

COUNTRY FACT SHEET: LAOS

U.S. Ambassador to Laos: Dan Clune
 Laos Ambassador to the United States: Mai Sayavongs

PROFILE

Population: 7 million[±]
 Capital: Vientiane
 Government: Republic

Next election scheduled: April 2016 (National Assembly)
 Head of government: Thongsing Thammavong
 (Prime Minister)

ECONOMY

• 2015 nominal GDP (Current US\$ billions) [±] :	12.5		
• 2015 nominal GDP per capita (Current US\$) [±] :	1,785		
	2013	2014	2015
Real GDP growth rate (%) [±]	8.0	7.4	7.5
Real GDP per capita growth rate (%) [±]	12.7	6.3	5.4
CPI (%) [±]	6.4	5.5	5.3
Unemployment (%) [*]	1.4	N/A	N/A
• Economic mix in 2015[*] : 32.5% manufacturing; 38.5% services; 22.3% agriculture			

FOREIGN MERCHANDISE TRADE (US\$ millions)

	2013	2014	2015
Laos's exports to the world [*]	2,000	3,000	3,000
Laos's imports from the world [*]	3,000	4,000	5,000
U.S. exports to Laos ^{**×}	24.4	28.5	24.6
U.S. imports from Laos ^{**×}	30.5	32.9	45.1
U.S. trade balance with Laos ^{**×}	-6.1	-4.4	-20.5

- **Rank of Laos as U.S. export market in 2015^{**}**: 183rd largest (0% of U.S. exports)
- **Rank of Laos as source of U.S. imports in 2015^{**}**: 147th largest (0% of U.S. imports)
- **Rank of Laos in total U.S. trade in 2015[×]**: 173rd largest (0% of U.S. trade)
- **Principal U.S. exports to Laos in 2015[×]**: pearls/precious stones (30%); nuclear parts (21%); fibers/fabrics (8%); aircraft (7%); vehicles (6%); pharmaceuticals (5%); metals (5%);
- **Principal U.S. imports from Laos in 2015[×]**: pearls/precious stones (22%); inorganic chemicals (20%); apparel (20%); coffee (11%); iron/steel articles (11%) plastics (5%)

U.S. TRADE IN SERVICES (U.S.\$ millions)

	2013	2014	2015
U.S. exports to Laos	N/A	N/A	N/A
U.S. imports from Laos	N/A	N/A	N/A

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (U.S.\$ millions)

	2013	2014	2015
U.S. FDI in Laos	0	0	0
FDI into the United States from Laos	0	0	0

- **Principal suppliers of foreign investment to Laos^{±±}**: China, Vietnam, Thailand, South Korea, France, Japan, Netherlands, Malaysia, Norway

BUSINESS CONDITION RANKINGS

- **World Bank Doing Business in 2016**: 134 of 189 (139 in 2015)
- **Transparency International Corruption Perception Index 2015**: 139 of 168 (145 of 175 in 2014)

COMMERCIAL OFFICER INFORMATION

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* EIU, **Global Trade Atlas, [±]IMF, ^{±±}Country Commercial Guide, [×]USA Trade Online, Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce, N/A Not available