

## Lao PDR: Key Indicators

	2001	2002	2003	2004 /e	2005 /p	2006 /p	2007 /p
	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year
<b>Output, Employment and Prices</b>							
GDP (% change previous year)	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.4	7.0	7.1	6.0
Industrial production index (1993=100)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(% change, previous year)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unemployment rate (%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Real wage growth (%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Consumer price index (% change, previous year)	7.5	10.6	15.5	10.5	7.2	6.8	5.0
<b>Public Sector 1/</b>							
Government balance, after grants (% GDP)	-4.4	-4.0	-5.7	-3.4	-3.5	-4.0	-3.9
Domestic public sector debt (% GDP)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Foreign Trade, BOP and External Debt</b>							
Trade balance (US\$ million)	-288	-263	-244	-478	-457	-461	-550
Exports of goods (US\$ million)	362	370	450	500	659	749	782
(% change, previous year)	5.8	2.2	21.6	11.1	31.8	13.7	4.4
Key Export (% change, previous year)	12.1	1.7	23.4	12.9	26.6	15.5	..
Imports of goods (US\$ million)	650	633	694	977	1,116	1,210	1,332
(% change, previous year)	-9.4	-2.6	9.6	40.8	14.2	8.4	10.1
Current account balance (US\$ million)	-146	-131	-174	-361	-430	-365	-463
(% GDP)	-8.3	-7.2	-8.0	-14.0	-15.0	-12.0	-13.8
Foreign direct investment (US\$ million)	24	60	42	256	265	205	327
Total external debt (million US\$ million)	1,458	1,614	2,171	2,530	2,910	3,179	3,428
(% GDP)	82.7	88.8	101.5	101.2	102.9	102.4	102.1
Short-term debt (US\$ million)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Debt service ratio (% exports of g&s)	15.8	14.0	14.3	18.2	19.7	25.7	26.5
Reserves, excluding gold (\$US million)	134	196	214	227	226	246	267
(months of imports of goods and services) 2/	2.9	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2
<b>Financial Markets</b>							
Domestic credit (% change, previous year)	69.3	-48.0	10.5	20.6	18.8	..	..
Short-term interest rate 3/	22.7	21.4	24.9	16.0	..	..	..
Exchange rate (average)	8,913	10,115	10,572	10,613	10,591	10,600	10,800
Exchange rate (end-period)	9,490	10,680	10,467	10,377	10,768	10,800	11,000
Real effective exchange rate (2000=100 and + = appn)	102.1	97.3	97.6	103.2	102.7	102.7	102.7
(% change, previous year)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Stock market index (end-period, Aug 88=100)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Memo: GDP (US\$ million)	1,762	1,818	2,138	2,501	2,828	3,104	3,358

Sources: Recent IMF data and projections

e = estimate

p = projection

1/ Fiscal year basis

2/ Excluding large projects

3/ Treasury bill rate