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Article **The Economic and Social Impact of Declining Fertility:
A Case Study of Thailand**

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Abstract This article examines the socio-economic consequences for Thailand of past, present and future declines in fertility. It finds that the declining rate of population growth has made it much easier for Thailand to sustain the shock of falling economic growth and the temporary uncertainty about the economic future which existed between 1982 and 1985. Moreover, by removing the continued pressure of rapid population growth on the labour force, Thailand's unemployment problem, while real in the short term, will be very manageable over the longer term. Also, it shows that pressure will be eased on increasing the quantity of public services, such as education and health, thus enabling an increase in the quality of those services.

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