

## Lao PDR: Key Indicators

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004 /e	2005 /p	2006 /p
	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year
<b>Output, Employment and Prices</b>							
GDP (% change previous year)	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	6.4	7.3	7.0
Industrial production index (1993=100)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(% change, previous year)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unemployment rate (%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Real wage growth (%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Consumer price index (% change, previous year)	10.6	7.5	10.6	15.5	10.5	5.9	5.0
<b>Public Sector 1/</b>							
Government balance, after grants (% GDP)	-4.6	-4.4	-3.3	-5.8	-3.4	-3.8	-3.6
Domestic public sector debt (% GDP)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Foreign Trade, BOP and External Debt</b>							
Trade balance (US\$ million)	-376	-288	-263	-261	-451	-398	-490
Exports of goods (US\$ million)	342	362	370	462	521	652	749
(% change, previous year)	0.0	5.8	2.2	24.9	12.8	25.1	14.9
Key Export (% change, previous year)	17.6	12.1	1.7	23.4	12.9	26.6	15.5
Imports of goods (US\$ million)	718	650	633	723	972	1050	1239
(% change, previous year)	29.6	-9.4	-2.6	14.2	34.4	8.0	18.0
Current account balance (US\$ million)	-183.3	-145.9	-131.3	-159.0	-322.5	-465.4	-482.6
(% GDP)	-10.5	-8.3	-7.2	-7.6	-13.2	-16.4	-15.6
Foreign direct investment (US\$ million)	31	24	60	69	257	141	255
Total external debt (million US\$ million)	1,447	1,458	1,614	2,171	2,244	2,418	2,710
(% GDP)	83.2	82.7	88.8	103.4	91.5	85.4	87.8
Short-term debt (US\$ million)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Debt service ratio (% exports of g&s)	6.2	15.8	14.0	14.8	16.5	14.1	12.6
Reserves, excluding gold (\$US million)	127	134	196	216	227	235	278
(months of imports of goods and services)	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.4	4.0	4.0	4.0
<b>Financial Markets</b>							
Domestic credit (% change, previous year)	37.7	69.3	-48.0	10.5	20.6	18.8	..
Short-term interest rate 2/	29.9	22.7	21.4	24.9	16.0	..	..
Exchange rate (average)	7,878	8,913	10,115	10,572	10,613	10,591	10,918
Exchange rate (end-period)	8,140	9,490	10,680	10,467	10,377	10,682	11,154
Real effective exchange rate (2000=100 and + = appn)	100.0	102.1	97.3	97.6	103.2	102.7	102.7
(% change, previous year)	..	0.02	-0.05	0.00	0.06	-0.01	0.00
Stock market index (end-period, Aug 88=100)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Memo: GDP (US\$ million)	1,740	1,762	1,818	2,099	2,451	2,833	3,085

Sources: Recent IMF data and projections

e = estimate

p = projection

1/ Fiscal year basis

2/ Treasury bill rate