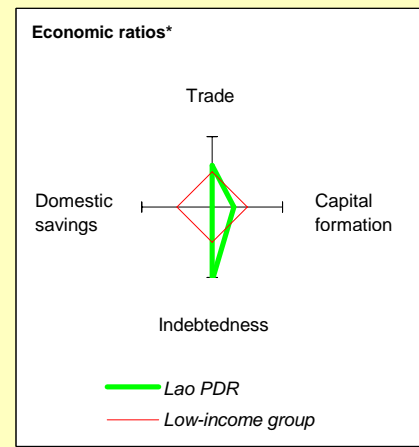
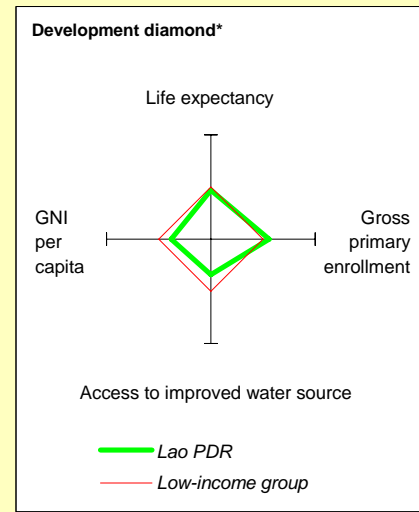


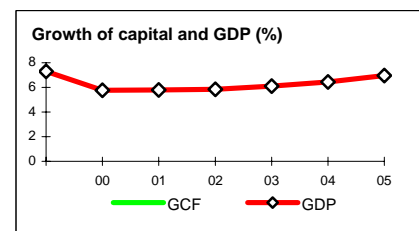
Lao PDR at a glance

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	Lao PDR	East Asia & Pacific	Low-income		
POVERTY and SOCIAL					
2005					
Population, mid-year (<i>millions</i>)	5.9	1,885	2,353		
GNI per capita (<i>Atlas method, US\$</i>)	440	1,627	580		
GNI (<i>Atlas method, US\$ billions</i>)	2.6	3,067	1,364		
Average annual growth, 1999-05					
Population (%)	2.3	0.9	1.9		
Labor force (%)	3.0	1.3	2.3		
Most recent estimate (latest year available, 1999-05)					
Poverty (% of population below national poverty line)	..	..	..
Urban population (% of total population)	21	41	30		
Life expectancy at birth (<i>years</i>)	55	70	59		
Infant mortality (<i>per 1,000 live births</i>)	65	29	80		
Child malnutrition (% of children under 5)	40	15	39		
Access to an improved water source (% of population)	51	79	75		
Literacy (% of population age 15+)	69	91	62		
Gross primary enrollment (% of school-age population)	116	115	104		
Male	124	116	110		
Female	109	114	99		
KEY ECONOMIC RATIOS and LONG-TERM TRENDS					
	1985	1995	2004	2005	
GDP (<i>US\$ billions</i>)	2.4	1.8	2.5	2.9	
Gross capital formation/GDP	7.0	..	17.4	16.7	
Exports of goods and services/GDP	2.4	23.2	24.8	27.6	
Gross domestic savings/GDP	1.3	
Gross national savings/GDP	1.3	15.2	2.9	1.5	
Current account balance/GDP	-4.1	-10.8	-14.5	-15.1	
Interest payments/GDP	0.0	0.3	0.5	..	
Total debt/GDP	26.1	122.8	82.7	..	
Total debt service/exports	12.0	6.2	8.5	..	
Present value of debt/GDP	62.3	..	
Present value of debt/exports	248.7	..	
	1985-95	1995-05	2004	2005	2005-09
<i>(average annual growth)</i>					
GDP	5.6	6.1	6.4	7.0	6.5
GDP per capita	2.9	3.6	4.0	4.6	4.3
Exports of goods and services



	1985	1995	2004	2005
STRUCTURE of the ECONOMY				
<i>(% of GDP)</i>				
Agriculture	..	55.7	47.1	46.0
Industry	..	19.2	27.1	27.9
Manufacturing	..	14.3	20.4	..
Services	..	25.1	25.8	26.1
Household final consumption expenditure	90.0	..	..	..
General gov't final consumption expenditure	8.7	..	..	..
Imports of goods and services	5.8	37.3	32.6	31.4
	1985-95	1995-05	2004	2005
<i>(average annual growth)</i>				
Agriculture	4.0	4.4	2.9	2.6
Industry	11.3	10.3	11.7	16.0
Manufacturing	13.1	9.8	13.3	6.7
Services	4.9	6.3	7.5	5.6
Household final consumption expenditure	..	..	..	..
General gov't final consumption expenditure	..	..	..	..
Gross capital formation	..	..	..	..
Imports of goods and services	..	..	..	..

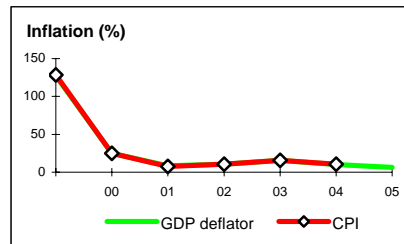


Note: 2005 data are preliminary estimates.

* The diamonds show four key indicators in the country (in bold) compared with its income-group average. If data are missing, the diamond will be incomplete.

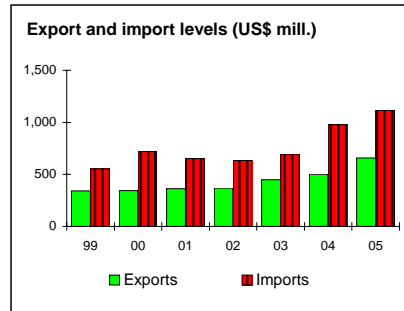
PRICES and GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	1985	1995	2004	2005
Domestic prices				
(% change)				
Consumer prices	..	19.6	10.5	..
Implicit GDP deflator	64.8	19.7	10.3	6.5
Government finance				
(% of GDP, includes current grants)				
Current revenue	..	16.5	11.7	12.0
Current budget balance	..	6.5	3.7	2.8
Overall surplus/deficit	..	-3.9	-3.3	-3.4



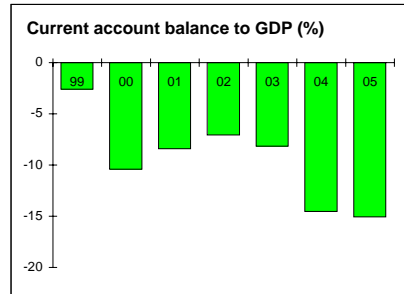
TRADE

	1985	1995	2004	2005
(US\$ millions)				
Total exports (fob)	..	313	500	659
Electricity	..	24	105	110
Mining	58	216
Manufactures	..	15	14	18
Total imports (cif)	..	589	977	1,116
Food	..	49	90	102
Fuel and energy	..	22	62	76
Capital goods	..	201	490	565
Export price index (2000=100)	..	99	108	128
Import price index (2000=100)	..	99	120	100
Terms of trade (2000=100)	..	101	90	128



BALANCE of PAYMENTS

	1985	1995	2004	2005
(US\$ millions)				
Exports of goods and services	58	410	687	874
Imports of goods and services	138	658	1,033	1,191
Resource balance	-80	-249	-346	-316
Net income	-18	-7	-101	-207
Net current transfers	..	64	85	93
Current account balance	-98	-191	-361	-430
Financing items (net)	118	206	391	451
Changes in net reserves	-21	-15	-30	-21
Memo:				
Reserves including gold (US\$ millions)	..	..	227	226
Conversion rate (DEC, local/US\$)	45.0	804.7	10,670.5	10,591.0



EXTERNAL DEBT and RESOURCE FLOWS

	1985	1995	2004	2005
(US\$ millions)				
Total debt outstanding and disbursed	619	2,165	2,056	..
IBRD	0	0	0	0
IDA	27	285	616	598
Total debt service	7	26	53	..
IBRD	0	0	0	0
IDA	0	3	13	14
Composition of net resource flows				
Official grants	15	130	114	..
Official creditors	37	75	50	..
Private creditors	0	0	0	..
Foreign direct investment (net inflows)	-2	95	17	..
Portfolio equity (net inflows)	0	0	0	..
World Bank program				
Commitments	0	19	28	..
Disbursements	0	28	37	35
Principal repayments	0	1	8	9
Net flows	0	27	29	26
Interest payments	0	2	5	5
Net transfers	0	25	24	21

