

Economic Update For August 2022



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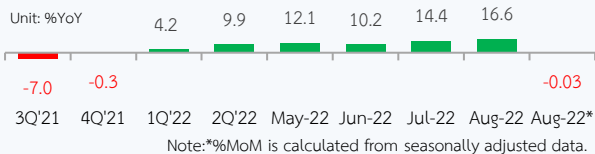
In August, the Thai economy continued to recover in line with the recovery of the tourism and service sectors that boosted consumption, coupled with supply pressures from commodity prices and part shortages in some industries have improved. However, the slowdown in foreign demand due to the global economy and the high cost of living still pose a risk to the economic recovery in the next period.

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Private Consumption

Private consumption in August expanded by 16.6%YoY, partly due to a low base, but after seasonal adjustment, the recovery flattened from the previous month by -0.03%MoM. This indicates that private consumption is gradually improving, especially employment and consumer confidence.



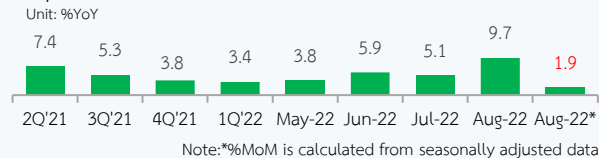
Farm Income

August farm income kept rising by 18.6%YoY, thanks to the increase in agricultural prices, especially livestock prices due to the increase in feed costs.

Item (%YoY)	Farm Income		Agricultural Price		Agricultural Production	
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Jul-22	Aug-22
Agriculture	18.9	18.6	18.0	23.2	0.8	-3.7
Paddy	179.1	26.1	12.7	22.1	147.5	3.3
Cassava	70.1	102.3	37.8	34.3	23.4	50.7
Maize	29.2	33.8	25.1	26.5	3.3	5.8
Rubber, RSS3	17.1	5.1	15.6	4.0	1.3	1.0
Swine	36.8	43.7	44.6	50.4	-5.4	-4.4
Fowl	38.3	43.4	36.5	42.1	1.4	0.9

Private Investment

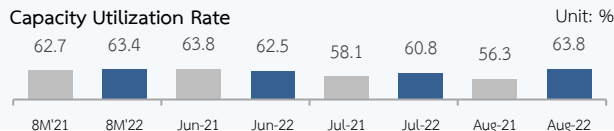
Private investment in August after seasonal adjustment increased from the previous month by 1.9%MoM. This was in line with the increase in the import of capital goods and the number of commercial car registrations, together with the improvement in sales of construction materials.



MPI and Capacity Utilization (Cap-U)

August MPI grew 14.5%YoY, due to parts shortages gradually eased. Resulting in the production of commercial cars, integrated circuits and semiconductors come back to produce more, causing the overall Cap-U to increase to 63.8%

MPI (%YoY)	1H'22	Jul-22	Aug-22	%MoM
Overall MPI	0.5	6.4	14.5	3.7
Automotive	2.6	22.4	61.6	19.1
IC and semiconductors	6.6	9.5	15.6	1.9
Petroleum	14.5	13.0	17.6	2.9



Sources: BOT, OAE, MOC, World Bank, and OIE

Note: MPI stands for Manufacturing Production Index

Exports

- In August, exports grew 7.5%YoY, but contracted by 4.1%MoM if compared to the previous month, in line with the slowdown in trading partner's demand. The product group that contracted was agricultural products, especially fresh fruit and frozen fruit.
- Thai export in 8M2022 rose by 11.0%YoY, sends a slower signal more clearly, especially the Chinese market that continued to shrink.

Market	Share (%)	Jan-Aug 2022		Aug-22	
		USD Mn	%YoY	USD Mn	%YoY
Total	100.0	196,447	11.0	23,633	7.5
ASEAN	25.4	49,827	18.8	6,128	19.0
U.S.A.	16.2	31,748	17.8	4,002	16.3
China	12.2	23,932	-5.0	2,724	-20.1
Japan	8.5	16,730	1.2	2,035	6.6
EU	7.8	15,318	7.5	1,971	19.0
Australia	3.7	7,350	2.3	942	21.3

Commodity Price & Exchange Rate	Jan-Aug 2022		Aug-22	
	Price	%YoY	Price	%YoY
Dubai oil price (USD/bbl)	102.5	57.9	97.8	42.0
Gold price (USD/troy oz)	1,842.4	2.1	1,764.6	-1.2
Exchange rate (THB/USD)	34.3	9.6	35.9	0.8
NEER index	115.7	-3.2	114.3	0.1

Domestic vehicle sales

August new car sales rose by 61.7%YoY to 68,208 units, thanks to last year's low base and support from the BIG MOTOR SALES. As a result, car sales in 8M2022 increased by 19.6%YoY to 559,537 units. However, high cost of living and high level of household debt will continue to limit growth of new car sales in the medium-term.

Domestic vehicle sales, 8M2022

Total Vehicle Sales

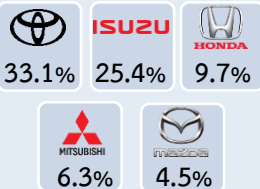


559,537

Units

+19.6%YoY

Market Share By Brand



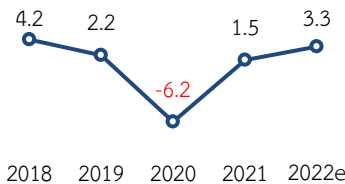
By Model

- 1 Isuzu D-Max 22.7%
- 2 Toyota Hilux 18.5%
- 3 Honda City 5.9%
- 4 Toyota Yaris 3.9%
- 5 Ford Ranger 3.6%

In August, sales of all vehicle segments still grew strongly, due partly to last year's lockdown and the low base, and the introduction of new models to the market, especially commercial cars that grew well following the increase in farm income.

Domestic Vehicle Sales by Body Type	Jan-Aug 2022		Aug-22	
	Unit	%YoY	Unit	%YoY
Passenger car	177,647	17.7	22,530	62.7
Commercial car	381,890	20.5	45,678	61.2
Pick up 1 ton	258,790	17.3	30,720	58.4
SUV	54,176	24.5	5,762	77.9
Other	68,924	30.8	9,196	61.2
Overall	559,537	19.6	68,208	61.7

Thai GDP Forecast by BoT (%YoY)



%YoY

2021

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Private Consumption	0.3	5.6
Government Consumption	3.2	-2.2
Private Investment	3.3	3.3
Public Investment	3.8	1.7
Value of Merchandise Exports	18.8	8.2
Headline Inflation (%)	1.2	6.3

Tourism

In 8M2022, the number of foreign arrivals tallied 4.4 million people, up 5,849.6%YoY, generating THB 159.3 billion in revenues due to the acceleration of ASEAN tourists such as Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam since the country's full reopening and the continuous relaxation of international travel restrictions.

International tourist arrivals, 8M2022

No. of Foreign Arrivals



4,378,920 Persons

+5,849.6%YoY

Total Revenues



159,348 THB Mn

+1,767.8%YoY

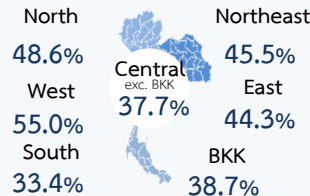
Top 5 Nationalities Visiting Thailand



Malaysia 14.7% India 10.4% Singapore 5.6% Vietnam 4.7% The UK 4.7%

The average occupancy rate of hotels nationwide in 8M2022 reached 41.2%, along with the number of tourists gradually improving after the country is fully opened and expanding of the government's domestic tourism promotion measures.

Occupancy rate, 8M2022



Export of Goods

For Aug 2022

Major products	Share 8M'22 (%)	Jan-Aug 22		Aug-22	
		USD million	%YoY	USD million	%YoY
Total exports	100.0	196,447	11.0	23,633	7.5
Agriculture	9.6	18,777	5.4	2,115	-10.3
- Rice	1.3	2,471	27.1	344	15.3
- Rubber	1.9	3,778	4.6	450	-2.8
- Tapioca	1.6	3,115	16.8	326	1.5
- Fruits	2.3	4,471	-7.5	298	-63.8
- Fishery	0.6	1,100	2.4	145	6.4
Agro-industrial	8.2	16,015	29.1	1,949	27.6
- Prepared or preserved seafood	1.3	2,551	13.1	329	18.5
- Cane sugar and molasses	1.3	2,533	154.6	346	170.8
- Wheat products and other food preparations	0.9	1,673	10.1	212	9.4
- Beverages	0.7	1,339	-1.4	159	14.9
Manufacturing	77.9	153,045	9.0	18,674	9.2
- Automotive	12.5	24,479	-3.2	3,223	19.5
- Electronics	14.8	28,980	5.2	3,718	10.5
- Electrical appliances	10.1	19,879	7.2	2,478	18.4
- Precious stones and jewelry	5.6	10,925	70.0	1,098	24.7
- Unwrought gold	3.0	5,800	116.4	461	16.7
- Rubber products	4.9	9,559	-3.9	1,161	-0.2
- Petro-chemical products	3.9	7,729	5.3	889	-13.4
- Chemicals	3.4	6,723	8.1	747	-8.2
- Machinery & equipment	3.0	5,923	14.3	745	15.6
- Apparels & Textile	2.4	4,711	11.7	583	12.9
- Metal & steel	2.5	4,917	10.0	614	1.4
Mining & Fuel	4.4	8,610	35.6	895	-9.7

Products	Aug-22	
	USD million	%YoY
Automotive	3,223	19.5
- Passenger car	922	60.3
- Pick up and trucks	667	3.7
- Motorcycle	324	20.4
- Spark-ignition reciprocating internal combustion	318	3.1
- Parts & accessories	865	10.2

Products	Aug-22	
	USD million	%YoY
Electronics	3,718	10.5
- Computer parts	1,709	0.0
- HDD	846	-19.1
- Electronic integrated circuits	812	25.1
- Telecommunication	370	32.8
- Semi-conductor devices, transistors, diodes	277	21.9

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