

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: 7,633,779 WDI-2023

Rural Population: 4,714,088 (2023)

Population Density: (per sq KM) 32.17 2021 WDI

Population Growth Rate: 1.37% 2023 WDI

Population below Poverty Line: 18.3% (2018) WDI

Ethnic Groups: Lao 53.2%, Khmou 11%, Hmong 9.2%, Phouthay 3.4%, Tai 3.1%, Makong 2.5%, Katong 2.2%, Lue 2%, Akha 1.8%, other 11.6% .

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 64.7%, Christian 1.7%, none 31.4%, other/not stated 2.1%

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 9.8% (2022) FAO. (Arable land 54.4% (2022) FAO/ Permanent crops 15.6% (2022) FAO/ Permanent meadows and pastures 30.1% (2022)

Forest: 71.75% 2021 WDI

Other: 19.45%

Natural Hazards: Floods, droughts.

Literacy: 87.52% WDI 2022

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 3.74% WDI 2023

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$2659.71 WDI 2023

Exports: \$ 6.1 billion in 2020. WTO.

Exports Commodities: wood products, coffee, electricity, tin, copper, gold, cassava.

Improved Drinking Water Source: 85.46% of population (2022) WDI.

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 79.51%. of population (2022) WDI