

COUNTRY PROFILE

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LAOS

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Subregion	East Asia	
Income group	Lower middle income	

PEOPLE

Population (millions) ¹	6.80 (2015)	8.49 (2030)
Urban ²	39% (2015)	51% (2030)
Rural ²	61% (2015)	49% (2030)
Population growth ¹ (annual)	1.7% (2015)	1.2% (2030)
Human Development Index rank ³	141/188 Medium human development	
Languages ¹⁹	Lao (official), French, English, various ethnic languages	
Religion ¹⁹	Buddhist 66.8%, Christian 1.5%, other 31%, unspecified 0.7% (2005 est.)	
Ethnic composition ¹⁹	Lao 54.6%, Khmou 10.9%, Hmong 8%, Tai 3.8%, Phuthai 3.3%, Lue 2.2%, Katang 2.1%, Makong 2.1%, Akha 1.6%, other 10.4%, unspecified 1% (2005 est.)	

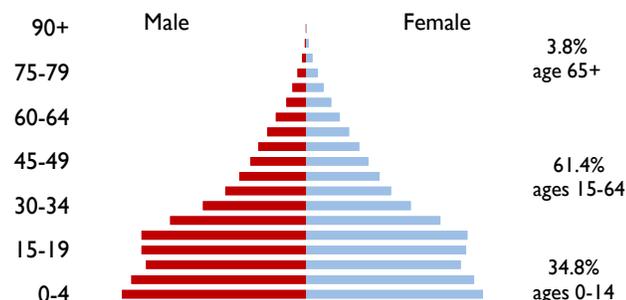
GOVERNMENT

Capital ¹⁹	Vientiane
Government type ¹⁹	Communist state
Head of State ¹⁹	President BOUNNYANG Vorachit (since 20 April 2016)
Head of Govt ¹⁹	Prime Minister THONGLOUN Sisoulit (since 20 April 2016)
Legislature ¹⁹	Unicameral National Assembly or Sapha Heng Xat
Females in Parliament ⁴	25% (2015)
Corruption Perceptions Index rank ⁵	139/167 (2015)
Land area (sq km) ⁷	230,800 (The size of Idaho)

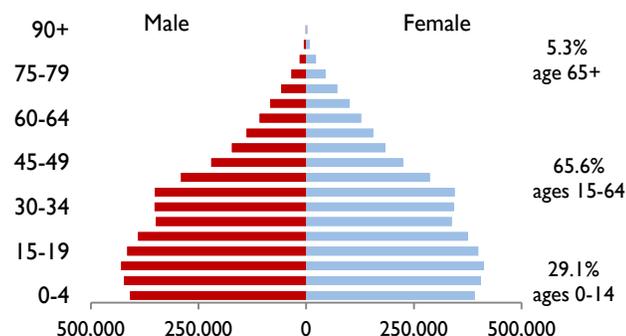
OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

From all donors (US\$ millions, net) ⁸	\$472.4 (2014)
as % of income ⁷	4.30% (2014)
per capita ¹⁸	\$70.6 (2014)
From U.S. (US\$ millions) ⁸	\$18.4 (2014)

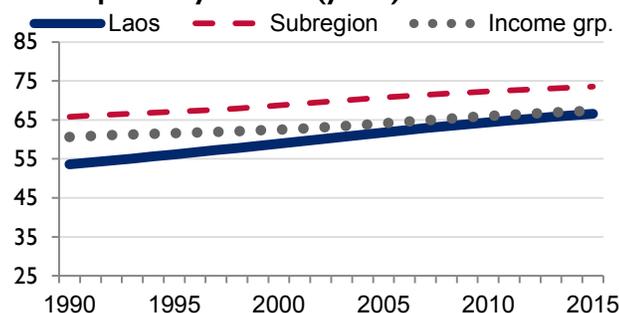
2015 population¹



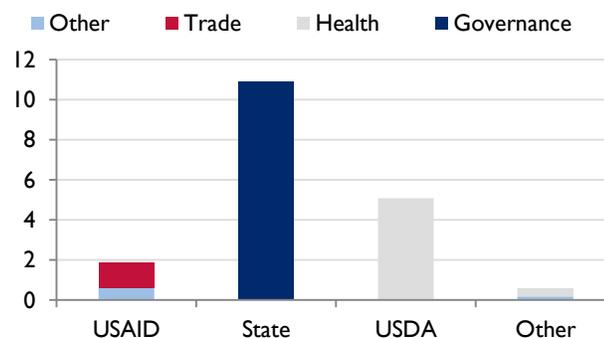
2030 population¹



Life expectancy at birth (years)¹



U.S. ODA by agency (US\$ millions, gross), 2014¹⁸



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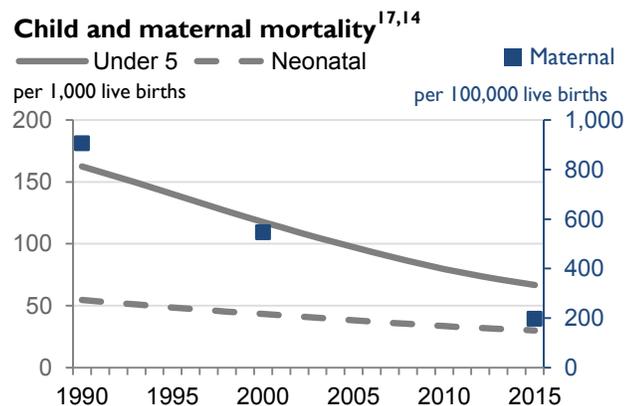
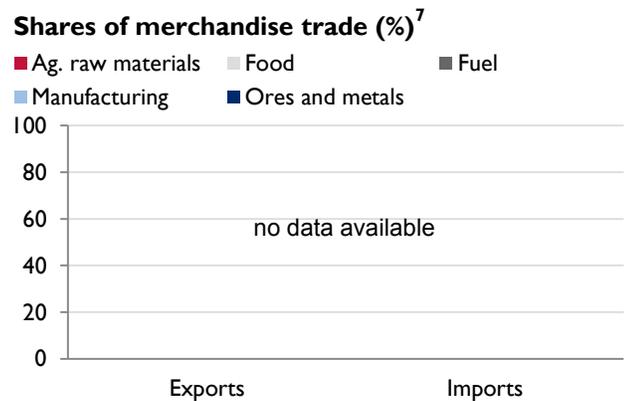
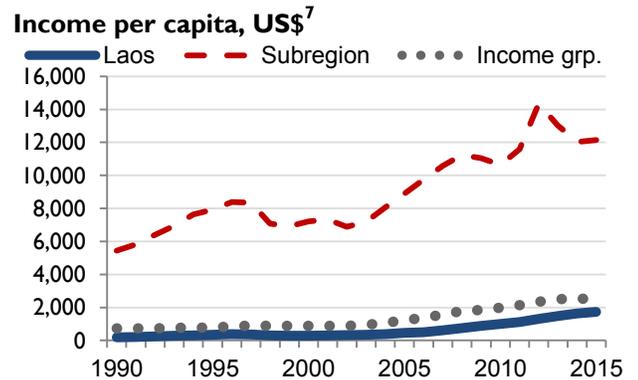
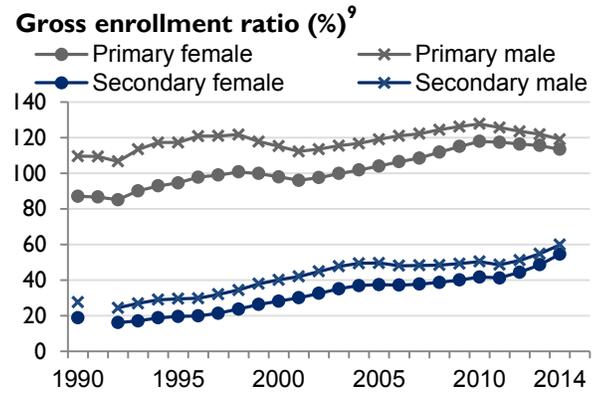
Completion rate, primary gross ⁷	100.3%	(2014)
Female completion rate ⁷	99.0%	(2014)
Male completion rate ⁷	101.6%	(2014)
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary ⁹	25	(2014)
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary ⁹	18	(2014)
Public education expenditure (% of GDP) ⁹	4.2%	(2014)
Youth literacy rate (ages 15-24) ⁷	90%	(2015)
Children out of school, primary ⁷	36,499	(2014)
Of which, female ⁷	57%	(2014)
Of which, male ⁷	43%	(2014)

ECONOMY

GDP (US\$ millions) ⁷	\$12,327	(2015)
GDP growth (annual %) ⁷	7.0%	(2015)
10-year average ⁷	7.9%	(2015)
Merchandise exports (US\$ millions) ¹⁰	\$4,386	(2015)
Merchandise imports (US\$ millions) ¹⁰	\$7,568	(2015)
Percent of population living under \$1.90/day ⁷	16.7%	(2012)
Share of income going to the poorest 20% ¹¹	8%	(2013)
OECD average ¹¹	8%	(2013)
Share of income going to the richest 20% ¹¹	45%	(2013)
OECD average ¹¹	42%	(2013)
Youth unemployment (ages 15-24) ⁷	3.4%	(2014)
Annual inflation ¹²	5.3%	(2015)

HEALTH

Prevalence of HIV (ages 15-49) ¹³	n/a
Antiretroviral coverage (% of adults 15+ meeting WHO guidelines) ⁷	n/a
Prevalence of TB (per 100,000 population) ¹⁴	464 (2014)
Deaths from malaria (per 100,000 population) ¹⁴	3 (2013)
Prevalence of stunting (% of children under 5) ¹⁵	n/a
DPT3 immunization rate (children aged one) ¹⁵	n/a
Fertility rate (children per woman) ¹⁵	n/a
Modern contraceptive prevalence ¹⁵	n/a
Births attended by skilled health worker ¹⁵	n/a
Improved water source (% of population) ⁴	76% (2015)
Public health expenditure (% of GDP) ¹⁶	1% (2014)



SOURCES: ¹UN, World Population Prospects; ²UN, World Urbanization Prospects; ³UNDP, Human Development Report; ⁴UN, Millennium Development Goals Indicators; ⁵Transparency International, Corruption Perceptions Index and Bribe Payers Index; ⁶Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Index of African Governance; ⁷World Bank, World Development Indicators; ⁸OECD/DAC, Destination of Official Development Assistance and Official Aid - Disbursements (Table 2a); ⁹UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Database; ¹⁰IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics; ¹¹Population Reference Bureau, World Population Data Sheet; ¹²IMF, World Economic Outlook Database; ¹³UNAIDS, Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic; ¹⁴WHO, World Health Statistics; ¹⁵Demographic and Health Surveys, STATcompiler; ¹⁶WHO, Global Health Expenditure Database; ¹⁷UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, Child Mortality Estimates; ¹⁸OECD/DAC, Creditor Reporting System (CRS++); ¹⁹CIA, World Factbook; World Bank, Country and Lending Groups.