

# Lao People's Democratic Republic

Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>POPULATION</b>																					
Total population <sup>a</sup> as of 1 July (million)	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.0
Population density (persons/km <sup>2</sup> )	22	22	23	23	24	24	25	25	25	26	26	27	27	27	28	28	29	29	29	30	30
Population (% annual change)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Urban population (% of total population)	22.0	23.0	24.0	25.1	26.2	27.2	27.7	28.3	28.9	29.5	30.1	30.7	31.3	31.9	32.5	33.1	33.7	34.4	35.0	35.6	36.3
<b>LABOR FORCE<sup>b</sup> calendar year ('000)</b>																					
Employed	...	2,573	2,622	2,673	...	2,777	...	...	...	...	3,080	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,940	...	...	...
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	...	2,445	2,490	2,537	...	2,739	...	...	...	...	3,021	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,758	...	...	...
Mining and quarrying <sup>c</sup>	...	2,021	2,053	2,085	...	2,091	...	...	...	...	2,181	...	...	...	...	...	...	551	...	...	...
Manufacturing	...	213	224	235	...	...	...	...	...	...	245	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...
Electricity, gas, steam, and air-conditioning supply; water supply; sewerage, waste management, and remediation activities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	...	...	...
Construction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles <sup>d</sup>	...	211	213	217	...	...	...	...	...	...	595	...	...	...	...	...	...	83	...	...	...
Transportation and storage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	329	...	...	...
Accommodation and food service activities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	...	...	...
Information and communication	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	...
Financial and insurance activities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...
Real estate activities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...
Others	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	...	...	...
Underemployed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	532	...	...	...
Unemployed	...	128	132	136	...	38	...	...	...	...	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	182	...	...	...
Unemployment rate (%)	...	5.0	5.0	5.1	...	1.4	...	...	...	...	1.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.4	...	...	...
Labor force (% annual change)	...	...	1.9	1.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labor force participation rate (%)	...	79.9	79.7	79.4	...	66.6	...	...	...	...	79.2	...	...	...	...	...	...	40.8	...	...	...
Male	...	81.2	81.0	80.7	...	66.8	...	...	...	...	80.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	45.2	...	...	...
Female	...	78.7	78.5	78.2	...	66.3	...	...	...	...	77.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	36.5	...	...	...
<b>NATIONAL ACCOUNTS calendar year (KN billion)</b>																					
<b>At Current Prices</b>																					
GDP by industrial origin at current market prices	12,917.5	14,854.2	17,682.0	21,287.0	25,151.5	28,947.8	35,980.9	40,467.1	46,214.7	49,946.2	55,694.0	64,727.1	81,609.9	93,867.6	106,797.3	117,251.6	129,279.1	140,748.8	152,414.2	162,657.4	172,611.9
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	5,920.2	6,374.0	7,124.5	8,239.2	9,226.8	9,953.4	10,915.1	12,621.4	13,889.3	14,510.8	16,052.9	17,628.8	15,137.4	16,830.9	19,062.0	20,622.4	22,275.2	22,800.9	23,943.5	26,106.7	28,504.8
Mining and quarrying	25.9	32.1	45.1	562.0	507.8	1,674.8	4,543.7	4,245.3	4,595.0	3,289.4	5,158.0	6,833.7	9,378.9	8,853.1	9,170.4	7,967.5	8,391.1	9,234.6	9,159.7	9,250.7	7,897.2
Manufacturing	1,084.4	1,267.6	1,495.1	1,739.3	2,107.5	2,341.3	2,784.1	3,399.4	3,998.8	7,217.1	5,440.9	6,246.1	7,331.6	7,918.1	9,000.6	9,603.1	10,046.1	10,533.6	11,359.8	12,433.3	14,466.0
Electricity, gas, steam, and air-conditioning supply	565.2	689.2	865.3	929.5	1,079.2	1,027.3	1,090.5	1,048.3	1,172.9	1,280.9	2,135.3	2,851.8	5,265.1	6,707.4	6,874.9	7,963.4	11,219.7	14,843.2	16,529.5	16,204.4	19,741.1
Water supply; sewerage, waste management, and remediation activities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	232.2	261.2	293.1	323.0	338.5	361.6	393.0	419.7	444.2
Construction	650.5	568.5	844.9	1,050.2	1,154.9	1,335.2	1,620.0	2,030.7	2,187.3	2,265.4	2,884.1	3,849.6	4,263.6	4,821.9	5,434.8	6,614.0	7,184.4	8,535.9	10,618.6	12,980.5	14,870.5
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1,791.5	2,394.8	3,123.8	3,633.6	5,145.7	5,527.8	6,399.4	7,517.9	8,741.8	9,333.2	10,531.9	12,085.0	9,759.4	11,409.2	12,956.6	14,171.8	14,813.6	16,266.7	18,671.8	19,589.1	20,405.1
Transportation and storage <sup>e</sup>	508.8	709.8	853.1	1,036.3	1,146.9	1,450.3	1,624.5	1,723.6	2,120.0	2,309.6	2,579.8	2,928.8	1,147.8	1,277.8	1,419.7	1,596.4	1,749.6	1,896.6	2,004.0	2,189.7	2,173.1
Accommodation and food service activities	...	...	152.0	164.6	180.6	206.6	239.5	268.9	301.1	330.5	358.2	439.5	2,460.1	2,824.7	3,199.3	3,631.2	3,629.4	3,525.6	3,956.5	4,370.1	2,019.8
Information and communication <sup>f</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,330.7	1,556.5	1,754.5	2,020.6	2,105.3	2,195.9	2,436.2	2,609.7	2,715.7
Financial and insurance activities	182.9	228.1	273.0	428.0	476.7	423.1	1,023.0	1,126.4	1,483.5	1,619.9	1,856.5	2,242.1	1,496.2	1,952.3	2,018.5	2,917.8	3,174.5	4,065.5	4,662.5	5,162.3	5,136.0
Real estate activities	...	...	819.0	897.8	1,019.1	1,093.4	1,145.9	1,319.2	1,456.9	1,493.8	1,623.5	1,885.5	6,100.4	6,189.7	6,805.1	7,281.7	7,536.0	7,913.1	8,520.9	9,285.8	9,689.5
Professional, scientific, and technical activities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,070.8	1,235.3	1,384.1	1,594.0	1,732.1	1,841.0	1,946.4	2,177.1	2,324.4
Administrative and support service activities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security <sup>g</sup>	381.7	507.1	755.8	941.3	1,265.2	1,664.9	1,883.2	2,264.1	3,084.7	3,472.0	4,119.1	4,482.7	6,062.9	8,866.9	11,721.9	12,134.1	13,408.6	13,795.0	14,077.9	14,663.6	15,982.8



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<b>Growth of Output</b> (% annual change)																						
GDP	6.3	4.6	6.9	6.2	7.0	6.8	7.2	9.3	7.8	7.5	8.1	8.0	...	8.0	7.6	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.2	5.5	3.3	
Agriculture	4.2	-0.6	1.9	2.5	3.4	0.7	3.5	7.5	3.7	2.8	3.2	2.7	...	2.8	4.1	3.6	2.8	2.9	1.3	1.2	1.2	
Industry	9.3	-1.5	10.8	19.4	3.7	10.6	18.5	0.6	10.4	18.5	17.5	14.6	...	7.7	7.3	7.0	12.0	11.6	7.8	5.6	9.2	
Services	6.9	14.7	13.0	3.2	13.4	10.8	4.9	15.5	10.8	7.5	7.6	8.4	...	9.7	8.1	8.0	4.7	4.5	6.8	6.9	-1.2	
<b>At Current Market Prices</b> (KN '000)																						
Per capita GDP	2,539	2,862	3,339	3,941	4,564	5,149	6,309	6,994	7,873	8,387	9,219	10,561	13,125	14,880	16,688	18,060	19,628	21,064	22,484	23,652	24,741	
<b>PRODUCTION INDEX</b>																						
Agriculture; 2014–2016 = 100	35.4	36.2	40.0	39.1	40.9	43.0	44.3	47.7	51.0	56.4	61.8	69.1	73.6	75.3	89.9	104.3	105.8	98.2	98.1	102.1	...	
<b>ENERGY</b> annual values																						
Coal (t '000)																						
Production	220	210	270	250	300	320	319	682	379	466	502	512	510	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Electricity (kWh million)																						
Production	3,678	3,590	3,602	3,179	3,348	3,492	3,609	3,420	3,678	3,381	8,449	12,979	12,860	15,505	15,853	16,729	25,066	31,550	34,410	31,134	...	
Exports	...	2,223	2,077	3,225	3,634	2,337	3,267	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Imports	...	3,355	3,679	4,611	7,128	7,632	6,432	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Consumption	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>PRICE INDEXES</b> period averages																						
Consumer (national); December 2015 = 100	38.2	41.1	45.5	52.6	58.1	62.2	66.3	69.4	74.7	74.8	79.3	85.3	88.9	94.6	98.5	99.7	101.3	102.1	104.2	107.7	113.2	
Food and nonalcoholic beverages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74.1	78.2	88.1	94.2	98.4	102.7	102.6	103.8	108.7	118.1	
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and narcotics	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86.0	88.8	92.5	96.6	99.0	100.7	101.3	102.2	104.9	106.2	
Clothing and footwear	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83.1	84.8	89.7	94.5	98.4	100.4	102.8	108.4	112.3	117.5	
Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75.6	83.7	89.2	93.8	99.9	101.3	101.9	103.9	104.8	105.4	
Furnishings, household equipment, and routine household maintenance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92.2	94.5	97.1	98.7	99.9	100.5	101.6	102.9	105.3	110.2	
Health	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93.4	94.5	95.9	96.8	97.7	100.2	101.2	102.3	103.9	109.1	
Transport	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107.0	109.9	109.9	110.5	103.0	99.4	102.2	106.7	109.1	110.4	
Communication	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95.2	96.5	98.2	98.9	99.9	100.0	99.9	101.6	103.8	108.0	
Recreation and culture	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94.6	95.9	98.1	99.6	99.8	100.1	100.2	100.3	102.5	104.2	
Education	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95.5	96.8	98.8	99.7	100.0	100.1	100.6	101.1	102.0	102.9	
Restaurants and hotels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76.4	82.6	89.8	96.4	99.4	100.8	101.9	104.4	106.4	105.4	
Miscellaneous goods and services	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94.7	96.8	98.3	99.3	99.7	100.7	102.0	103.6	106.6	115.8	
Consumer (Vientiane); December 2015 = 100	35.9	40.4	45.6	53.3	59.7	64.0	66.6	68.9	74.1	73.2	77.5	84.0	88.3	94.7	98.7	100.1	101.7	102.2	105.3	107.6	111.5	
Food and nonalcoholic beverages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73.0	78.2	89.6	95.6	99.4	104.2	103.1	105.2	107.5	115.7	
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and narcotics	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87.9	89.7	95.0	98.2	99.3	101.9	102.5	103.2	105.5	105.5	
Clothing and footwear	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87.7	87.1	89.4	94.0	98.7	100.2	101.1	110.7	114.5	117.1	
Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66.9	74.6	80.4	88.1	100.8	102.1	101.5	103.1	103.8	105.8	
Furnishings, household equipment, and routine household maintenance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96.2	98.1	99.2	101.1	102.1	100.6	100.7	101.6	104.9	110.1	
Health	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85.7	87.6	89.0	89.2	92.0	100.2	101.1	101.3	102.3	110.5	
Transport	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105.9	109.4	110.0	110.7	102.4	99.5	103.3	109.1	112.1	111.7	
Communication	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93.4	96.3	96.5	97.4	100.0	100.0	100.4	104.3	109.5	115.6	
Recreation and culture	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	97.8	98.7	100.3	100.3	100.2	100.0	99.7	98.3	99.5	102.0	
Education	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96.5	97.6	99.2	99.7	99.9	100.1	100.7	101.2	101.6	100.9	



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Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,269	1,143	3,562	3,709	4,565	4,913	5,170	5,323	1,921	2,197	2,929	2,632	...
Other revenue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	678	694	870	945	1,324	1,778	2,416	2,698	2,267	3,192	3,965	4,059	...
Expense	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,134	5,720	6,491	7,531	8,965	15,782	16,539	17,462	17,928	17,174	18,667	19,927	...
Compensation of employees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,435	2,803	2,688	3,140	4,013	8,884	8,488	8,765	9,206	9,807	10,184	10,346	...
Use of goods and services	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,404	1,535	1,859	2,095	2,346	3,709	4,821	5,014	4,508	2,757	2,929	3,141	...
Consumption of fixed capital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Interest	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	361	264	398	447	591	1,005	881	1,126	1,387	1,947	2,597	2,868	...
Subsidies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	492	551	791	872	961	1,096	1,100	1,258	1,453	1,212	1,310	1,620	...
Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	19	19	28	27	23	41	30	42	36	39	43	...
Social benefits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other expense	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	414	548	737	950	1,027	1,065	1,208	1,269	1,332	1,414	1,609	1,908	...
Net operating balance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gross operating balance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,575	2,453	5,609	6,359	8,028	3,805	5,817	6,396	2,992	5,442	6,091	5,378	...
<b>Transactions in Nonfinancial Assets</b>																					
Net/gross investment in nonfinancial assets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,608	3,276	6,137	6,928	8,565	8,379	9,308	10,782	9,297	12,805	12,501	9,819	...
Fixed assets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,608	3,276	6,137	6,928	8,565	8,379	9,308	10,782	9,297	12,805	12,501	9,819	...
Inventories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Valuables	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nonproduced assets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,741	8,996	12,628	14,460	17,530	24,162	25,847	28,244	27,225	29,979	31,168	29,746	...
Net lending/Net borrowing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-1,033	-823	-527	-570	-537	-4,575	-3,490	-4,386	-6,305	-7,363	-6,410	-4,441	...
Primary balance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-672	-559	-130	-123	54	-3,569	-2,610	-3,260	-4,918	-5,416	-3,813	-1,572	...
<b>Transactions in Financial Assets and Liabilities (Financing)</b>																					
Net acquisition of financial assets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	-608	1,005	1,412	-1,634	-1,460	1,915	480	177	1,077	-2,492	981	...
Domestic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	-608	1,005	1,412	-1,634	-1,460	1,915	480	177	1,077	-2,492	981	...
External	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Net incurrence of liabilities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,159	912	1,178	1,322	719	438	1,284	3,743	3,254	8,309	3,703	4,262	...
Domestic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-204	-132	97	60	-320	-542	-476	-368	-1,136	1,119	-523	52	...
External	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,363	1,044	1,081	1,262	1,038	981	1,761	4,111	4,390	7,190	4,226	4,210	...
<b>Government Finance</b> (% of GDP at current market prices)																					
Revenue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.7	16.4	21.7	21.5	20.8	20.9	20.9	20.3	16.2	16.1	16.2	15.6	...
Taxes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.5	12.7	13.8	14.3	13.6	13.7	13.8	13.5	12.9	12.2	11.7	11.4	...
Taxes payable by individuals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taxes payable by corporations and other enterprises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.9	18.0	22.7	22.3	21.5	25.7	24.2	24.1	21.1	21.3	20.4	18.3	...
Net lending/Net borrowing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-2.2	-1.6	-0.9	-0.9	-0.7	-4.9	-3.3	-3.7	-4.9	-5.2	-4.2	-2.7	...
Primary balance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-1.5	-1.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-3.8	-2.4	-2.8	-3.8	-3.8	-2.5	-1.0	...
<b>EXTERNAL TRADE</b> calendar year (\$ million)																					
Exports, fob	330	320	301	336	363	553	882	923	1,092	1,053	1,746	2,190	2,191	2,264	3,276	3,653	4,245	4,873	5,295	5,764	6,143
Imports, cif   fob <sup>h</sup>	535	510	447	462	713	882	1,060	1,065	1,403	1,461	2,060	2,404	3,046	3,051	4,976	5,675	5,372	5,667	6,164	6,252	5,374
Trade balance	-205	-191	-146	-127	-349	-329	-178	-142	-311	-408	-314	-215	-855	-786	-1,699	-2,022	-1,128	-794	-869	-487	769
<b>External Trade</b> (% annual change)																					
Exports	9.6	-3.3	-5.9	11.6	8.3	52.2	59.5	4.6	18.3	-3.6	65.9	25.4	0.1	3.3	44.7	11.5	16.2	14.8	8.7	8.9	6.6
Imports	-3.4	-4.7	-12.4	3.4	54.2	23.8	20.2	0.5	31.7	4.1	41.0	16.7	26.7	0.1	63.1	14.1	-5.3	5.5	8.8	1.4	-14.0



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Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Balance of Payments</b> (% of GDP at current market prices)																					
Exports	20.2	19.3	17.1	16.7	15.3	20.4	24.9	21.9	20.7	17.9	25.9	27.2	21.5	18.9	24.7	25.3	26.7	28.5	29.8	31.0	32.2
Imports	32.7	30.8	25.4	22.9	30.0	32.5	29.9	25.3	26.5	24.9	30.5	29.8	29.9	25.5	37.5	39.3	33.8	33.2	34.8	33.5	28.2
Balance on goods	-12.5	-11.5	-8.3	-6.3	-14.7	-12.1	-5.0	-3.4	-5.9	-7.0	-4.7	-2.7	-8.4	-6.6	-12.8	-14.0	-7.1	-4.7	-5.0	-2.5	4.0
Current account balance	-0.3	-4.2	0.2	-2.1	-8.0	-7.1	1.2	1.8	1.7	-1.0	0.4	2.0	-7.3	-7.8	-14.5	-15.7	-8.7	-7.4	-9.1	-7.0	-0.6
Overall balance	2.1	-0.4	3.6	1.0	0.5	0.4	2.7	4.6	1.9	-0.1	1.5	-0.6	0.6	-0.6	1.2	1.2	-1.1	1.2	-0.8	0.7	1.7
<b>INTERNATIONAL RESERVES</b> as of end of period (\$ million)																					
Total	140.2	139.4	204.2	238.5	249.0	257.4	356.9	563.1	663.4	722.9	816.9	771.8	837.2	759.5	904.3	1,072.1	920.1	1,124.8	979.2	...	...
Gold, national valuation	0.6	2.5	2.5	4.1	4.1	5.1	7.4	7.4	10.0	10.0	10.0	16.0	19.1	18.9	14.6	14.5	36.5	36.0	35.0	...	...
Foreign exchange	139.6	133.4	195.6	215.3	229.5	238.2	334.8	540.3	638.3	632.9	728.3	677.4	739.6	661.9	815.7	986.8	814.9	1,016.0	873.2	997.2	1,319.2
Reserve position in the IMF	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	17.8	18.8	18.4	18.3	19.0
SDRs	0.1	3.4	6.1	19.1	15.4	14.1	14.7	15.5	15.1	80.1	78.7	78.4	78.5	78.7	74.0	70.8	50.9	53.9	52.6	52.2	54.4
<b>EXCHANGE RATES</b> (KN-\$)																					
End of period	8,218	9,490	10,680	10,467	10,377	10,743	9,730	9,346	8,472	8,481	8,058	8,018	7,985	8,025	8,086	8,148	8,184	8,293	8,530	8,861	9,274
Average of period	7,888	8,955	10,056	10,569	10,585	10,655	10,154	9,603	8,740	8,511	8,254	8,029	8,007	7,833	8,042	8,128	8,124	8,245	8,401	8,679	9,046
<b>EXTERNAL INDEBTEDNESS</b> as of end of year (\$ million)																					
Total debt outstanding and disbursed	2,531.0	2,585.7	3,168.5	2,506.3	2,949.5	3,278.6	3,805.6	4,987.7	5,653.3	6,383.4	6,553.7	7,082.0	7,422.7	8,190.4	9,640.2	11,641.6	13,535.2	14,696.4	15,377.4	16,701.1	...
Long-term debt	2,474.1	2,534.5	3,103.5	2,448.0	2,893.7	3,178.9	3,662.0	4,779.0	5,468.8	6,084.3	6,409.9	6,942.3	7,284.2	7,310.2	8,743.4	10,872.7	12,745.1	13,879.4	14,903.1	16,046.1	...
Public and publicly guaranteed	2,474.1	2,534.5	2,719.4	2,061.3	2,349.8	2,353.8	2,571.6	2,931.6	3,202.1	3,459.7	3,750.8	4,256.9	4,520.8	5,123.8	5,601.2	6,689.5	7,312.6	8,418.8	9,314.7	10,328.7	...
Private nonguaranteed	...	...	384.1	386.7	543.9	825.1	1,090.4	1,847.4	2,266.8	2,624.6	2,659.1	2,685.4	2,763.4	2,186.4	3,142.2	4,183.3	5,432.5	5,460.6	5,588.4	5,717.4	...
Short-term debt	2.3	2.0	9.0	-	3.0	57.0	102.0	168.0	149.0	204.0	56.0	57.0	59.1	802.2	823.4	698.7	722.0	744.9	403.8	584.9	...
Use of IMF credit	54.7	49.2	56.0	58.3	52.8	42.7	41.6	40.6	35.4	95.1	87.8	82.7	79.3	78.0	73.4	70.2	68.1	72.2	70.5	70.1	...
External debt (% of GNI)	152.4	152.1	187.1	131.2	130.0	122.8	116.7	122.4	109.0	112.6	98.2	86.8	77.5	72.5	76.0	84.7	89.5	92.1	89.8	94.1	...
Total long-term debt (% of total debt)	97.7	98.0	97.9	97.7	98.1	97.0	96.2	95.8	96.7	95.3	97.8	98.0	98.1	89.3	90.7	93.4	94.2	94.4	96.9	96.1	...
Short-term debt (% of total debt)	0.1	0.1	0.3	-	0.1	1.7	2.7	3.4	2.6	3.2	0.9	0.8	0.8	9.8	8.5	6.0	5.3	5.1	2.6	3.5	...
Debt service (% of exports of goods and services)	8.0	9.0	19.7	22.1	22.9	17.8	16.7	16.1	14.3	15.4	13.1	12.8	9.0	10.9	9.4	9.1	10.7	12.7	13.4	7.2	...
<b>Debt service transactions during the year</b>																					
Principal repayments on long-term debt	22.9	24.3	48.7	56.7	72.6	79.8	130.8	137.2	148.6	149.7	217.2	207.9	175.6	198.5	226.8	237.7	326.5	445.9	536.3	261.3	2,386.8*
Interest on long-term debt	9.3	9.9	36.3	36.7	44.2	47.8	49.4	56.2	62.1	71.9	78.0	101.1	87.2	139.4	156.9	175.9	223.4	281.4	328.4	244.3	421.8*
Interest on short-term debt	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	0.1	1.3	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.2	0.8	0.7	0.6	5.0	9.0	7.0	6.8	7.0	3.9	5.6	...
<b>Average terms of new commitments</b>																					
Interest rate (% per annum)	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.7	3.2	1.7	1.5	1.4	2.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	2.1	2.4	2.6	3.0	3.1	2.6	1.7	...
Maturity (years)	31.6	29.7	30.2	30.1	21.2	26.3	19.7	25.5	24.2	21.4	20.3	20.3	22.8	20.1	20.6	18.3	17.8	19.2	21.6	29.1	...
Grace period (years)	8.1	7.9	9.1	7.9	8.6	7.5	6.3	7.8	6.6	7.1	7.2	6.6	7.6	6.6	6.6	8.0	5.4	8.0	7.7	6.7	...
Grant element (%)	43.1	43.0	44.7	42.1	32.9	19.6	29.7	36.6	33.6	28.5	24.7	28.3	35.5	27.5	24.7	24.1	18.1	19.3	27.8	36.9	...

... = data not available; | = marks break in series; 0 or 0.0 = magnitude is less than half of unit employed; - = magnitude equals zero; \* = provisional, preliminary, estimate, budget figure; \$ = United States dollars; KN = kip; cif = cost, insurance, and freight; fob = free on board; GDP = gross domestic product; GNI = gross national income; IMF = International Monetary Fund; km<sup>2</sup> = square kilometer; kWh = kilowatt-hour; SDRs = special drawing rights; t = metric ton.

a For 2005 and 2015, figures are based on the country's 2005 Census of Population and Housing and its 2015 Census of Population and Housing, respectively. For the other years, figures are estimates based on annual population growth rates derived from the census data.

b For 2017, figures are based on the 2017 Labour Force Survey that was conducted using the concepts defined in the 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians, and hence are not directly comparable with figures from the 2005 Census of Population and Housing and the 2010 Report on the National Child Labour Survey of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

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c For 2000–2016, refers to industry sectors.

d For 2000–2016, refers to services sectors.

e For 2000–2011, includes information and communication.

f For 2000–2011, included in transportation and storage.

g Refers to the public wage bill.

h For 2017 onward, the compilation methodology shifted from cif to fob.

i Due to the shift in 2012 from the IMF's Balance of Payment Manual (fifth edition) to the IMF's Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (sixth edition), some transaction categories have changed. Data prior to 2012 may not be comparable with the rest of the series.

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