



# Morocco and Thailand



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# Brief history of Morocco

- Morocco is just across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain. From 1912 to 1956 the country was divided into French and Spanish zones. There were two small areas which the Spanish controlled. Ceuta and Melilla still remain today.
- King Mohammed VI, who has ruled since 1999, is descendent from the Prophet Muhammad.
- Morocco is one of the only three kingdoms left on the continent of Africa, the others, Lesotho and Swaziland, are small, southern African countries.

# Brief history of Thailand

- Around 2000 B.C. people built settlements in the hillsides of Thailand. The first one is thought to be Ben Chiang.
- Pieces of pottery, tools, and jewelry from 200 B.C. to 300 A.D. have been found by digging in this area.
- Thailand, which means “land of the free,” was known as Siam until 1939.



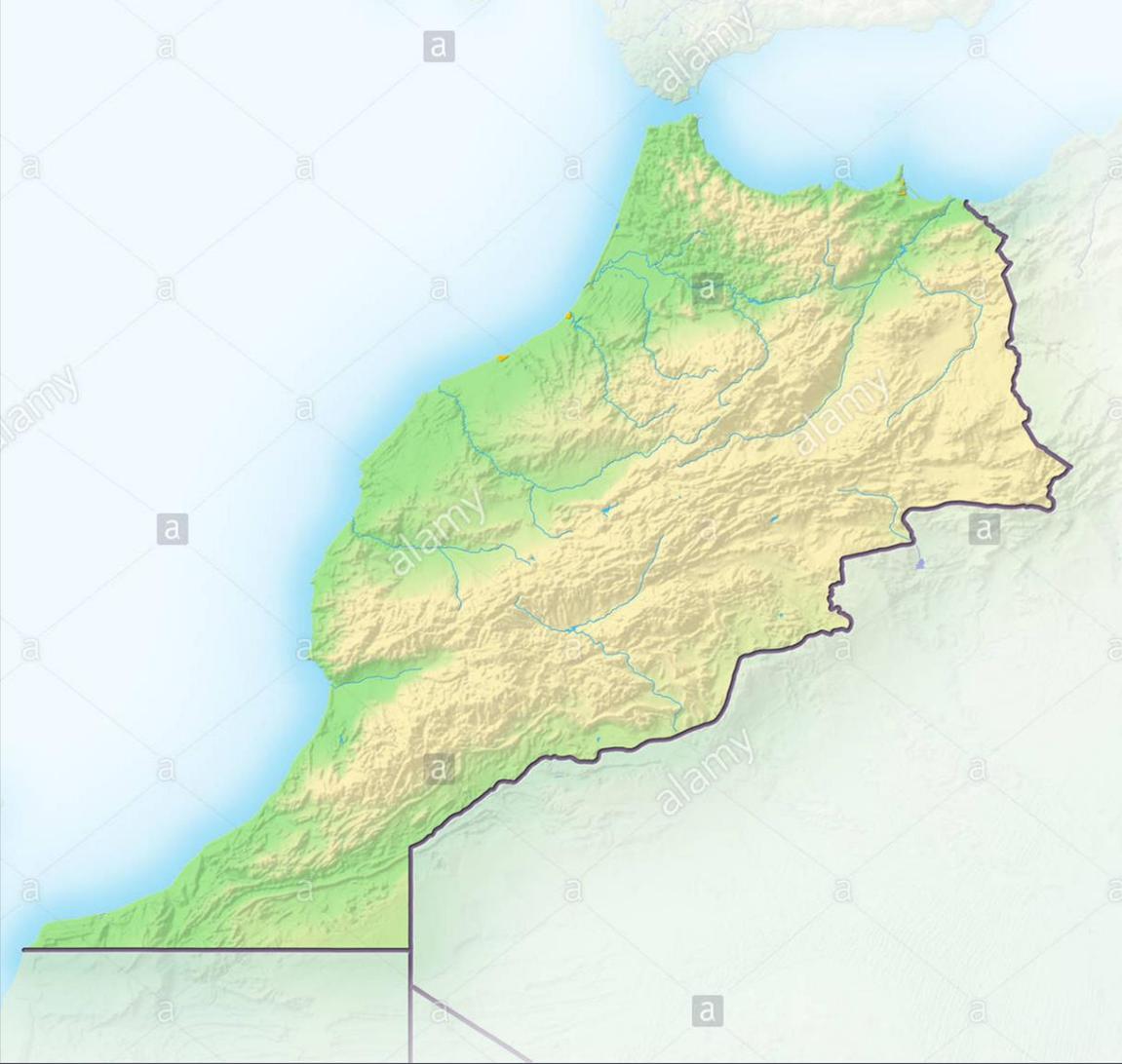
# Geography of Morocco

Morocco is located in the northwest corner of Africa and is bordered by the North Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. Algeria and Western Sahara are the country borders to the south and east. Morocco is about the same size as California.

The high Atlas Mountains separate the coastline from the Sahara. Rainfall is unpredictable and is not enough to supply all the water needed for the people.

# Geography of Thailand

Thailand is in the heart of Southeast Asia. Cambodia and Laos border the country to the east and northeast, and Myanmar is in the northwest. In the west, is the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand, which is southeast of Burma. The long southern region that connects with Malaysia is full of hills and forests. Some of the highest mountains in the world are in the north of Thailand.



# People and culture of Morocco

Moroccans are Berber and Arab. Most of the people are Muslim. The Berbers have been in North Africa for centuries. Many of the Berber people live in the mountains and still speak the Berber language. Today they are moving to cities to find work. Moroccans enjoy drinking mint tea sweetened with sugar. The people take their time making and drinking tea with their families. Fifty-seven percent of the people live in cities such as Fez, Casablanca, and Marrakech, which are in the coast. Mosques with beautiful towers called minarets and bazaars are common in Morocco. Medinas are the old medieval section of cities. Old fortresses called kasbahs are buildings that are strong and that they're built with palm-tree fibers and mud from the riverbanks. Children need to be in school from ages 7-15 but many children work with their parents and are not able to attend school. Many girls don't even receive any education.

# People and culture of Thailand

90 % of the people are Buddhist but three million Muslims live in the south near Malaysia. Thai children go to school for six years. Then they go to high school for another six years but their families must pay for the education. Boys begin military training in ninth grade. Food in Thailand is influenced by Chinese and Indian cultures. Most Thai dishes are spicy. Examples of common dishes include hot chilies, lemongrass, basil, ginger, and coconut milk. Thai farmers cultivate to feed silkworms. The worms create silk which is made into beautiful silk clothing in Thailand, France, and the USA. Bangkok is called the Venice of the East because there are 83 canals. 10,000 boats full of fruits and lots of vegetables. Fish crowd the canals and create a floating market. The city of Bangkok is home to many Buddhist structures with features such as gold-layered spires, pagodas, and giant Buddha statues.



# Nature of Morocco

Elephants and lions existed before in Morocco but now they have gone forever. Reptiles like geckos, snakes, and chameleons are very common animals there. Most mammals have disappeared from the country during the years. Today the most common animals are camels, sheeps, goats, the Barbary macaque monkey, and wild boars. The desert fox, desert hedgehog, and jerboa are animals that live in the desert there.. Olive trees grow across the flat plains. Evergreen oaks and giant cedars are common in the woods on the mountains.

# Nature of Thailand

There are rain falls almost every day between May and September. The moist and humid weather makes the wildlife in Thailand want to live there. Lotus flowers and The Favorite Flower in Thailand are common plants there. Lotus flowers live in the surface but they are rooted in the mud. There are many flowering trees and shrubs, and fruit trees. In the jungle, you can find carnivorous plants such as The Mysterious Insect-eating Pitcher Plant. The forests there are home to tigers, elephants, wild ox, leopards, and the Malayan tapir. The tapir is covered in black fur and white fur. Cobras and crocodiles are also found in Thailand.



# Government of Morocco

The chief of state in Morocco is King Mohammed VI and he has ruled since 1999. The Prime Minister Abbas el Fassi was chosen by the king. The king is involved in all the decisions and he has converted the country for it to be a bit more democratic, but it is still not a democracy such as in Europe and North America. Morocco is a Muslim state and the legal system is based on the Islamic law.

# Government and economy of Thailand

Thailand was known as Siam until 1939, Thailand is the only Southeast Asian country never been overtaken by a European power. A revolution in 1932 led to a constitutional monarchy. The king is the leader of the country. The prime minister is picked from different members of the House of Representatives, but is chosen with the approval of the king. Agriculture and tourism are the most important industries in Thailand. In December 2004, the catastrophic Indian Ocean tsunami hit Thailand, but the country's economy has recovered from the disaster's effect.



# Adult literacy rate of Morocco

73.8%

In 2018, adult literacy rate for Morocco was 73.8 %. Adult literacy rate of Morocco increased from 41.6 % in 1994 to 73.8 % in 2018 growing at an average annual rate of 10.37%.

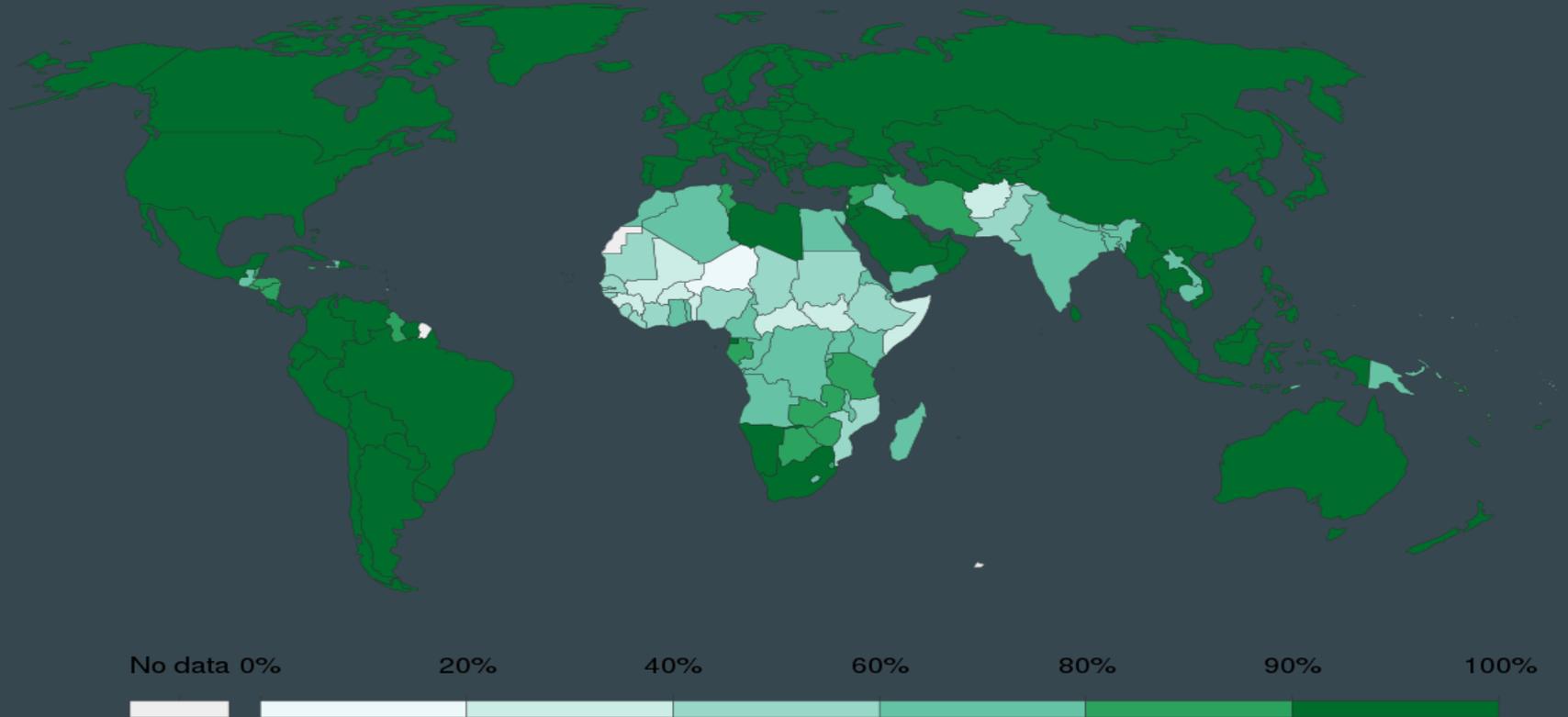
# Adult literacy rate of Thailand

93.77%

According to UNESCO, Thailand has an adult literacy rate of 93.77%. While the male literacy rate is 95.2%, for females is 92.43%. Compared to the rest of countries, Thailand is number 78<sup>o</sup> in the ranking of literacy rate. The literacy rate, has increased in recent years.

# Adult literacy rates, 2015 or most recent observation

Adult literacy rate is the percentage of people aged 15 and above who can both read and write with understanding a short simple statement about their everyday life. Definitions may differ in some countries. See source for more details.



# Life expectancy (years) in Morocco

76 years old



# Life expectancy (years) in Thailand

77 years old



# **% of the population with access to clean safe water in Morocco**

Today, 83 percent of Moroccans have access to improved drinking water, and 72 percent have access to improved sanitation. The percentage of Moroccans that are lacking access to clean safe water are going through many challenges.

# **% of the population with access to clean safe water in Thailand**

Thailand has achieved the sanitation and drinking- water Millennium Development Goal targets. Around 93% of the population has access to improved sanitation and 96% to improved drinking-water.



## Number of doctors per 10000 people in Morocco

There are 7.2 doctors for 10,000 residents in Morocco, one of the lowest ratios in North Africa

## Number of doctors per 10000 people in Thailand

Thailand has no longer a shortage of doctors and healthcare people and should not increase the production of these healthcare professionals over the next 10 years, a forum has been told. The ratio of doctors and nurses per 1,000 population in Thailand is more than 2.28



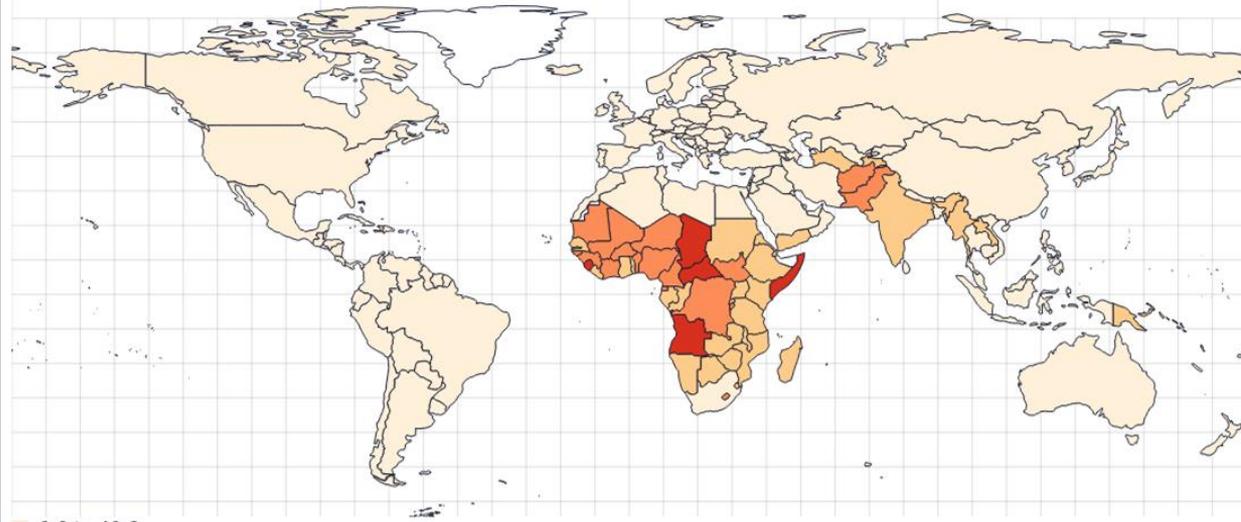
# Under-5 mortality rate in Morocco

22.4 deaths per thousand live births

# Under-5 mortality rate in Thailand

9.1 deaths per thousand live births

2015  
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000)



1.9 to 40.6  
40.6 to 79.4  
79.4 to 118.2  
118.2 to 156.9

# GDP per person (PPP) (\$) in Morocco

3.237,88 USD

# GDP per person (PPP) (\$) in Thailand

7.273,56 USD



Overall, we can predict that Morocco is a more undeveloped country than Thailand which is growing bigger and becoming more powerful.

**THE END**

