

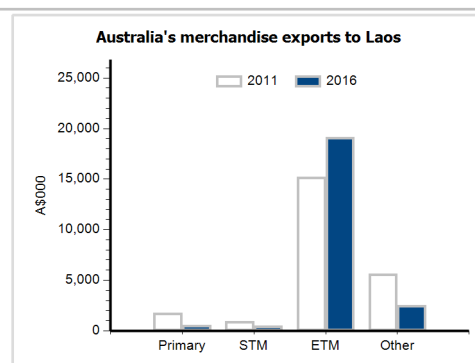
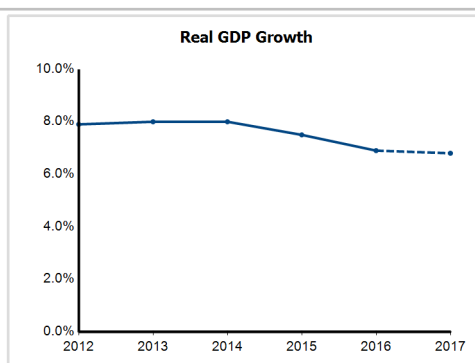
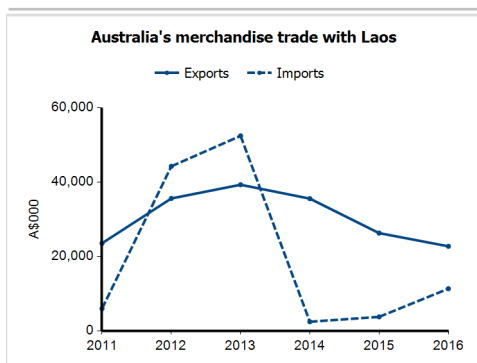
General information

Capital:	Vientiane
Land area:	230,800 sq km
Official language(s):	Lao
Population:	7.2 million (2016)
Currency:	Kip

Head of State	President HE Mr Bounnhang Vorachit
Head of Government	Prime Minister HE Dr Thongloun Sisoulith

Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	9.4	10.8	11.9	12.6	13.8	15.0
GDP per capita (US\$)	1,414.5	1,593.6	1,718.0	1,786.9	1,925.2	2,051.1
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	28.8	31.6	34.8	37.7	40.9	44.6
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	4,336.9	4,671.0	5,038.2	5,369.8	5,709.6	6,115.6
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	7.9	8.0	8.0	7.5	6.9	6.8
Current account balance (US\$b)	-2.8	-3.2	-2.5	-2.1	-2.4	-2.8
Current account balance (% GDP)	-29.9	-29.6	-20.7	-16.8	-17.0	-18.8
Inflation (% change yoy)	4.3	6.4	4.1	1.3	2.0	2.3
Unemployment (% labour force)	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	na



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Laos (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Laos, 2016 (A\$000)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Laos	22,769	0.0%	91st	-13.5%
Imports from Laos	11,350	0.0%	103rd	200.5%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	34,119	0.0%	104th	13.4%

Major Australian exports, 2016 (A\$000)

Pumps for liquids & parts	3,659
Taps, cocks & valves	2,769
Specialised machinery & parts	2,349
Non-electric parts for machinery	1,251

Major Australian imports, 2016 (A\$000)

Telecom equipment & parts	9,580
Jewellery	799
Wood, simply worked	126
Footwear	122

*Includes \$2.5m of confidential items & special transactions, 11% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Laos, 2016 (A\$m)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Laos	31	0.0%	78th	-16.2%
Imports of services from Laos	28	0.0%	84th	-6.7%

Australia's investment relationship with Laos, 2016 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Laos	np	np
Laos' investment in Australia	np	np

Laos' global merchandise trade relationships

Laos' principal export destinations, 2015

1 Thailand	30.4%
2 China	27.0%
3 Vietnam	17.6%
25 Australia	0.1%

Laos' principal import sources, 2015

1 Thailand	60.9%
2 China	18.6%
3 Vietnam	7.3%
12 Australia	0.3%