

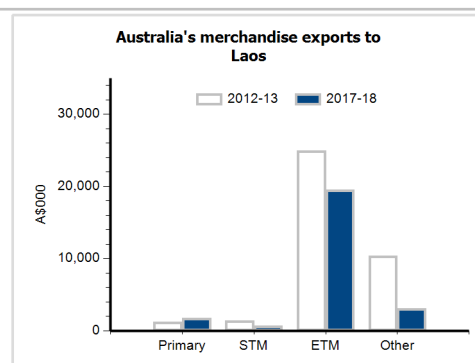
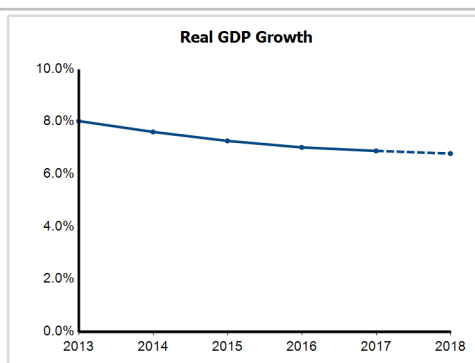
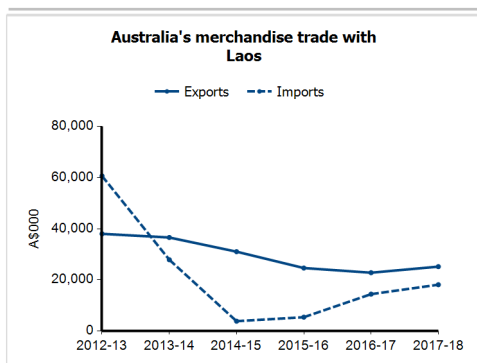
General information

Capital:	Vientiane
Land area:	230,800 sq km
Official language(s):	Lao
Population:	6.7 million (2017)
Currency:	Kip

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

Economic indicators (a)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	12.0	13.3	14.4	15.9	17.0	18.2
GDP per capita (US\$)	1,900.0	2,075.1	2,212.4	2,416.9	2,540.8	2,690.2
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	35.2	38.6	41.9	45.3	49.3	53.9
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	5,588.4	6,040.6	6,449.0	6,878.3	7,385.7	7,955.7
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	8.0	7.6	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.8
Current account balance (US\$b)	-3.4	-2.7	-2.6	-2.1	-2.1	-2.5
Current account balance (% GDP)	-28.4	-20.0	-18.0	-13.0	-12.1	-13.9
Inflation (% change yoy)	6.4	4.1	1.3	1.6	0.8	0.9
Unemployment (% labour force)	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	na



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

Australian merchandise trade with Laos, 2017-18 (A\$000)

Exports to Laos	25,153
Imports from Laos	18,083
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	43,236

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Laos	0.0%	93rd	10.4%
Imports from Laos	0.0%	99th	25.7%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	0.0%	104th	16.3%

Major Australian exports, 2017-18 (A\$000)

Pumps for liquids & parts	3,703
Specialised machinery & parts	3,182
Taps, cocks & valves	1,576
Edible products & preparations, nes	1,472

Major Australian imports, 2017-18 (A\$000)

Telecom equipment & parts	15,119
Jewellery	1,077
Footwear	732
Men's clothing (excl knitted)	589

Includes A\$3m of confidential items & special transactions, 12% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Laos, 2017-18 (A\$m)

Exports of services to Laos	37
Imports of services from Laos	31

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Laos	0.0%	79th	0.0%
Imports of services from Laos	0.0%	83rd	10.7%

Australia's investment relationship with Laos, 2017 (A\$m)

Australia's investment in Laos	np
Laos' investment in Australia	np

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

Laos' global merchandise trade relationships

Laos' principal export destinations, 2017

1 Thailand	42.6%
2 China	28.6%
3 Vietnam	10.4%
20 Australia	0.2%

Laos' principal import sources, 2017

1 Thailand	59.1%
2 China	21.5%
3 Vietnam	9.8%
14 Australia	0.3%