

Population Crisis Management



Police Boat 813 - Khao Lak, Thailand Wikimedia: Khao Lak Ausflüge - 2005

16th October 2023

Thai demographics are of interest because Thailand is involved in a “generalized HIV epidemic”.



Data Source: Wikipedia - Demographics of Thailand - Vital Statistics

Wikipedia - Demographics of Thailand - Vital statistics
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Thailand#Vital_statistics

Country / Dependency	Population	% of world	Date	Source (official or from the United Nations)
Thailand	68,263,022	0.8%	1 Jul 2021	Official estimate

Wikipedia - List of Countries and Dependencies by Population
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_population

Thailand, officially the Kingdom of Thailand and historically known as Siam, is a country in Southeast Asia on the Indochinese Peninsula.

Wikipedia - Thailand
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thailand>

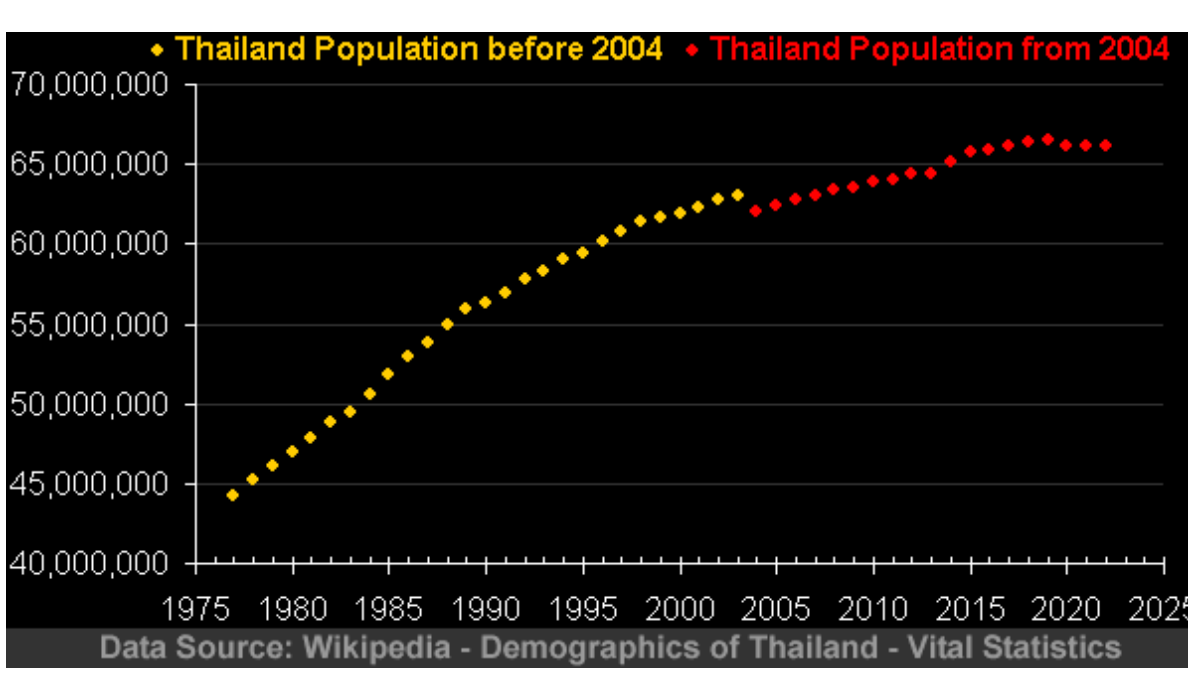
Papua New Guinea ... is the fourth country after **Thailand**, Cambodia, and Burma to be classified as having a **generalized HIV epidemic**.

Wikipedia - HIV/AIDS in Papua New Guinea
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HIV/AIDS_in_Papua_New_Guinea

The Papua New Guinea population narrative details a classic **Pump and Dump** scheme.

Malaga Bay - Population Pump and Dump
<https://malagabay.wordpress.com/2023/10/09/population-pump-and-dump/>

The most striking feature of the Thai population statistics is the sharp **step down** in 2004.



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One possible explanation for this sharp **step down** is the **Boxing Day Tsunami** of 2004.



Khao Lak, Thailand - Tsunami 2004 - Wikimedia: khao-lak-ausfluege.de

On **26 December 2004**, at 07:58:53 local time (UTC+7), a **major earthquake** with a magnitude of 9.1–9.3 Mw struck with an epicentre off the west coast of northern Sumatra, Indonesia.

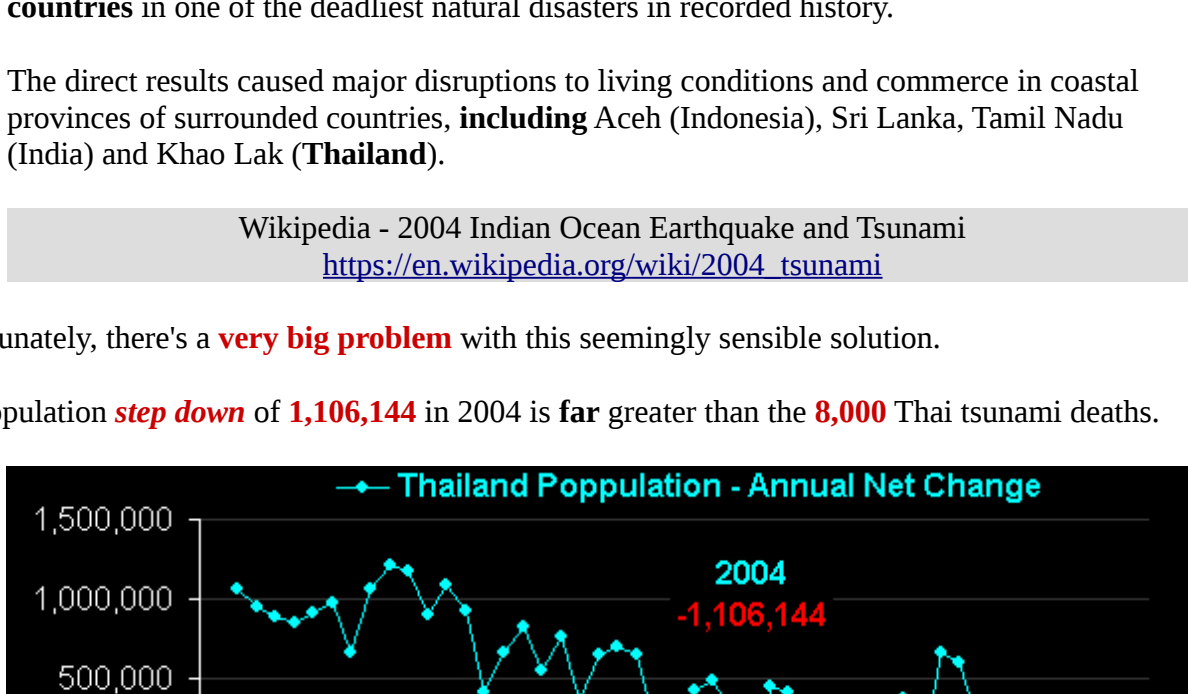
... A massive tsunami with waves up to 30 m (100 ft) high, known in some countries as the **Boxing Day tsunami** after the Boxing Day holiday, **devastated communities** along the surrounding coasts of the Indian Ocean, **killing an estimated 227,898 people in 14 countries** in one of the deadliest natural disasters in recorded history.

The direct results caused major disruptions to living conditions and commerce in coastal provinces of surrounded countries, **including Aceh (Indonesia), Sri Lanka, Tamil Nadu (India) and Khao Lak (Thailand)**.

Wikipedia - 2004 Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004_tsunami

Unfortunately, there's a **very big problem** with this seemingly sensible solution.

The population **step down** of **1,106,144** in 2004 is far greater than the **8,000** Thai tsunami deaths.



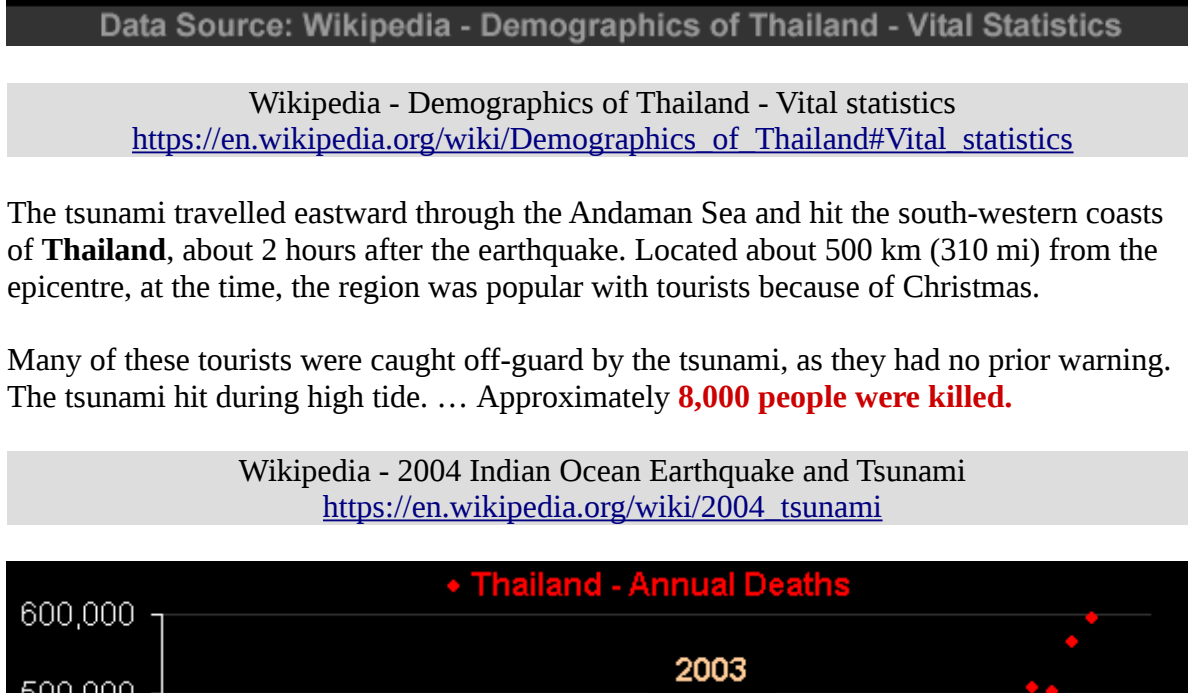
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The tsunami travelled eastward through the Andaman Sea and hit the south-western coasts of **Thailand**, about 2 hours after the earthquake. Located about 500 km (310 mi) from the epicentre, at the time, the region was popular with tourists because of Christmas.

Many of these tourists were caught off-guard by the tsunami, as they had no prior warning. The tsunami hit during high tide. ... Approximately **8,000 people were killed**.

Wikipedia - 2004 Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004_tsunami



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Furthermore:

The mysterious population **step down** of **1,106,144** in 2004 is four time larger than the very rare births-deaths **step down** of **259,395** caused by the **Asian Financial Crisis** of 1997.



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The **Thai economy collapsed** as a result of the **1997 Asian financial crisis**. Within a few months, the value of the baht floated from THB25/US\$ (its lowest point) to THB56/US\$. The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) dropped from a peak of 1,753.73 in 1994 to a low of 207.31 in 1998. The country's GDP dropped from THB3.115 trillion at the end of 1996 to THB2.749 trillion at the end of 1998.

In dollar terms, it took Thailand as long as 10 years to regain its 1996 GDP.

The unemployment rate went up nearly threefold: from 1.5 percent of the labor force in 1996 to 4.4 percent in 1998.

A sharp decrease in the value of the baht abruptly increased foreign debt, undermining financial institutions. Many were sold, in part, to foreign investors while others went bankrupt. Due to low international reserves from the Bank of Thailand's currency-protection measures, the government had to accept a loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Overall, Thailand received US\$17.2 billion in aid.

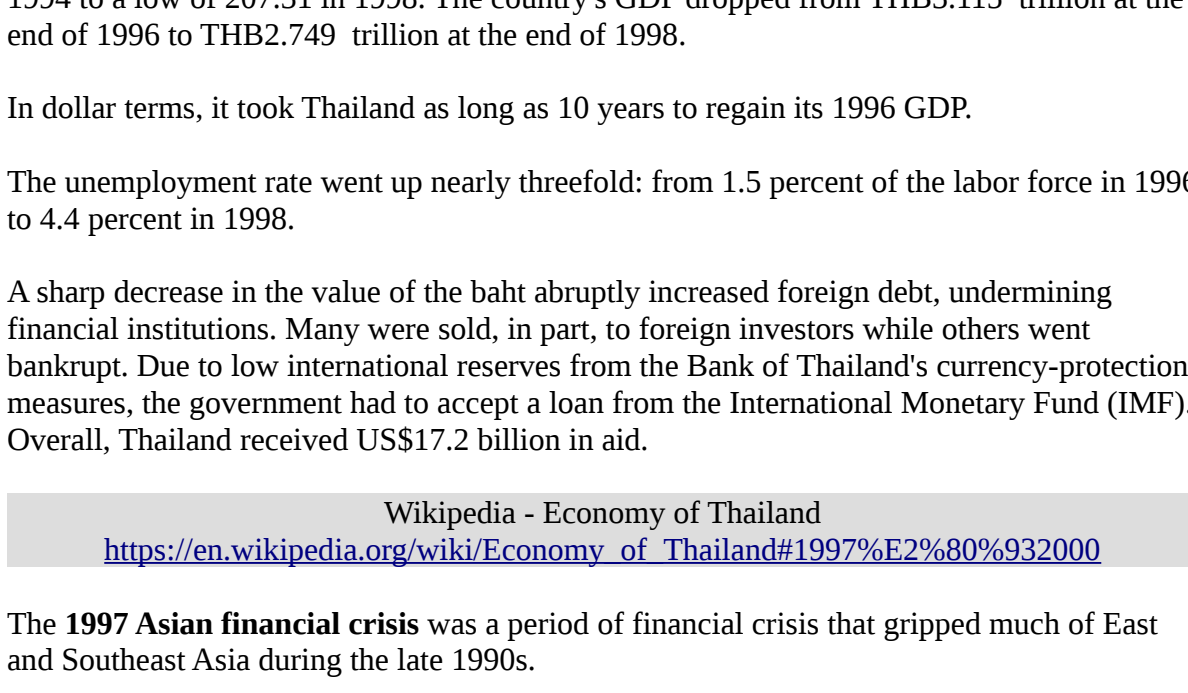
Wikipedia - Economy of Thailand
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy_of_Thailand#1997%E2%80%93932000

The **1997 Asian financial crisis** was a period of financial crisis that gripped much of East and Southeast Asia during the late 1990s.

The crisis **began in Thailand in July 1997** ... However, the recovery in 1998–1999 was rapid, and worries of a meltdown ... subsided.

Wikipedia - 1997 Asian Financial Crisis
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1997_Asian_financial_crisis

Unravelling the mystery of the **step down** in 2004 involves travelling back [appropriately enough] to **1984** when **AIDS** arrived in Thailand and the Thai **Pump and Dump** scheme began **pumping**.



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After **Thailand's first case** of [imported] **AIDS** was reported in **1984**—in a Thai student who returned from college in the United States—and after the first laboratory detection of HIV in 1985, starting in early 1988, HIV infection spread explosively in sequential waves in one risk group after another.

Wikipedia - HIV/AIDS in Thailand
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HIV/AIDS_in_Thailand

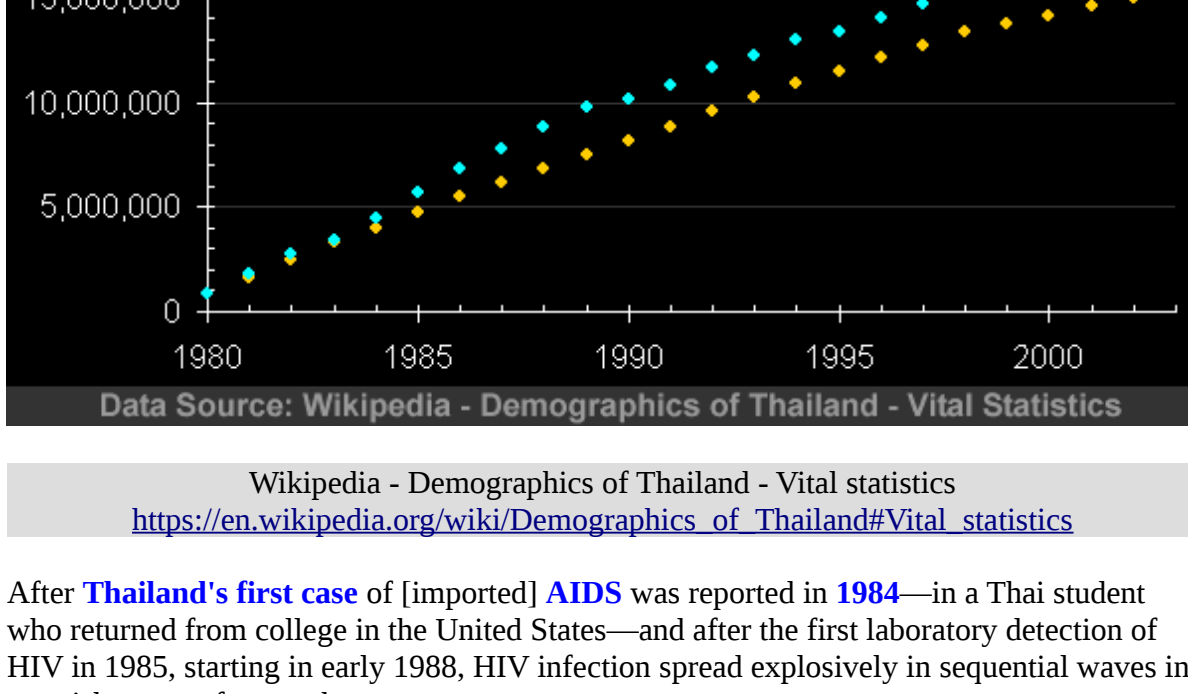
AIDS was first recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in **1981** and its cause—HIV infection—was identified in the early part of the decade.

Wikipedia - HIV/AIDS
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HIV/AIDS>

However:

The Thai **Pump and Dump** scheme became totally **surplus to requirements** in **2001**.

This was partly because **global HIV/AIDS New Cases** peaked around **2001**.



HIV/AIDS Global Pandemic Wikimedia: Our World in Data

HIV/AIDS a global pandemic.

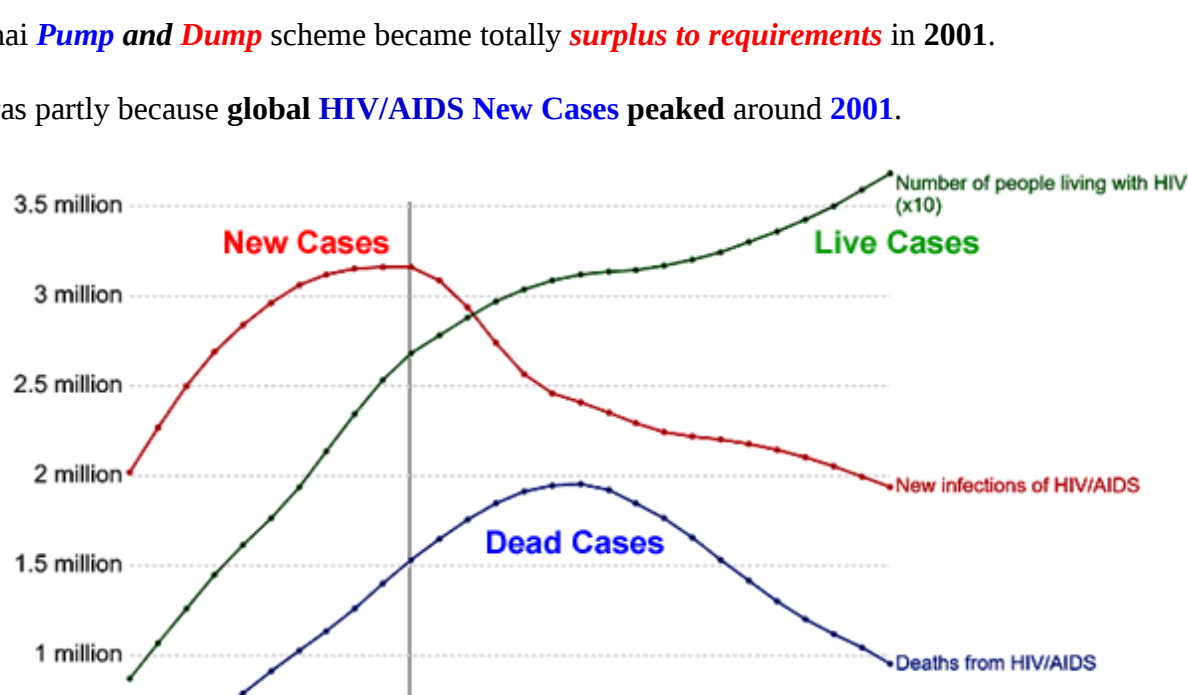
As of 2016, approximately 36.7 million people worldwide have HIV, the number of new infections that year being about 1.8 million.

This is **down from 3.1 million new infections in 2001**.

Slightly over half the infected population are women and 2.1 million are children. It resulted in about 1 million deaths in 2016, down from a peak of 1.9 million in 2005.

Wikipedia - HIV/AIDS
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HIV/AIDS>

Note: Global HIV/AIDS statistics are liable to change without notice.

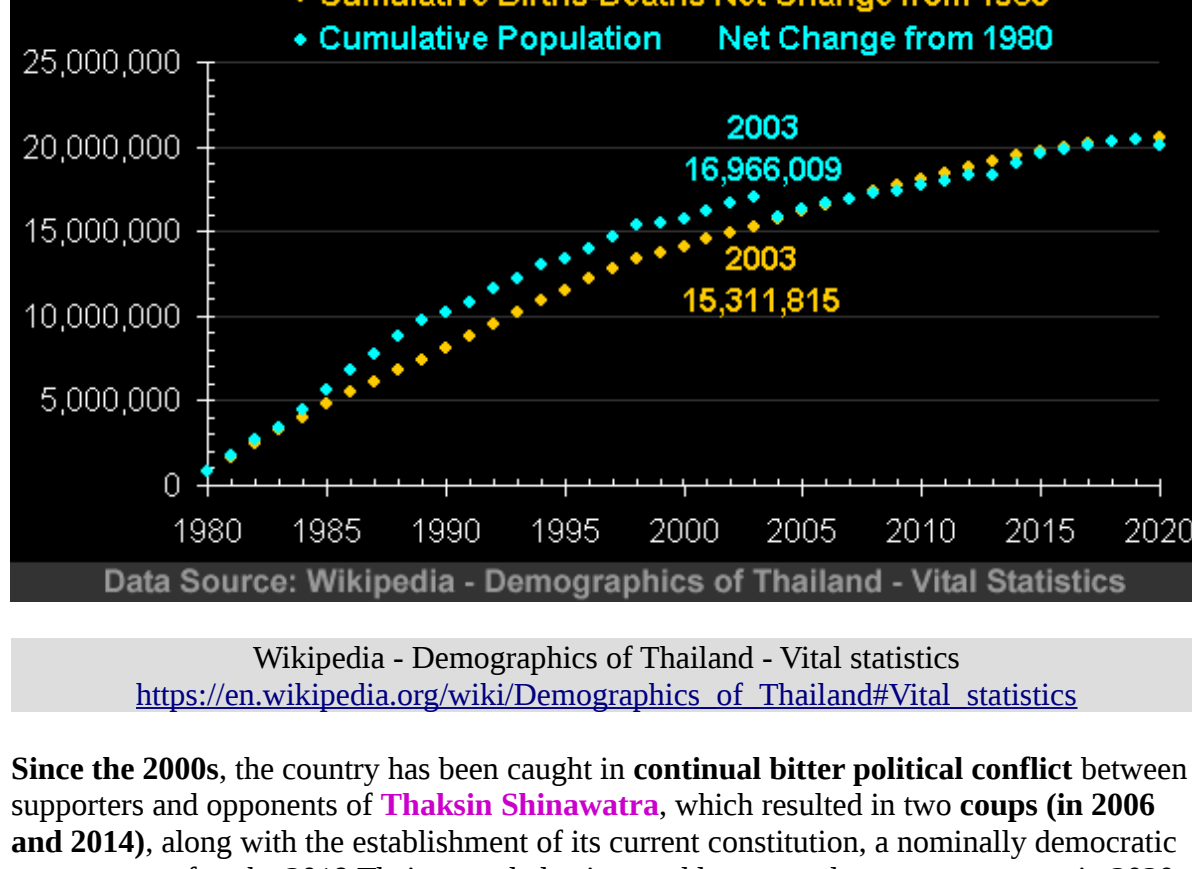


HIV / AIDS - Our World in Data - Max Roser and Hannah Ritchie - 2023

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And

This was partly because **Thaksin Shinawatra** became Prime Minister of Thailand in **2001**.



Since the **2000s**, the country has been caught in **continual bitter political conflict** between supporters and opponents of **Thaksin Shinawatra**, which resulted in two **coups (in 2006 and 2014)**, along with the establishment of its current constitution, a nominally democratic government after the 2019 Thai general election, and large pro-democracy protests in 2020–2021 which included unprecedented demands to reform the monarchy.

Since 2019, it has been nominally a parliamentary constitutional monarchy; in practice, however, structural advantages in the constitution have ensured the military's continued influence in politics.

Wikipedia - Thailand
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thailand>

Thaksin Shinawatra (born 1949) is a Thai businessman and politician ... served in the Thai Police from 1973 to 1987, and was the **Prime Minister of Thailand from 2001 to 2006**.

Wikipedia - Thaksin Shinawatra
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thaksin_Shinawatra

... **2006** ... the Royal Thai Army staged a **coup d'état against** the elected caretaker government of Prime Minister **Thaksin Shinawatra**. ... army general Prayut Chan-o-cha staged the **2014 Thai coup d'état** eight years later **against** the government of Yingluck Shinawatra, **Thaksin Shinawatra's sister**, removing her government.

Wikipedia - 2006 Thai coup d'état
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_Thai_coup_d%27%C3%A9tat

... Thailand is currently gripped by a long-running political crisis centered around Thailand's indigenous institutions and political order, and that of **US-backed proxy Thaksin Shinawatra**.

Shinawatra himself was – like **NED** individual donor Frank Carlucci, a member of the Carlyle Group. Before becoming prime minister in 2001, Shinawatra would pledge to his friends in the US business community that he would use his office to serve as a “matchmaker” between Wall Street and Thailand’s people and resources.

The National Endowment for Democracy: Not National and Not for Democracy
 New Eastern Outlook - Tony Carlucci - 24 June 2016
<https://journal-neo.su.2016/06/24/the-national-endowment-for-democracy-not-national-and-not-for-democracy/>

The **National Endowment for Democracy (NED)** is a quasi-autonomous non-governmental organization in the United States **founded in 1983** to advance democracy in other countries by promoting political and economic institutions such as political groups, trade unions, free markets and business groups. The NED ... is **funded primarily** by an annual allocation from **the U.S. Congress**.

... In the 2020 Thai protests, pro-government groups cited **NED** support for protester-sympathizing groups to assert that the US government was masterminding the protests. The United States Embassy in Bangkok formally denied allegations of funding or supporting protesters.

Wikipedia - National Endowment for Democracy
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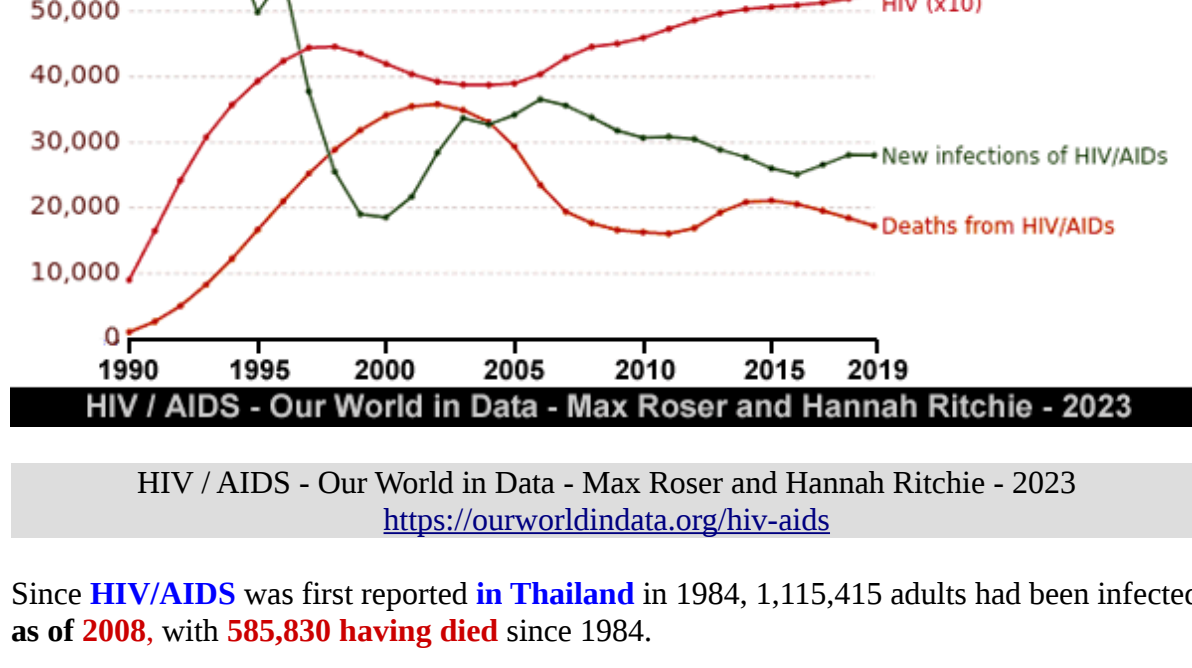
Thaksin Shinawatra, Thailand's wealthiest individual and IT guru, **offered to run the nation with the same efficiency he had been running his telecommunications conglomerate**. He would strike at corruption, reign in the bureaucracy, support small and medium enterprise, bring Thailand into the global internet world, and create an environment for national economic recovery.

Promoting Thailand's Democratic Reform Process
The TAF/USAID Thailand Election Project 1998-2001
 The TAF Foundation, Bangkok, Thailand - 5 May 2001
https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pdabt451.pdf

The **United States Agency for International Development (USAID)** is an independent agency of the United States government ... With a budget of over \$27 billion ...

Wikipedia - United States Agency for International Development
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Usaid>

The subsequent **devious data dumping** [during disastrous 2004] has left the *Wiki Wonks* in the very embarrassing position where they're *stuck in the groove* reporting the total **AIDS deaths** up to 2008.



Since **HIV/AIDS** was first reported **in Thailand** in 1984, 1,115,415 adults had been infected as of **2008**, with **585,830 having died** since 1984.

Wikipedia - HIV/AIDS in Thailand
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HIV/AIDS_in_Thailand

Since ... 1984 ... **585,830 have died** of AIDS ...

The Nation - Pongphon Samsamak - 25 Nov 2008
https://web.archive.org/web/20141126122625/http://nationmultimedia.com/2008/11/25/national/national_30089295.php

Since then:

Projections have **predicted** prodigious quantities of **AIDS deaths**.

Year	New HIV in year	Living w/ HIV end year	Cumulative HIV end year	New deaths in year	Cumulative deaths end year
1985	12	15	12	0	0
1990	149,865	262,562	265,889	2,383	3,329
1995	61,328	729,361	817,397	30,734	88,039
2000	28,241	676,005	1,003,254	55,079	327,252
2005	15,266	544,743	1,102,423	30,805	557,683
2010	10,011	485,646	1,160,465	20,422	674,822
2015	7,324	426,707	1,201,840	19,246	775,136
2020	6,186	376,634	1,234,670	15,196	858,038
2025	5,722	334,192	1,264,077	13,914	929,888
2030	6,139	297,879	1,294,077	12,796	996,201
2035	5,759	266,881	1,323,569	11,668	1,056,750
2040	5,458	239,548	1,351,421	10,618	1,112,064
2045	5,355	217,361	1,378,345	9,393	1,161,353
2050	5,283	200,133	1,404,899	8,441	1,205,364

Projection for HIV/AIDS in Thailand 2010-2030 - Summary Report - 2015
 Thailand Working Group on HIV/AIDS Projection

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<https://www.aidsdatahub.org/resource/aids-epidemic-model-projection-hiv-aids-thailand-2010-2030-summary-report>

And:

Progress Reports have echoed the predictions with **estimated AIDS deaths**.

Estimated Number	2000	2005	2010	2012	2014
Total annual new infections	29,619	16,014	10,215	8,877	7,816
Total annual AIDS mortality	55,531	31,211	20,670	20,477	20,492
Total people living with HIV	683,841	555,808	493,932	471,811	445,504
Total population (million)	60.6	63.1	63.9	64.5	65.1

Thailand Aids Response Progress Report - 2015

Thailand Aids Response Progress Report - 2015
https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/country/documents/THA_narrative_report_2015.pdf

But:

For unexplained reasons [in 2014] this virtual reality project [to induce real world **pill popping**] was quietly placed on the **back burner** and scheduled for **shredding** and **memory holding** by 2030.



The National AIDS Committee (NAC) further approved the policy of **ending AIDS epidemic in Thailand by 2030** as the national priority on November 28, 2014 ...

Thailand Aids Response Progress Report - 2015
https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/country/documents/THA_narrative_report_2015.pdf

Thailand's Government ... will produce the antiretroviral drug efavirenz after receiving WHO approval in 2018. ... GPO will ... make **42 million efavirenz pills in 2018** ...

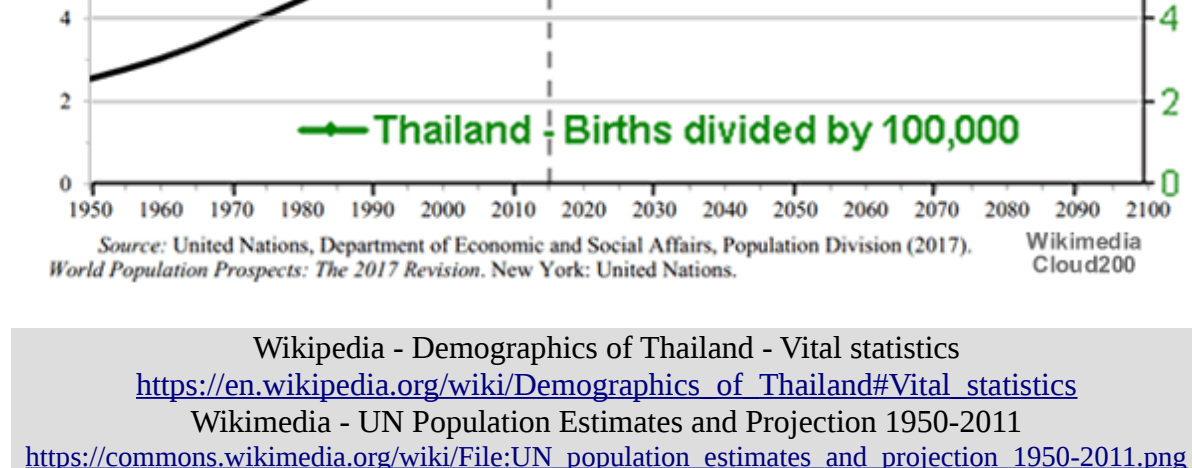
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Efavirenz ... is an antiretroviral medicine used to treat and prevent HIV/AIDS. It is generally recommended for **use with other antiretrovirals**. ... Common **side effects include** rash, nausea, headache, feeling tired, and **trouble sleeping**. Some of the rashes may be serious such as Stevens–Johnson syndrome. Other serious side effects include **depression, thoughts of suicide, liver problems, and seizures**. **It is not safe for use during pregnancy**. ... 2016 ... available as a generic medication.

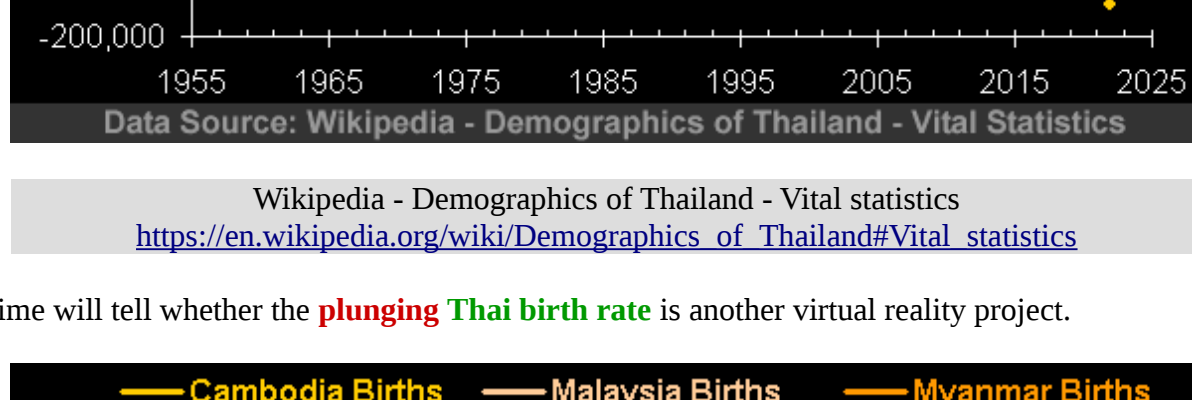
Wikipedia - Efavirenz
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Efavirenz>

Meanwhile:

The **Thai birth rate** is currently [officially] nosediving towards **oblivion** sometime around **2030**.



Only time will tell whether the **plunging Thai birth rate** is another virtual reality project.

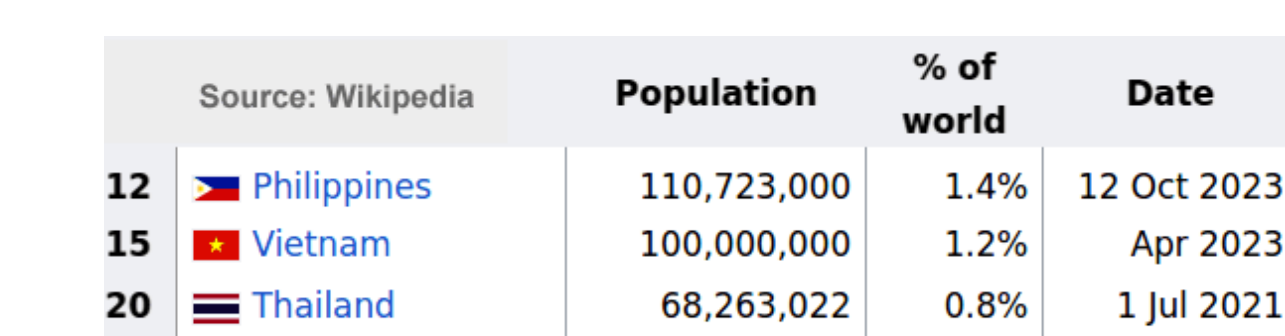


Source: Wikipedia	Population	% of world	Date
12 🇵🇭 Philippines	110,723,000	1.4%	12 Oct 2023
15 🇻🇳 Vietnam	100,000,000	1.2%	Apr 2023
20 🇹🇭 Thailand	68,263,022	0.8%	1 Jul 2021
26 🇲🇲 Myanmar	55,770,232	0.7%	1 Jul 2022
43 🇲🇾 Malaysia	33,379,500	0.41%	30 Jun 2023
71 🇰🇲 Cambodia	17,091,464	0.2%	1 Jul 2023

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_and_dependencies_by_population

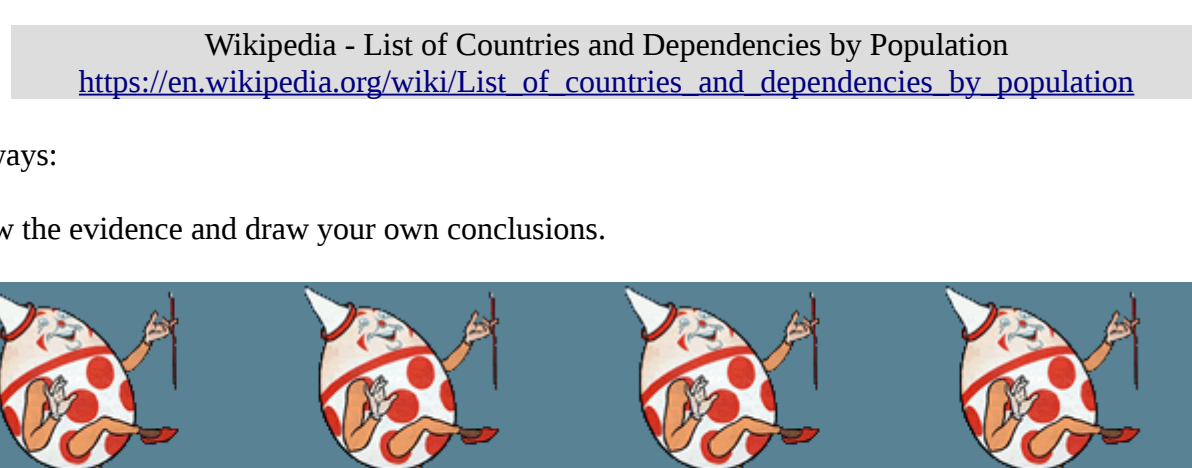
As always:

Review the evidence and draw your own conclusions.



Footnote

The political commentary of Bangkok based Brian Berletic provides many valuable insights.



Incoming Thai Government Vows Obedience to US Foreign Policy
 Brian Berletic - The New Atlas - 28 May 2023

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/MDLmjxcXATU>

Rumble: <https://rumble.com/v2qobqn-incoming-thai-government-vows-obedience-to-us-foreign-policy-myanmar-to-be.html>