

Phetchabun (เพชรบูรณ์)

Phetchabun is a northern province of Thailand, bordered by Lei, Khon Kaen, Chaiyaphum, Lopburi, Nakhon Sawan, Pichit, and Phitsanulok. It lies in the fertile Pa Sak River Valley. Its name directly translates to “Plenty of Diamonds” referring to the fertility of the land, which has always been an agriculturally productive.

Phetchabun has an area of 12,668.4 kilometer squares. With a 2011 population of 990,807, its population density is 78/km².

Demographics

Age Distribution (2008)

Age Range	Male	Female	Total
0-14	101,214	96,005	197,219
15-19	36,657	34,158	70,815
20-24	38,397	37,007	75,404
25-29	43,277	41,190	84,467
30-34	44,116	42,627	86,743
35-39	43,075	43,302	86,377
40-44	40,749	42,562	83,311
45-49	36,655	38,233	74,888
50-59	52,158	55,686	107,844
60 or above	49,837	59,970	109,807
Total	486,135	490,740	976,875



Source: Wikipedia Commons

Climate

Annual Rainfall

Year	Rainfall (mm)	Rainy days
2004	932.1	111
2005	918.9	124
2006	1682.4	136
2007	1179.6	118
2008	1437.35	118
2009	1075.43	98
2010	1247.15	91
2011	1648.92	113

Temperature Data

Because Petchabun is surrounded by mountains, temperatures can get very high in the summer and very cold in the winter.

Year	Lowest Temp (C)	Highest Temp (C)	Ave. Temp (C)
2004	12.3	40.9	27.50
2005	15.6	38.7	27.15
2006	17.5	37.3	28.10

2007	11.8	40.3	27.60
2008	10.5	39.6	26.80
2009	10.5	39.7	27.1
2010	14.5	42.6	28.1
2011	14.1	38.6	26.7

Natural Resources

Phetchabun's main source of water comes from the Pa Sak River. One of the province's main missions is to increase conservation of its environment and to preserve its national forests in order to develop and sustain its tourism sector.

Change in Forest Area 2006-2010

Year	Area (Rai)	% of the Province	% Change in forest area
2006	1,595,806	20.15	+1
2007	1,616,406	20.41	+2
2008	1,657,469	20.93	+3
2009	1,707,656	21.57	+4
2010	1,775,001	22.42	-

Economics

The average yearly income per capita in Phetchabun is THB 12,914 (approx. \$US 390), with the legal minimum wage at 135 THB (approx. \$US 4.07) per day. The GPP of the Phetchabun is THB 62.92 billion (approx. \$US 1.9 billion).

Occupational Distribution

Occupation	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
High Government Officer / Manager	44,993	44,913	38,494	30,541	6,710
Technician	15,657	22,055	20,775	21,718	26,566
Specialized Technician	9,130	7,229	9,747	8,361	16,109
Clerk	8,585	7,939	14,968	11,773	14,622
Svc. Officer / Shop Restaurant Staff	50,828	56,011	60,286	89,943	96,930
Farmer / Fisher	271,542	246,639	268,329	295,997	260,265
Craftsman	40,903	55,076	36,631	44,985	45,129
Factory / Assembly Worker	12,592	23,534	20,762	19,430	24,357
General Staffs in Marketing & Svcs.	49,705	97,593	111,241	87,566	87,637
Total	503,935	560,989	581,233	610,314	578,325

Data sources: <http://petchabun.go.th>, www.wikipedia.org, and www.tutiempo.net