

Lao People's Dem. Republic



Surface area ('000 km²):	236.8
Population (million), 2005:	5.9
Population growth rate (%), 2000-2005:	2.3
Official language:	Lao
Currency:	Kip
GNI per capita (\$), 2004:	390
Percentage shares in GDP, 2003:	
Agriculture	48.6
Industry (including <i>manufacturing</i>)	25.9 (19.2)
Services	25.5
Gross capital formation	20.3
Gross domestic savings	20.5
Exports of goods and services	25.5
Imports of goods and services	25.3
Agricultural labour force	
(% of total labour force), 2004:	76

Life expectancy at birth (m/f), 2003:	58/60
HIV prevalence among adults (%), end-2003:	0.1
Under-5 mortality rate, 2003:	
(per 1,000 live births)	91
Population undernourished (%), 2000-2002:	22
Population using improved drinking water sources	
(% , urban/rural), 2002:	66/38
Adult literacy rate (% , m/f), 2000:	76/53
Transport:	
Road density (km/1,000 km ²), 1999:	94.1
Aircraft departures, 2003:	7,100
Population with access to electricity (%), 2000:	18
Telephone mainlines (per 1,000 people), 2003:	12
Number of tourist arrivals, 2003:	196,000
Exports of goods and services (\$ m), 2003:	540.8
Imports of goods and services (\$ m), 2003:	536.2
Main export sector	
(% of total exports of goods and services), 2003:	
Tourism	21.8
Main markets for exports of goods (%), 2004:	
Developing countries	40.6
<i>Main destination:</i> Asia (Thailand)	38.5 (18.6)
Main sources of imports of goods (%), 2004:	
Developing countries	86.2
<i>Main origin:</i> Asia (Thailand)	84.9 (57.8)
Foreign direct investment net inflows (\$ m), 2004:	17.0
ODA net inflows (\$ m), 2004:	269.6
Remittances from workers abroad (\$ m), 2003:	1.0
External debt (\$ m), 2003:	2,846.2
As % of GNI	136.6
Debt service as % of exports	9.2

Source: UNCTAD, *Statistical Profiles of the Least Developed Countries 2005*.