Economic Update For April 2022



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Thai economy in April 2022 recovered slightly, particularly domestic spending, supported by rising agricultural income and tourist numbers. However, higher production costs and cost of living, and supply chain disruption has pressured on the growth of industrial production and exports.

Private Consumption

Private consumption in April increased by 8.1%YoY, following improvements in economic activities, especially spending on services. However, rise of inflation and higher cost of living has weaken household's purchasing power.



Farm Income

April farm income rose by 13.2%YoY from increases in both yields and prices, especially the prices of palm oil and para rubber driven by oil price upward trend.

ltem (%YoY)		Farm Ir	ncome				ricultural oduction	
		Mar-22	Apr-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	
	Agriculture	14.6	13.2	8.8	10.1	5.3	2.7	
B	Paddy	4.7	13.3	-9.2	-7.3	15.4	22.1	
	Sugarcane	124.1	40.1	15.4	15.4	94.2	21.4	
	Rubber	7.7	18.1	4.5	13.5	3.0	4.1	
	Palm kernel	94.0	94.8	77.3	110.9	9.4	-7.6	
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Private Investment

Private investment in April increased by 1.4%YoY, lower than the growth of previous month, influenced by decline in investment in machinery and equipment due to the accelerating growth of investment in the previous period.



MPI and Capacity Utilization

Manufacturing production grew slightly by 0.6%YoY in April, thanks to the increase in production of rubbers and plastics, construction materials and automotive.

	MPI	(%YoY)		Q1'22	Mar-22	Apr-22	%MoM
	Over	all MPI		1.6	0.4	0.6	-16.5
	Construction			-1.0	-2.4	3.3	-14.5
	Rubbers	Rubbers and Plastics			-3.3	8.1	-13.1
a	Automot	ive		3.5	3.3	12.7	-34.8
Capaci	ty Utilizati	on Rate					Unit: %
66	.3 66.5	64.0	64.6	69.7	69.3	59.3	58.9
' 1Q'2	21 1Q'22	Feb-21	Feb-22	Mar-21	Mar-22	Apr-21	Apr-22

Note: MPI stands for Manufacturing Production Index

Exports

- In April, Thai exports grew 9.9%YoY, began showing signs of slowing down. Due to the impact of the Russia-Ukraine situation, China's lockdown measures and supply chain disruption.
- Export categories with good growth rates were those benefited from increase in prices of energy, commodities and agricultural products.

Maulant	Share (%)	Jan-Apr	2022	Apr-22	
Market	Jan-Apr 22	Mn USD	%YoY	Mn USD	%YoY
Total	100.0	97,123	13.7	23,521	9.9
ASEAN	24.7	24,002	17.5	6,095	19.0
U.S.A.	16.0	15,504	21.5	3,575	13.6
China	11.7	11,367	0.9	3,020	-7.2
EU	9.2	8,963	5.7	2,032	0.0
Japan	8.6	8,394	0.9	1,914	-0.3
India	3.7	3,604	35.8	1,025	43.4
Commodity Price		Jan-Apr 2022 Apr-22		22	
& Exchange Rate		Price	%YoY	Price	%YoY
Dubai oil price (USD/bbl)		98.0	62.8	102.7	64.6
Gold price (USD/troy oz)		1,889.3	5.6	1,936.9	10.0
Exchange rate (THB/USD)		33.2	8.9	33.8	7.9
NEER index		116.7	-4.4	116.4	-2.8



Domestic vehicle sales

April new car sales were 63,427 units, which decreased by 27.3%MoM, due to accelerated purchases in the previous month and the rise of oil prices and high cost of living, bringing car sales in the first 4 months of the year to 294,616 units, which increased by 16.8%YoY.

Domestic vehicle sales, 4M2022



Passenger car sales rose by 20.6% YoY, due to the popularity of eco car. Commercial car sales grew by 4.4%YoY, as the COVID-19 crisis is improving, leading to high economic activity and private consumption.

Domestic Vehicle	Jan-Apr	2022	Apr	-22	
Sales by Body Type	Unit	%YoY	Unit	%YoY	
Passenger car	96,218	17.0	20,492	20.6	
Commercial car	198,398	16.7	42,935	4.4	
Pick up 1 ton	135,586	13.5	29,070	7.7	
SUV	27,474	10.3	5,837	5.3	
Other	35,338	37.6	8,028	-6.8	
Overall	294,616	16.8	63,427	9.1	

Tourism

In the first 4 months of the year, Thailand had 791,043 international tourist arrivals with total spending of 42.25 billion Baht, due to further relaxation of international travel restrictions. However, the tourism sector remains at risk from the Russia-Ukraine crisis that could affect the recovery of tourists from Russia and Europe.

International tourist arrivals, 4M2022



The average occupancy rate of hotels nationwide in the first 4 months of the year was at 37.6%, thanks to the return of domestic and foreign tourists, tourism stimulus and ease of international travel restrictions. However, occupancy rate of the southern region remains low, partly due to massive cumulative the hotel supply .

Occupancy rate, 4M2022





	Share	Jan-Apr 2	22	Apr-22	
Major products	4M'22 (%)	Million USD	%YoY	Million USD	%YoY
Total exports	100.0	97,123	13.7	23,521	9.9
Agriculture	8.6	8,389	2.2	2,508	3.0
- Rice	1.2	1,203	24.6	300	44.0
- Rubber	2.0	1,963	2.5	433	-8.6
- Tapioca	1.7	1,673	16.9	503	49.5
- Fruits	1.3	1,225	-16.5	694	-12.4
- Fishery	0.5	527	10.1	136	0.4
Agro-industrial	7.9	7,656	26.7	1,936	22.8
- Prepared or preserved seafood	1.3	1,217	6.2	296	8.9
- Cane sugar and molasses	1.2	1,158	145.0	257	87.0
- Wheat products and other food	0.8	819	7.9	190	9.3
- Beverages	0.7	651	-6.1	156	-14.5
Manufacturing	79.7	77,382	13.3	17,962	8.3
- Automotive	12.5	12,171	-7.0	2,580	-6.5
- Electronics	14.4	13,968	6.1	2,938	-9.7
- Electrical appliances	10.3	10,031	6.3	2,265	-1.7
- Precious stones and jewelry	6.8	6,608	168.9	1,103	69.5
- Unwrought gold	4.2	4,043	509.7	455	112.4
- Rubber products	4.9	4,751	-7.5	1,152	-5.2
- Petro-chemical products	4.1	3,993	15.5	956	4.4
- Chemicals	3.6	3,452	22.2	914	15.7
- Machinery & equipment	3.0	2,913	15.1	646	7.3
- Apparels & textile	2.4	2,330	11.7	546	5.7
- Metal & steel	2.5	2,396	15.0	635	25.6
Mining & Fuel	3.8	3,695	28.7	1,115	39.0



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Products	Million USD	%YoY		
Automotive	2,580	-6.5		
- Passenger car	747	3.6		
- Pick up and trucks	342	-28.6		
- Motorcycle	279	1.5		
- Spark-ignition reciprocating internal combustion	329	0.2		
- Parts & accessories	763	-9.8		

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Products	Million USD	%YoY		
Electronics	2,938	19.4		
- Computer parts	1,222	32.3		
- HDD	629	60.2		
- Electronic integrated circuits	734	11.0		
- Telecommunication	314	37.9		
- Semi-conductor devices,	210	-0.5		
transistors, diodes	210	-0.5		

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