



*Thai Airfreight Forwarders Association
Thailand Report*

2024-2025

*Presenting to
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TAFa Profile

Thai Airfreight Forwarders Association (TAFa) was founded in 1986 as a representative of freight forwarders in the industry and has played an important role in the economic development of Thailand for many years, especially with the export industry which has the active support of Government. Apart from airlines, one of the main companies in the forwarding business is the Airfreight Forwarder.

The business operations can be divided into many different ways, for example, by plane, by truck and many other supporting services. Lack of discipline in operating those processes causes a lower-than-standard business competition. Cooperation and unity among those fellow forwarders is essential to maintain the honored status of the Association.

The Association forms a neutral center which enforces rules and regulations and lifts the standard of services. Additionally, the Association also acts as a representative for all the forwarders. It negotiates with other Government and Non-Government Organizations, endeavoring to create the best outcome for all concerned.

Vision

To be an organization that promotes and develops fellow Thai airfreight forwarders in the industry to raise competency level as well as to be responsible for society and environment we all live in.

Mission

1. Obtaining recognition and acceptance from both government and business sectors.
2. Providing support for Thai government to position Thailand as Hub of Asia.
3. Elevating members' capability to meet with National Economy and Society Development plan.
4. Being a central governing body define and control rules and regulations for the airfreight forwarding agents in Thailand.
5. Developing and feeding skillful workforce and industry knowledge into the industry.
6. Co-coordinating and collaborating with various organizations, i.e. government and private sectors, domestic and international airlines, to reach highest mutual benefits.



Objectives:

1. Promoting, supporting, assisting members to achieve business results and to overcome obstacles, difficulties while operating in the field.
2. Sharing and exchanging knowledge, opinions, updating industry insights and statistics useful to raise standard of service to meet with international standard.
3. Presenting and offering valuable information to government and business sectors for favorable consideration.
4. Handling disputes among members or third parties, setting rules and mediating negotiation.
5. Not involving in any illegal activities and any political movements.
6. Unifying Thai airfreight forwarding agents to set standard of service matched with international counterparts.
7. Laying strong foundation for people in this profession by providing essential trainings and knowledge of the industry.

TAFa Members 2025

Current TAFa Membership Registration

Total 153 Companies IATA Member 90

Ordinary Member Total 89 Companies
IATA Member: 71
Non - IATA Member: 18

Associate Member Total 64 Companies
IATA Member: 19
Non - IATA Member: 45

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TAFAs Committee 2024-2025

We have the pleasure to inform you that in the recent election of the Board of Directors Bearers of the Thai Airfreight Forwarders' Association (TAFAs), which was held on 26 April 2024, the following persons have been elected as the Board of Directors Bearers for the term 2024-2025.

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Treasurer



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Pinyocharoendeeying**
Director



**Pusit
Pupapessiri**
Director



**Supphakit
Roopsuwankun**
Director



**Boonsuang
Mahaplearkpong**
Director



**Gun
Jirakiertivadhana**
Director



**Wichthanach
Stirachavarn**
Director



AIRPORTS TRAFFIC 2024

Report by Airport of Thailand (AOT)

AOT Air Traffic Calendar Year 2024 - 12 Month (Jan - Dec 2024)

Aircraft Movements

Airports	International		Domestic		Total	
Suvarnabhumi + Don Mueang	360,068	23.36%	202,794	1.31%	562,862	17.85%
Suvarnabhumi	272,078	24.21%	85,103	-3.79%	357,181	20.38%
Don Mueang	87,990	20.82%	117,691	5.35%	205,681	13.01%
Chiang Mai	17,111	24.42%	42,382	1.13%	59,493	10.43%
Hat Yai	2,544	50.80%	18,007	-2.89%	20,551	-0.77%
Phuket	57,306	32.58%	46,369	5.19%	103,675	23.15%
Chiang Rai	100	44.93%	12,349	-0.54%	12,449	-0.38%
Total	437,129	24.67%	321,901	1.51%	759,030	17.10%

Passenger Movements

Airports	International		Domestic		Total	
Suvarnabhumi + Don Mueang	63,242,840	26.53%	29,482,488	2.73%	92,725,328	14.39%
Suvarnabhumi	50,580,447	26.42%	11,654,246	-0.30%	62,234,693	16.15%
Don Mueang	12,662,393	26.99%	17,828,242	4.81%	30,490,635	11.46%
Chiang Mai	2,518,671	34.05%	6,563,400	3.43%	9,082,071	6.88%
Hat Yai	285,963	15.09%	2,812,250	-2.14%	3,098,213	1.59%
Phuket	10,573,403	37.02%	6,641,912	6.06%	17,215,315	18.75%
Chiang Rai	7,370	1819.27%	1,905,489	-0.75%	1,912,859	-0.29%
Total	76,628,247	28.09%	47,405,539	2.83%	124,033,786	13.67%

Cargo Movements

Airports	International		Domestic		Total	
Suvarnabhumi + Don Mueang	1,399,956	23.05%	13,680	-1.37%	1,413,636	22.76%
Suvarnabhumi	1,376,706	22.29%	11,566	-0.28%	1,388,272	22.06%
Don Mueang	23,250	94.76%	2,114	-6.95%	25,364	78.49%
Chiang Mai	1,208	135.48%	4,266	-8.04%	5,474	6.25%
Hat Yai	-	-	3,689	16.08%	3,689	16.08%
Phuket	53,106	92.99%	4,549	-3.19%	57,655	78.96%
Chiang Rai	-	-	955	9.14%	955	9.14%
Total	1,454,270	24.75%	27,139	-0.45%	1,481,409	24.17%

Source : Air Transport Information and Slot Coordination Division Coporate Strategy Department

Update 16/01/2025



AIRPORTS TRAFFIC 2025 (Jan – Mar)

Report by Airport of Thailand (AOT)

AOT Air Traffic Calendar Year 2025 - 3 Months (Jan - Mar)

Aircraft Movements

Airports	International		Domestic		Total	
Suvarnabhumi + Don Mueang	96,143	10.15%	56,198	9.31%	152,341	9.84%
Suvarnabhumi	71,750	8.32%	24,120	12.32%	95,870	9.30%
Don Mueang	24,393	15.90%	32,078	7.16%	56,471	10.76%
Chiang Mai	5,339	22.45%	12,156	10.95%	17,495	14.23%
Hat Yai	738	59.05%	4,777	10.02%	5,515	14.75%
Phuket	17,895	17.60%	13,153	13.93%	31,048	16.02%
Chiang Rai	57	338.46%	3,365	4.41%	3,422	5.75%
Total	120,172	11.95%	89,649	10.03%	209,821	11.12%

Passenger Movements

Airports	International		Domestic		Total	
Suvarnabhumi + Don Mueang	17,105,744	6.40%	8,286,376	7.52%	25,392,120	6.76%
Suvarnabhumi	13,667,743	5.02%	3,290,958	7.92%	16,958,701	5.57%
Don Mueang	3,438,001	12.25%	4,995,418	7.25%	8,433,419	9.24%
Chiang Mai	769,169	12.33%	1,881,661	7.15%	2,650,830	8.60%
Hat Yai	66,364	2.92%	756,094	10.01%	822,458	9.40%
Phuket	3,532,559	14.14%	1,861,873	6.46%	5,394,432	11.36%
Chiang Rai	6,701	23006.90%	529,894	2.21%	536,595	3.50%
Total	21,480,537	7.83%	13,315,898	7.23%	34,796,435	7.60%

Cargo Movements

Airports	International		Domestic		Total	
Suvarnabhumi + Don Mueang	355,560	8.03%	3,770	15.11%	359,330	8.10%
Suvarnabhumi	345,479	6.61%	3,123	8.29%	348,602	6.63%
Don Mueang	10,081	98.06%	647	65.47%	10,728	95.73%
Chiang Mai	308	-8.88%	1,104	-4.99%	1,412	-5.87%
Hat Yai	-	-	1,106	23.30%	1,106	23.30%
Phuket	10,433	-13.98%	1,200	-7.41%	11,633	-13.34%
Chiang Rai	-	-	231	-9.77%	231	-9.77%
Total	366,301	7.23%	7,411	7.62%	373,712	7.24%

Source : Air Transportation Information and Slot Coordination Division Corporate Strategy Department

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In the fiscal year 2024, Suvarnabhumi Airport and Don Mueang International Airport served a total number of 544,199 commercial flights landing and taking-off at the airports, increased from those in the fiscal year 2023 by 15.47%, comprising 344,757 international flights and 199,442 domestic flights, or increased by 28.09% and decreased by 1.33%, respectively. The airports served a total number of 89.15 million, increased from those in the fiscal year 2023 by 20.29%, comprising 60.21 million international passengers and 28.94 million domestic passengers, or increased by 32.97% and 0.38%, respectively. In addition, the volume of cargos and postal parcels transported at the airports was 1.35 million tons, or increased by 20.83%, comprising 1.34 million tons of international cargos and 13,114 tons of domestic cargos, or increased by 21.23% and decreased by 9.80%, respectively.

(a) Suvarnabhumi Airport

In the fiscal year 2024, Suvarnabhumi Airport served a total number of 127 scheduled airlines, comprising 115 mixed passenger/cargo airlines and 26 pure cargo airlines.

Suvarnabhumi Airport served a total number of 346,679 flights or increased by 17.88%, comprising 261,697 international flights and 84,982 domestic flights, or increased by 27.89% and decreased by 5.00%, respectively. It handled a total number of 59.99 million passengers or

increased by 24.04%, comprising 48.43 million international passenger and 11.56 million domestic passengers, or increased by 32.41% and decreased by 1.94%, respectively. The total volume of cargos and postal parcels was 1.33 million tons or increased by 20.00%, comprising 1.32 million tons of international cargos and 11,304 tons of domestic cargos, or increased by 20.24% and decreased by 3.31%, respectively.

(b) Don Mueang International Airport

Don Mueang International Airport served a total number of 25 scheduled airlines. All of them were mixed passenger/cargo flights.

The total number of aircraft movements landing and taking-off at Don Mueang International Airport in the fiscal year 2024 was 197,520 commercial flights or increased by 11.47%, comprising 83,060 international flights and 114,460 domestic flights, or increased by 28.73% and 1.59%, respectively. The airport handled a total number of 29.15 million passengers or increased by 13.25%, comprising 11.78 million international passengers and 17.37 million domestic passengers, or increased by 35.30% and 1.98%, respectively. The total volume of cargos and postal parcels was 22,547 tons or increased by 104.69%, comprising 20,737 tons of international cargos and 1,810 tons of domestic cargos, or increased by 153.91% and decreased by 36.45%, respectively.

Regional Airports

The regional airports of AOT consisted of Chiang Mai International Airport, Hat Yai International Airport, Phuket International Airport, and Mae Fah Luang – Chiang Rai International Airport.

(a) Chiang Mai International Airport

In the fiscal year 2024, Chiang Mai International Airport served a total number of 30 scheduled airlines. The total number of aircraft movements was 57,783 flights or increased by 9.68%, comprising 15,867 international flights and 41,916 domestic flights, or increased by 42.37% and 0.91%, respectively. It handled a total number of 8.82 million passengers or increased by 13.14%, comprising 2.33 international passengers and 6.49 domestic passengers, or increased by 56.65% and 2.88%, respectively. The volume of cargos and postal parcels transported at the airport was 5,456 tons or increased by 3.14%, comprising 1,146 tons of international cargos and 4,310 tons of domestic cargos, or increased by 210.57% and decreased by 12.42%, respectively.



(b) Hat Yai International Airport

In the fiscal year 2024, Hat Yai International Airport served a number of 9 scheduled airlines. The number of aircraft movements was 19,732 flights or decreased by 5.84%, comprising 2,131 international flights and 17,601 domestic flights, or increased by 34.19% and decreased by 9.12%, respectively. The airport handled a total number of 3.03 million passengers or decreased by 5.14%, comprising 266,895 international passengers and 2.77 million domestic passengers, or increased by 13.51% and decreased by 6.61%, respectively. The total volume of cargos and postal parcels was 3,343 tons or increased by 1.24%. All of them was domestic cargos transport of 3,343 tons, or increased by 1.24%.



(c) Phuket International Airport

In the fiscal year 2024, Phuket International Airport served 57 scheduled airlines with a total number of 98,711 flights, or increased by 19.97%, comprising 53,378 international flights and 45,333 domestic flights, or increased by 36.49% and 5.00%, respectively. The airport handled a total number of 16.39 million passengers or increased by 25.94%, comprising 9.86 million international passengers and 6.52 million domestic passengers, or increased by 42.99% and 6.70%, respectively. The total volume of cargos and postal parcel was 54,001 tons or increased by 145.85%, comprising 49,473 tons of international cargos and 4,528 tons of domestic cargos, or increased by 183.66% and 0.09%, respectively.



(d) Mae Fah Luang – Chiang Rai International Airport

In the fiscal year 2024, Mae Fah Luang – Chiang Rai International Airport served a total number of 6 scheduled airlines. The aircraft movements at the airport were 12,263 flights or decreased by 3.37%, comprising 54 international flights and 12,209 domestic flights, or decreased by 10.00% and 3.34%, respectively. The airport handled a total number of 1.90 million passengers or decreased by 1.96%, comprising 261 international passengers and 1.90 domestic passengers, or decreased by 35.71% and 1.95%, respectively. The total volume of cargos and postal parcels was 935 tons or increased by 4.35%. All of them were domestic cargo transport.



Thai air transport business grows in line with global aviation business.

Thai air transport business grows in line with global aviation business. In 2024, Thailand had a 16% increase in passengers, with a total of over 890,000 flights, while air cargo increased by 22%. Performance in Thailand has grown continuously for 3 years, averaging 269,000 million baht, with an average profit of 56,400 million baht.

For Thailand, the air transport business is a business with few players in the market because it is a business that requires a relatively high amount of investment, and the quality of service must be maintained to meet world aviation standards. As a result, the number of newly established juristic persons is not much each year. In 2022, 4 new juristic persons were established, registered capital of 12.00 million baht. In 2023, 9 were established (an increase of 5 or 125%), capital of 411.25 million baht (an increase of 399.25 million baht or 3,327.09%). In 2024, 7 were established (a decrease of 2 or 22.23%), capital of 7.60 million baht (a decrease of 403.65 million baht or 98.15%). In 2025 (January – March), 1 was established, registered capital of 200,000 baht.

Foreigners who invested in the Thai air transport business had a total value of 7,146.35 million baht, accounting for 13.36% of all investment in the business. The top 3 foreign investors were China with an investment of 215.16 million baht, Switzerland with 206.25 million baht, and Malaysia with 204.62 million baht.

According to data from the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand, in 2024, Thailand had a total of 141 million air passengers, an increase of 16% from 2023 (2023 had 122 million passengers). There were a total of 886,438 flights, an increase of 12% compared to 2023, and the volume of air cargo transported was 1.51 million tons, an increase of over 22% (year 2023, air transport volume 1.24 million tons) The increase in growth is a result of the opening of the country, visa exemptions in many countries, recovery of tourism, and push from the e-Commerce market.



The air transport business is an important mechanism for driving the country's economy in terms of travel and freight transport. Thailand has set a goal to become a regional aviation hub and has the potential to rise to 9th place in the global aviation market by 2033 (Thailand is currently ranked 19th in the global aviation market). SCB EIC sees that factors that will promote Thailand to have the opportunity to become a leader or regional aviation hub include:

1. Efficiency in providing services and airport connectivity, where the public and private sectors must work together, along with the introduction of technology to enhance services and reduce costs.

2. Strength of Thai airlines. It was found that the world's top 10 airports with the most international connections rely on the country's main airlines by about 50%, while Thailand still does not rely much and still lacks direct flights to many important destinations around the world.

3. Continuity in developing airports and transport infrastructure to unlock the service limitations of Thai airports, which are quite crowded.

4. Creating an aviation hub that stands out in terms of ESG may start by offering services that support stricter environmental regulations or greenhouse gas reduction plans. and find opportunities from carbon offsets that airlines have to pay.

5. Increasing flexibility to cope with higher risks from disruption problems, such as designing aviation hubs with collaborative networks between multiple airports and airlines, with an emphasis on point-to-point flights and expanding air cargo transportation.

The government sector plays an important role in developing infrastructure such as airport runways and air traffic systems, while the private sector plays an important role in providing efficient services. Both sectors must work together to strengthen Thai airlines, expand direct flight networks, and introduce technologies to enhance capabilities with a clear vision and closer collaboration to increase market opportunities and create sustainability for Thailand's air transport industry amidst all-round challenges, such as rising flight costs that businesses must effectively control throughout the supply chain, geopolitical and economic uncertainties, oil price volatility, and tariffs from major powers, which are risks that Thai aviation cannot avoid,"