

# POLL ANALYSIS: ECONOMIC STIMULUS MEASURES BY PAETONGTARN'S GOVERNMENT



Suan Dusit Poll surveyed a sample of 1,227 people (online and field survey) Between November 19-22, 2024

## KEY FINDINGS:



**54.80%**  
Concern over the burden of public debt



**55.78%**  
Satisfaction with the policy to promote nationwide infrastructure investment



**53.87%**  
Confidence in the government's economic stimulus measures



**43.44%**  
Belief that the 10,000-baht cash handout policy may moderately boost the economy



**45.31%**  
Perception of no clear signs of economic improvement in the near future

"The survey results reflect divided opinions within society regarding the government's economic stimulus measures. While there is some level of confidence, uncertainty persists about short-term policies, coupled with concerns over the country's financial stability. Additionally, views on economic recovery remain pessimistic, with no clear signs of improvement in the near future. This sentiment could be summarized as, 'Welcoming the cash handout, but unsure when the economy will recover.' Urgent action is therefore needed to address immediate issues, particularly those affecting livelihoods and daily living costs."



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### Concern over public debt & Preference for infrastructure investment measures

The majority of respondents express concern over the public debt burden (54.80%), followed by dissatisfaction with the lack of inclusivity in the measures (49.63%) and a belief that while some measures are good, their details remain unclear (44.95%). These findings highlight public concerns about the country's financial stability and a desire for clearer, more inclusive policies that address the needs of all target groups. The most favored measure is promoting infrastructure investment (55.78%), followed by the 10,000-baht cash handout (50.13%), reflecting expectations for long-term national development.

### Confident in the measures but uncertain about economic improvement

53.87% of respondents express confidence in the Paetongtarn government's economic stimulus measures, while 46.13% remain skeptical, reflecting a division in public opinion between confidence and doubt.

Regarding the second phase of the 10,000-baht cash handout policy, 43.44% believe it may help to some extent, 31.13% think it will not help, and 25.43% are confident it will significantly boost the economy.

When asked about the outlook for the Thai economy, 45.31% see no signs of improvement, while 23.63% anticipate change in the second half of 2025, and 17.36% expect improvement from 2026 onward. This indicates uncertainty about the economic recovery timeline.

Given these perspectives, the top priority for government action is reducing living costs and controlling prices (60.98%), followed by stimulating domestic consumption (54.67%) and supporting small businesses and local enterprises (52.62%), all of which directly address the public's daily needs and well-being.



Based on the poll results, while the public overall expresses confidence in the Paetongtarn government's economic stimulus measures, concerns remain over the rising cost of living and price control issues. Addressing these problems urgently is the public's highest priority. Despite the implementation of the first phase of the 10,000-baht cash handout policy, consumer spending has not significantly revived, leading many to believe that the second phase of the policy may only moderately stimulate the economy. Additionally, there is no clear indication that Thailand's economy will improve in the near future, and concerns persist that the government's stimulus plans could increase public debt.

Nevertheless, the Economic Stimulus Policy Committee recently approved five short- and long-term plans aimed at increasing income, reducing expenses, addressing debt issues, and promoting investment. Whether these initiatives will effectively address the economic challenges remains to be seen.



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