

Yala (ยะลา)

Yala is the southernmost province of Thailand. Landlocked, Yala is bordered by Songkhla, Pattani, and Narathiwat to the north, and by the Malaysian states of Kedah and Perak to the south. While originally dominated by the mining industry, Yala now relies on fruit crops. This province is one of four Thai provinces with a Muslim majority (75.5%), with smaller Buddhist and Christian populations.

Yala has an area of 4,427 square kilometers. With a 2011 population of 493,767, the population density is 110/km².

Demographics

Age Distribution (2008)

Age Range	Male	Female	Total
0-15	74,913	66,710	141,623
16-20	21,554	21,022	42,576
21-25	18,823	19,148	37,971
26-30	17,535	17,781	35,316
31-35	16,498	17,389	33,887
36-40	16,489	17,263	33,752
41-50	26,609	27,855	54,464
51-60	16,188	17,166	33,354
61 or above	19,362	21,896	41,258
Total	227,971	226,230	458,469



Source: Wikipedia Commons

Climate

Annual Rainfall

Year	Rainfall (mm)	Number of rainy days
2004	1,878.20	168
2005	2,749.70	163
2006	2,210.10	177
2007	2,386.10	167
2008	1,712.10	148

Temperature Data

Year	Lowest Temperature (°C)	Highest Temperature (°C)	Average Temperature (°C)
2004	20.00	38.40	28.63
2005	19.30	39.10	28.19
2006	22.40	34.90	28.24
2007	22.14	35.50	28.14
2008	21.70	34.50	28.20

Economics

The average yearly income per capita in Yala in 2007 is 77,775 THB (approx. \$US 2,353), with the legal minimum wage at 150 THB (approx. \$US 4.50) per day. The GPP of the Yala is 35.66 billion THB (approx \$US 1.1 billion).

Occupational Distribution

Occupation	2005	2006	2007	2008
High Government Officer / Manager	10,271	9,424	9,544	7,670
Technician	14,550	9,928	12,919	11,393
Specialized Technician	5,155	5,786	6,368	5,380
Clerk	5,923	6,683	7,859	6,233
Service Officer / Shop Staff	35,046	27,750	23,182	27,919
Farmer / Fisher	129,826	158,424	163,143	165,877
Craftsman	12,498	11,458	11,242	11,163
Factory / Assembly Worker	5,910	6,756	4,001	4,408
General Staff in Marketing and Services	12,324	12,973	11,857	10,952
Total	231,503	249,182	250,115	250,995

Data sources: <http://www.yala.go.th/SiteMap.html>; www.wikipedia.org