

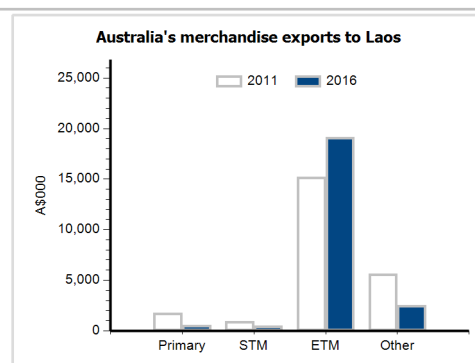
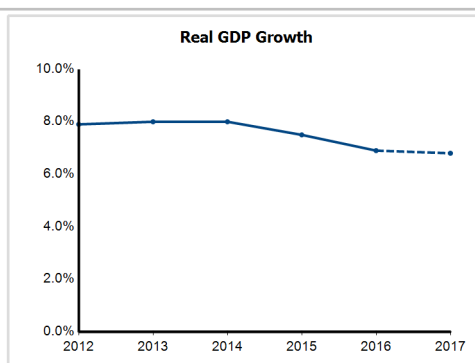
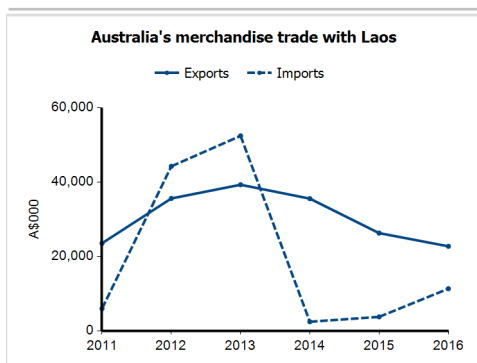
General information

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 Bounyang 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)

Exports to Laos	22,769
Imports from Laos	11,350
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	34,119

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Laos	0.0%	91st	-13.5%
Imports from Laos	0.0%	103rd	200.5%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	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)

Exports of services to Laos	31
Imports of services from Laos	28

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

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

Australia's investment in Laos	
Laos' investment in Australia	

	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%