besides, the demand for chemical fertilizers decreased after the end of the planting season.

MPI (%YoY)	1H'22	3Q'22	Sep-22	Oct-22	%MoM
Overall MPI	0.5	8.1	3.3	-3.7	-4.2
Automotive	2.6	35.8	27.5	10.1	-3.8
Petroleum	14.5	17.3	21.7	-9.4	-13.7
Chemicals	-3.6	-7.1	-12.3	-16.1	-6.2



Market	Share (%)	Jan-Oct 2022		Oct-22	
		USD Mn	%YoY	USD Mn	%YoY
Total	100.0	243,139	9.1	21,772	-4.4
ASEAN	25.3	61,475	16.1	5,478	-3.6
U.S.A.	16.4	39,953	16.8	3,506	-0.8
China	12.0	29,142	-6.1	2,516	-8.5
Japan	8.6	20,891	0.5	2,004	-3.1
EU	9.2	22,405	7.8	1,988	-7.9
Australia	3.8	9,317	5.2	989	22.0

Commodity Price & Exchange Rate	Jan-Oct 2022		Oct-22	
	Price	%YoY	Price	%YoY
Dubai oil price (USD/bbl)	100.2	48.8	90.6	11.5
Gold price (USD/troy oz)	1,808.5	0.6	1,664.5	-6.3
Exchange rate (THB/USD)	35.0	10.2	37.9	13.3
NEER index	115.2	-2.7	113.0	-0.7

Domestic vehicle sales

October vehicle sales decreased by 0.2%YoY to 64,618 units, mainly due to the decrease in passenger car sales after manufacturer speeding up car deliveries in the previous period. In addition, some consumers postponed buying a car to wait for the launch of new models. As a result, vehicle sales in 10M2022 reached 698,305 units, an increase of 17.1%YoY.

Domestic vehicle sales, 10M2022

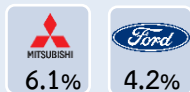
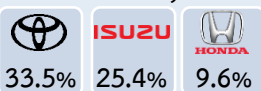
Total Vehicle Sales



698,305 Units

+17.1%YoY

Market Share By Brand



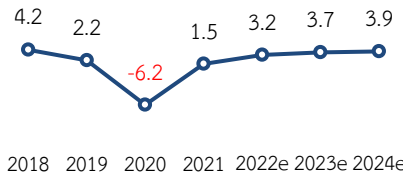
By Model

- 1 Isuzu D-Max 22.6%
- 2 Toyota Hilux 18.3%
- 3 Honda City 5.8%
- 4 Toyota Yaris 3.7%
- 5 Ford Ranger 3.5%

By body type, passenger car sales in October were down 2.4%YoY to 19,468 units. Meanwhile, commercial car continued to expand 1.4%YoY to 45,150 units, partly due to the recovery of the number of foreign tourists, together with the expansion of farm income following the increase in prices and production of agricultural products.

Domestic Vehicle Sales by Body Type	Jan-Oct 2022		Oct-22	
	Unit	%YoY	Unit	%YoY
Passenger car	220,189	12.3	19,468	-2.4
Commercial car	478,116	19.4	45,150	1.4
Pick up 1 ton	323,625	16.0	30,086	-3.5
SUV	65,029	19.7	4,695	-16.1
Other	89,462	33.6	10,369	34.1
Overall	698,305	17.1	64,618	0.2

Thai GDP Forecast by BOT (%YoY)

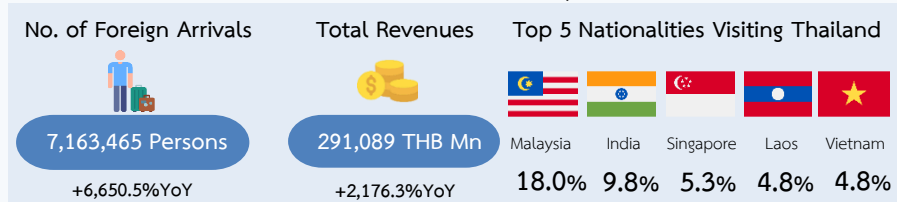


%YoY	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e
Private Consumption	0.3	6.1	3.4	3.2
Government Consumption	3.2	-0.2	-1.4	0.8
Private Investment	3.3	5.1	3.4	4.0
Public Investment	3.8	-1.5	1.8	7.0
Value of Merchandise Exports	18.8	7.4	1.0	2.6
Headline Inflation (%)	1.2	6.3	3.0	2.1

Tourism

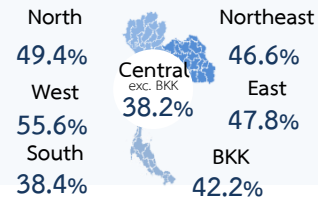
The number of foreign tourists continued to recover, with 1.48 million foreign visitors in October, the highest since February 2020, due to the increase in tourists from various nationalities, especially Europe and US, mainly thanks to the government's full re-opening policy. As a result, the total number of foreign tourists in 10M2022 reached 7.16 million, an increase of 6,650.5%YoY.

International tourist arrivals, 10M2022



The average occupancy rate of hotels nationwide in 10M2022 was at 44.2%. The highest occupancy rates still came from hotels in the West in the seaside towns that are popular among Thai tourists and not far from Bangkok.

Occupancy rate, 9M2022



Export of Goods

For Oct 2022

Major products	Share 10M'22 (%)	Jan-Oct 22		Oct-22	
		USD million	%YoY	USD million	%YoY
Total exports	100.0	243,139	9.1	21,772	-4.4
Agriculture	9.3	22,698	4.3	1,915	-4.3
- Rice	1.3	3,176	20.7	380	2.8
- Rubber	1.9	4,565	-0.3	364	-28.5
- Tapioca	1.5	3,731	15.3	316	26.3
- Fruits	2.0	4,922	-9.6	219	-23.0
- Fishery	0.6	1,408	-0.5	143	-19.7
Agro-industrial	8.0	19,438	22.6	1,689	-2.3
- Prepared or preserved seafood	1.3	3,201	12.5	306	0.9
- Cane sugar and molasses	1.2	2,850	118.8	174	-6.5
- Wheat products and other food preparations	0.9	2,089	8.6	200	-0.2
- Beverages	0.7	1,664	2.6	159	20.3
Manufacturing	78.4	190,672	7.8	17,393	-3.5
- Automotive	12.7	30,920	-1.2	3,185	5.5
- Electronics	15.3	37,305	6.4	3,550	-0.2
- Electrical appliances	10.2	24,730	6.1	2,248	-3.0
- Precious stones and jewelry	5.6	13,669	67.1	1,207	22.7
- Unwrought gold	2.8	6,842	110.7	519	56.9
- Rubber products	4.8	11,704	-3.9	1,041	-6.2
- Petro-chemical products	3.8	9,258	-0.5	705	-26.8
- Chemicals	3.4	8,253	3.3	735	-15.2
- Machinery & equipment	3.0	7,389	9.7	661	-7.0
- Apparels & Textile	2.4	5,826	9.3	519	-6.8
- Metal & steel	2.4	5,947	5.1	500	-13.1
Mining & Fuel	4.2	10,330	24.4	775	-23.9

Products	Oct-22	
	USD million	%YoY
Automotive	3,185	5.5
- Passenger car	1,026	10.8
- Pick up and trucks	619	2.6
- Motorcycle	306	14.9
- Spark-ignition reciprocating internal combustion	348	0.4
- Parts & accessories	767	0.2

Products	Oct-22	
	USD million	%YoY
Electronics	3,550	-0.2
- Computer parts	1,284	-25.5
- HDD	556	-34.3
- Electronic integrated circuits	770	0.4
- Telecommunication	634	90.6
- Semi-conductor devices, transistors, diodes	350	74.9

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