

Lao PDR: Key Indicators

	2000 Year	2001 Year	2002 Year	2003 Year	2004 /e Year	2005 /p Year	2006 /p Year
Output, Employment and Prices							
GDP (% change previous year)	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.3	6.0	7.0	6.5
Industrial production index (1993=100)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(% change, previous year)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unemployment rate (%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Real wage growth (%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Consumer price index (% change, previous year)	10.6	7.5	15.2	15.0	10.5	7.8	5.0
Public Sector 1/							
Government balance, after grants (% GDP)	-4.6	-4.4	-4.0	-5.8	-3.9	-4.1	-3.9
Domestic public sector debt (% GDP)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Foreign Trade, BOP and External Debt							
Trade balance (US\$ million)	-211	-209	-230	-217	-315	-201	-201
Exports of goods (US\$ million)	351	333.6	340.5	401	437.3	563.1	663
(% change, previous year)	2.6	-5.0	2.1	17.8	9.1	28.8	17.7
Key Export (% change, previous year)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Imports of goods (US\$ million)	562	542	570	618	752	764	864
(% change, previous year)	1.4	-3.5	5.1	8.4	21.7	1.6	13.1
Current account balance (US\$ million)	-25	-66	-98	-116	-204	-209.2	-304.4
(% GDP)	-1.4	-3.7	-5.4	-5.5	-8.5	-7.9	-10.5
Foreign direct investment (US\$ million)	..	..	60	69	186	105	86
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	104.0	93.0	90.7	93.6
Short-term debt (US\$ million)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Debt service ratio (% exports of g&s)	15.5	16.7	14.6	16.2	19.0	16.2	14.4
Reserves, excluding gold (\$US million)	127	134	196	216	239	260	287
(months of imports of goods and services)	2.6	2.6	3.5	3.2	3.9	4.2	4.3
Financial Markets							
Domestic credit (% change, previous year)	37.9	66.8	-6.0	0.4	..	..	..
Short-term interest rate 2/	29.9	22.7	21.4	24.9	..	..	..
Exchange rate (average)	7,878	8,913	10,116	10,572	10,671	11,055	11,384
Exchange rate (end-period)	8,218	9,490	10,680	10,467	10,357	..	..
Real effective exchange rate (1990=100 and + = appn)	108.9	111.0	106.2	106.9	109.3	..	..
(% change, previous year)	11.5	1.9	-4.4	0.7	2.2	..	..
Stock market index (end-period, Aug 88=100)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Memo: GDP (US\$ million)	1,733	1,762	1,818	2,088	2,412	2,665	2,895

Sources: IMF IFS; IMF, "Third Review Under Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility" August 2003;

e = estimate

p = projection

1/ Fiscal year basis

2/ Treasury bill rate