

LAO PDR

Location: Southeastern Asia, northeast of Thailand, west of Vietnam

Capital: Vientiane

Area:

Total: 236,800 sq km

Land: 230,800 sq km

Water: 6,000 sq km

Population: 7,425,057 2021. WB.

Rural Population: 4,653,497

Population Density: (per sq KM) 32 2020 WB.

Population Growth Rate: 1.4% 2021 Data

Population below Poverty Line: 18.3%. ABD. 2018

Ethnic Groups: Lao 54.6%, Khmou 10.9%, Hmong 8%, Tai 3.8%, Phuthai 3.3%, Lue 2.2%, Katang 2.1%, Makong 2.1%, Akha 1.6%, other 10.4%, unspecified 1% (2005 est.)

Climate: Tropical monsoon; rainy season (May to November); dry season (December to April)

Natural Resources: timber, hydropower, gypsum, tin, gold, gemstones

Languages: Lao (official), French, English, various ethnic languages

Religions: Buddhist 66.8%, Christian 1.5%, other 31%, unspecified 0.7% (2005 est.)

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 8.8%. 2020. WB (arable land 5.3%; permanent crops 0.6%; permanent pasture 3.7%)

Forest: 71.9% 2020.WB

Other: 21.5% (2011 est.)

Natural Hazards: Floods, droughts

Literacy: **87.07%**, 2021. <https://www.macrotrends.net>

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 2.5% 2021. WB

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$2,535.6 2021. WB

Exports: \$ 6.1 billion in 2020. WTO.

Export Commodities: wood products, coffee, electricity, tin, copper, gold, cassava

Improved Drinking Water Source: 84% of population. VNR Report 2021, LAO PDR

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 75 % of population (2019). Lao Country overview report. 2020