

Lao People's Dem. Republic



Area ('000 km²):	236.8
Population (million), 1998:	5.2
Population growth (annual aver.), 1990-98:	2.8
Official language:	Lao
Currency:	New kip
GNP per capita (\$), 1998:	320
Percentage shares in GDP, 1998:	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	52.6
Industry (including <i>manufacturing</i>)	22.0 (16.7)
Services (private and public)	25.4
Gross domestic investment	24.9
Exports of goods and serv. (% of GDP), 1998:	38.6
Main employer (% of labour force), 1998:	
Agriculture	77

Life expectancy at birth (m/f), 1990-95:	53/55
Under-5 mortality rate, 1998: (per 1,000 live births)	116
Daily calorie intake per capita (% of minimum requirements), 1996-98:	125.3
Population with access to safe water (% , urban/rural), 1998:	..
Adult literacy rate (% , m/f), 1995:	69/44
Transport, 1998:	
Road network density (km/1,000 km ²)	94.3
Aircraft departures	4,000
Installed electricity capacity, 1996: (kW/1,000 inhab.)	51
Telephone (units per 1,000 inhab.), 1998:	5.5
Number of tourist arrivals, 1998:	200,000
Total exp. of goods and serv. (\$ m), 1998:	487
Main export sector (% of total exp.), 1998:	
Wood products	27.3
Main markets for exports of goods (%), 1998:	
Developed market economy countries	81.8
<i>Main destination:</i> Japan	63.0
Main sources of imports of goods (%), 1998:	
Developing countries	84.7
<i>Main origin:</i> Asia	84.6
Foreign direct investment inflows (\$ m), 1998:	45
Total net financial inflows (\$ m), 1998:	286.9
<i>of which:</i> net ODA (\$ m/%)	281.4/98.1
External debt (\$ m), 1998:	2,586
As % of GDP	205
Debt service as % of exports	76