

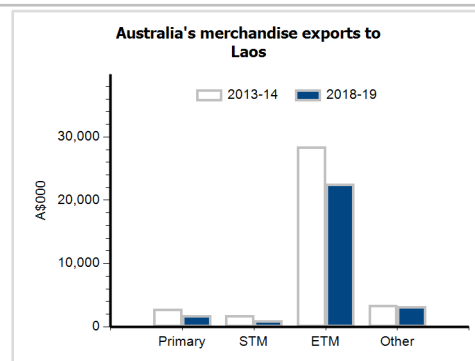
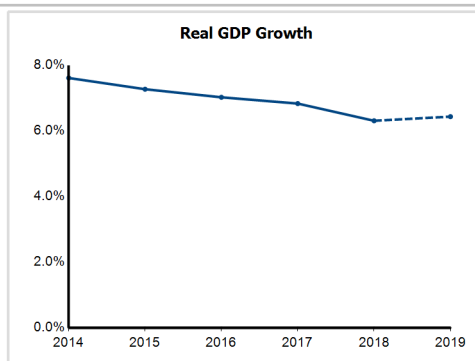
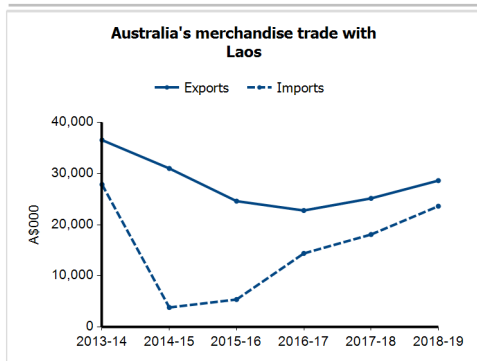
## General information

<b>Capital:</b>	Vientiane
<b>Land area:</b>	230,800 sq km
<b>Official language(s):</b>	Lao
<b>Population:</b>	7.1 million (2018)
<b>Currency:</b>	Kip

<b>Head of State</b>
President HE Mr Bounnhang Vorachit
<b>Head of Government</b>
Prime Minister HE Dr Thongloun Sisoulith

## Economic indicators (a)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>GDP (US\$b) (current prices)</b>	13.3	14.4	15.9	17.1	18.1	19.1
<b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>	1,998.0	2,130.6	2,324.9	2,454.9	2,566.0	2,670.2
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)</b>	38.6	41.8	45.2	49.2	53.6	58.1
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>	5,813.6	6,206.4	6,608.4	7,082.0	7,593.7	8,109.6
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>	7.6	7.3	7.0	6.8	6.3	6.4
<b>Current account balance (US\$b)</b>	-3.1	-3.2	-1.8	-1.8	-2.2	-2.3
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	-23.3	-22.4	-11.0	-10.6	-12.0	-12.1
<b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>	4.1	1.3	1.8	0.7	2.0	3.1
<b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	na



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

### Australian merchandise trade with Laos, 2018-19 (A\$000)

Exports to Laos	28,634
Imports from Laos	23,619
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	52,253

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Laos	0.0%	90th	13.8%
Imports from Laos	0.0%	96th	30.6%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	0.0%	103rd	20.9%

### Major Australian exports, 2018-19 (A\$000)

Pumps for liquids & parts	4,393
Specialised machinery & parts	2,290
Civil engineering equipment & parts	1,755
Taps, cocks & valves	1,419

### Major Australian imports, 2018-19 (A\$000)

Telecom equipment & parts	18,918
Footwear	1,525
Jewellery	1,462
Computers	513

\*Includes \$3m of confidential items & special transactions, 11% of total exports.

### Australia's trade in services with Laos, 2018-19 (A\$m)

Exports of services to Laos	39
Imports of services from Laos	37

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Laos	0.0%	76th	5.4%
Imports of services from Laos	0.0%	83rd	15.6%

### Australia's investment relationship with Laos, 2018 (A\$m)

Australia's investment in Laos	
Laos' investment in Australia	

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Laos	np	np
Laos' investment in Australia	6	0

## Laos' global merchandise trade relationships

### Laos' principal export destinations, 2018

1 Thailand	41.6%
2 China	34.7%
3 Vietnam	7.2%
19 Australia	0.3%

### Laos' principal import sources, 2018

1 Thailand	59.3%
2 China	21.2%
3 Vietnam	8.4%
14 Australia	0.3%