



LAOS

Key economic indicators: 2023 (top), 2022 (bottom) and sparkline (2018-2023). Estimates are blue. Source: IMF WEO

Nominal GDP (USD billions)	Population (people, millions)	Real GDP growth (% yoy)	Unemployment (% labour force)	Current account balance (% GDP)	Gross govt debt (% GDP)
14.9 ▼ 15.1	7.6 ▲ 7.5	3.7 ▲ 2.3	na na	2.7 ▲ -3.0	115.9 ▼ 130.7

Australia - Laos investment, 2023 (stocks)

Source: ABS

Investment in Laos		Investment from Laos	
Total (A\$m)	FDI (A\$m)	Total (A\$m)	FDI (A\$m)
np	np	np	np
Destination Ranking: na		Source Ranking: na	

Australia's goods and services trade with Laos, 2023-24

Source: DFAT-adjusted ABS data

Exports		Destination Ranking: 81	Imports		Source Ranking: 52
Item	A\$m		Item	A\$m	
Education-related travel	69.0		Gold	616.5	
Other services - details not provided	11.0		Recreational travel	34.0	
Recreational travel	11.0		Telecom equipment & parts	11.3	
Pumps for liquids & parts	6.1		Business-related travel	7.0	
Vegetables, f.c.f.	4.7		Other services - details not provided	6.0	
Business-related travel	3.0		Footwear	5.4	
Taps, cocks & valves	2.3		Silver & platinum	4.3	
Total	123.1		Total	689.3	

Laos' global merchandise trade relationships, 2023

Source: Various international sources

Principal export destinations				Principal import sources			
Destination	Share	Rank		Destination	Share	Rank	
China	38.7%	1		Thailand	48.9%	1	
Vietnam	23.8%	2		China	25.7%	2	
Thailand	21.0%	3		Vietnam	6.5%	3	
Australia	5.0%	4		Japan	3.8%	4	
India	2.6%	5		United States	3.7%	5	
				Australia	3.3%	6	

Flow of people from Laos

Source: Home Affairs, DESE

Visitor arrivals (movements)	Resident returns (movements)	International student numbers	Arrivals and returns, years ended Jun
Year ended Jun 2024	Year ended Jun 2024	2023	
3,310	6,780	975	
0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	

Arrivals and returns, years ended Jun

Year	Arrivals	Returns
2010	2,000	10,000
2011	2,000	9,000
2012	2,000	8,000
2013	2,000	7,000
2014	2,000	6,000
2015	2,000	5,000
2016	2,000	4,000
2017	2,000	3,000
2018	2,000	2,000
2019	2,000	1,000
2020	1,000	500
2021	2,000	1,000
2022	3,000	2,000
2023	4,000	3,000

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IMF data may include forecasts or projections for recent years.  
Merchandise trade data may exclude confidential items of trade. Totals may not add up due to rounding. Investment data is stocks as at end December. All data may be subject to future revisions.  
GDP - Gross Domestic Product. na - Data is not available. np - Data is not published. f.c.f - Fresh, chilled or frozen. nes - Not elsewhere specified.