

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Item	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
001 POPULATION million; as of 1 July	3.53	3.62	3.72	3.83	3.94	4.05	4.14	4.25
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS Mn Kips; calendar year								
At Current Factor Cost								
002 GDP by Industrial Origin	...	84282	124158	160558	223758	424195	607317	712022
003 Agriculture	...	45437	69989	91927	135048	258246	371835	414461
004 Mining	...	313	252	222	530	1049	896	936
005 Manufacturing	...	8392	14024	14520	15794	37575	60462	88939
006 Electricity, gas and water	...	4823	4491	3028	2855	3745	8839	9840
007 Construction	...	1405	3431	4536	7469	12499	17908	20119
008 Trade	...	10878	15850	16950	16466	33878	41968	52369
009 Transport and communications	...	7714	7860	16769	18259	29902	31687	36442
010 Finance	...	1290	2444	5277	7124	10030	6939	7036
011 Public administration ^a	...	2520	4760	5135	11250	19590	35633	36715
012 Others ^b	...	1509	1056	2195	8965	17682	31150	45165
013 Indirect taxes less subsidies	...	124	146	320	4846	7127	5364	9976
014 GDP at current market prices	29109	84406	124304	160878	228604	431322	612681	721998
At Constant 1986 Prices I 1990 Factor Cost								
015 NMP I GDP by Industrial Origin	45579	492756	516706	511433	501842	566042	607317	627974
016 Agriculture	34638	312689	328654	324824	311286	342206	371835	365347
017 Mining	...	942	1159	936	817	976	896	825
018 Manufacturing	3785	37532	42887	40047	37526	52340	60462	78400
019 Electricity, gas and water	...	9337	8946	6013	5656	7433	8839	8674
020 Construction	1613	11450	15537	10562	12174	15091	17908	17735
021 Trade	4478	31974	34941	35358	31943	41177	41968	46163
022 Transport and communications	687	22245	26365	33661	33702	36181	31687	32124
023 Finance	...	10128	10625	12103	11762	4004	6939	6202
024 Public administration ^a	378	38306	38316	38344	38306	39378	35633	31888
025 Others ^b	...	18153	9276	9585	18670	27257	31150	40616
026 Indirect taxes less subsidies	14813	4478	4636	4317	4436	8129	5364	9186
027 GDP at 1986 I 1990 market prices	60392	497234	521342	515750	506278	574171	612681	637160
At Current Market Prices, Kips								
028 Per capita GDP	8246	23329	33397	42027	58021	106420	147991	169962
PRODUCTION thousand metric tons; calendar year								
Agriculture, crop year								
029 1. Rice	1321	1396	1449	1207	1003	1404	1508	1224
030 2. Sweet potatoes	97	85	65	120	187	160	163	132
031 3. Cassava	68	70	70	65	60	62	65	66
032 4. Maize	34	33	42	36	51	44	82	69
033 5. Potatoes	33	34	35	28	25	28	30	33
Mining								
034 1. Tin concentrates, m.t.	430	520	559	501	246	384	342	349
Production Index period average								
035 1. Agriculture, 1989-91 = 100	84.8	85.4	87.7	83.3	78.8	96.8	107.6	95.6
ENERGY annual values								
Coal, '000 m.t.								
036 Production	...	1	2	1	1	1	3	...
Electricity, Mn kWh								
037 Production	990	919	880	577	536	708	844	828
038 Exports	710	716	683	378	374	469	607	562
039 Imports	22	14	19	18	16	13	26	35
040 Consumption	302	217	216	217	178	252	263	192
PRICE INDEXES period averages								
041 Consumer, (Vientiane), ^c Jun 1979 I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dec 1987 I Dec 1995 I Dec 1999 = 100	594.0	982.0	...	...	106.6	170.3	231.4	262.1
042 Food, Dec 1987 I Dec 1995 I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dec 1999 = 100	...	...	...	...	104.3	171.0	222.9	247.0

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
	4.36	4.47	4.59	4.60	4.71	4.83	4.97	5.09	5.22	5.35	001
834522	934973	1089176	1390749	1684713	2156910	4178699	10253626	13565564	15531241		002
492904	538001	621996	767565	891066	1138578	2226881	5507539	7127372	7974629		003
1484	1684	2345	2911	5303	8143	17573	53625	67033	73150		004
106890	122315	139670	196661	262357	342537	712386	1744051	2305848	2772616		005
9751	12581	17320	18912	24565	28789	88861	246919	423331	450414		006
23746	29307	36651	46847	59451	74536	121526	276090	309341	376985		007
61580	77546	89286	116798	146738	194208	404509	991694	1283970	1502018		008
42785	46895	52194	73808	91764	120859	244272	590780	794024	929723		009
8608	10357	11967	20335	22363	29114	7169	57478	105170	134618		010
37265	44000	56000	68000	78500	94757	122934	219394	392690	496698		011
49509	52287	61747	78912	102606	125389	232588	566056	756786	820392		012
10150	16000	18577	28340	40976	43797	61504	74990	105728	138747		013
844672	950973	1107753	1419089	1725689	2200707	4240203	10328616	13671292	15669988		014
672421	707124	763989	814858	871817	935827	982655	1059011	1119891	1182409		015
395537	406233	439980	453684	466206	498683	514071	556199	583591	605619		016
1191	1272	1659	1721	2774	3566	4057	5416	5489	5555		017
85775	92358	98798	116240	137265	150027	164455	176129	188803	210561		018
7825	9499	12252	11178	12852	12609	20513	24936	34663	34206		019
19055	22130	25926	27690	31105	32646	28054	27882	25329	28629		020
49415	58553	63158	69036	76773	85061	93397	100150	105545	114068		021
34333	35409	36920	43625	48011	52935	56390	59662	65015	70606		022
6908	7820	8465	12020	11701	12751	13006	13397	8611	10223		023
31034	30967	28923	27619	27743	28040	29217	31186	33400	33951		024
41348	42883	47908	52045	57387	59509	59495	64054	69446	68990		025
9635	14718	16668	20832	21439	19183	10504	6434	7749	8975		026
682056	721842	780657	835690	893256	955009	993159	1065445	1127640	1191384		027
193785	212627	241341	308498	366388	455633	853675	2028799	2620025	2929517		028
1502	1251	1577	1418	1413	1660	1675	2103	2202	2202		029
105	113	160	99	92	94	108	81	118	118		030
67	68	68	69	70	70	70	71	71	71		031
59	48	56	48	77	78	110	96	117	117		032
35	34	32	31	33	33	33	33	35	35		033
346	308	810	687	736	665	713	691	487	...		034
108.9	101.7	117.2	109.4	111.3	124.5	128.6	149.7	161.1	166.6		035
40	42	4	15 *	...	...	...	...	...	...		036
753	919	1197	1044	1248	1219	...	...	...	...		037
462	356	829	705	782	...	...	...	...	...		038
40	48	58	43	...	...	...	...	...	...		039
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		040
287.9	305.9	326.6	390.7	441.6 |	123.4	241.6	579.2 |	109.7	123.2		041
276.0	265.6	273.0	334.2	378.9 |	125.4	248.9	587.7 |	108.7	121.9		042

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
	306.2	373.0	413.0	481.0	543.4	119.9	234.2	568.8	110.4	127.4	043
	...	...	...	...	...	130.6	248.2	566.9	108.4	116.8	044
	...	...	...	...	...	140.2	270.2	591.4	110.1	117.4	045
	...	...	...	...	...	119.3	222.4	538.1	106.9	116.4	046
	123.8	131.7	141.9	169.8	193.2	230.4	426.9	969.4	1212.4	1315.3	047
	35145	52238	61343	67177	75557	79936	168983	218980	339657	418708 *	048
	22827	33241	38610	41955	42968	53306	63164	77787	67829	104677 *	049
	12318	18997	22733	25222	32589	26630	105819	141193	271828	314031 *	050
	41317	73609	104645	126089	169371	326065	696951	1325137	1769362	2136110 *	051
	76462	125847	165988	193266	244928	406001	865934	1544117	2109019	2554818 *	052
	36649	72909	58710	78000	155581	250445	498180	1267863	1527258	1377362 *	053
	56092	74693	128874	157173	149499	362263	704529	1045122	1439288	2439024 *	054
	570	-9544	12642	651	-43121	-43729	-51839	-272213	-419689	-177430 *	055
	37683	65912	98802	128856	155690	285575	532821	871941	1252578	1534972 *	056
	17839	18325	17430	27666	36930	120417	223547	445394	606400	1021482 *	057
	-16278	-21755	-21596	-41909	-60154	-206705	-336776	-768868	-857527	-1261568 *	058
	90456	110806	131619	161702	217362	228310	367000	929213	1691289	2000433	059
	63513	85928	106730	134699	175958	189591	290311	745453	1366912	1628883	060
	26943	24878	24889	27003	41404	38719	76689	183760	324377	371550	061
	92424	104930	127086	142737	168005	192236	267564	449322	1050133	1229382	062
	-1968	5876	4533	18965	49357	36074	99436	479891	641156	771051	063
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	064
	82217	63134	127643	147085	206750	220004	579052	1269693	1704454	1911421	065
	-82217	-63134	-127643	-147085	-206750	-220004	-579052	-1269693	-1704454	-1911421	066
	-84185	-57258	-123110	-128120	-157393	-183930	-479616	-789802	-1063298	-1140370	067
	4828	14518	5183	-5026	-9437	-47370	53083	-143110	-157648	180287	068
	38948	27130	50644	60436	101570	113526	223252	393361	735638	477631	069
	39946	31270	67283	72710	58260	69915	199720	532374	475320	475684	070
	463	-15660	-	-	7000	47859	3561	7177	9988	6768	071
	174640	170510	265870	303310	374755	412240	846616	1719015	2754587	3140803	072
	92420	104930	126300	160310	...	69031	149805	978998	912269	821374	073
	...	...	...	...	...	49199	56021	66542	224224	277760	074
	2000	1950	2790	1819	...	52400	79100	92000	132700	254574	075
	780	940	1150	1610	...	21000	50000	51600	131700	68228	076
	...	...	...	600	...	18000	28470	32700	90600	116447	077
	2400	2450	3510	4950	...	...	...	...	...	...	078
	...	...	...	...	...	181978	450643	462983	1136838	1245904	079
	3740	2850	4450	4660	...	23600	135100	125600	117100	433995	080
	1230	1260	1570	1570	...	44700	74800	26000	61300	79977	081
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	082
	4670	9280	15190	15820	...	113200	240000	310400	956700	723387	083
	...	...	...	1000	...	478	743	983	1738	8545	084
	...	...	...	...	...	20632	32577	34192	126256	356516	085
	133	241	300	308	317	313	337	302	330	331 *	086
	266	432	564	589	690	648	553	554	535	528 *	087
	-133	-192	-264	-281	-372	-335	-216	-253	-205	-197 *	088
	43	66	96	88	125	90	115	55	73	98 *	089
	17	20	25	24	30	21	67	91	112	106 *	090
	2	4	3	21	25	19	48	15	12	5 *	091
	27	49	58	77	64	91	70	66	92	100 *	092

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Item	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Direction of Trade <i>Mn US dollars; calendar year</i>								
093 Exports, Total	11.4	16.6	14.1	23.3	55.9	95.4	64.4	82.1
094 1. Viet Nam	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	3.6	3.0
095 2. Japan	0.6	1.1	1.3	1.4	6.2	7.2	4.6	4.0
096 3. Thailand	0.9	1.1	1.2	5.4	20.4	39.7	40.3	42.7
097 4. France	-	0.1	0.2	2.1	0.1	0.2	2.5	8.1
098 5. Germany	-	-	-	-	-	0.2	1.7	8.6
099 6. Belgium	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
100 7. United States	2.0	0.5	0.3	0.9	2.9	0.8	0.1	2.0
101 8. United Kingdom	0.4	-	0.2	1.0	-	1.9	0.1	0.1
102 9. Italy	-	-	0.1	-	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.9
103 10. Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.2	1.7
104 Imports, Total	40.5	54.0	60.1	79.8	102.0	128.7	148.6	154.3
105 1. Thailand	19.1	21.7	32.9	40.9	56.4	70.2	72.3	84.3
106 2. Viet Nam	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	3.0	17.6	3.9
107 3. China, People's Republic of	-	-	-	0.7	3.3	4.9	15.9	12.3
108 4. Singapore	6.9	10.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
109 5. Japan	5.6	13.1	14.4	17.1	21.8	26.8	21.6	23.5
110 6. France	0.7	1.5	1.2	0.7	1.1	1.8	3.1	3.3
111 7. Hong Kong, China	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.6	1.3	3.6
112 8. Korea, Republic of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
113 9. Germany	0.6	0.4	0.8	2.1	0.8	1.9	1.0	0.9
114 10. United Kingdom	1.0	0.6	2.1	3.1	2.5	1.5	2.4	2.3
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS <i>Mn US dollars; calendar year</i>								
115 Merchandise exports, fob	43.8	53.6	55.0	64.3	57.9	63.3	78.7	96.6
116 Merchandise imports, cif	-161.9	-193.2	-185.7	-216.2	-149.4	-193.8	-185.4	-135.9
117 Trade balance	-118.1	-139.6	-130.7	-151.9	-91.5	-130.5	-106.7	-39.3
118 Other goods, services and income	-9.8	-7.1	6.5	7.2	-12.5	-12.4	-5.4	-23.0
119 Credit	15.1	21.3	24.4	26.3	18.2	23.3	25.9	39.0
120 Debit	-24.9	-28.4	-17.9	-19.1	-30.7	-35.7	-31.3	-62.0
121 Unrequited transfers	44.9	53.1	34.2	25.4	29.1	24.2	28.6	95.9
122 Private	2.8	3.5	3.7	3.5	6.7	8.3	10.9	10.4
123 Official	42.1	49.6	30.5	21.9	22.4	15.9	17.7	85.5
124 Current balance	-83.0	-93.6	-90.0	-119.3	-74.9	-118.7	-83.5	33.6
125 Direct Investment	-	-	-	-	2.0	4.0	6.0	6.9
126 Portfolio investment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
127 Other long-term capital	30.3	47.7	45.4	56.4	58.7	42.8	45.0	31.3
128 Other short-term capital	53.4	50.2	58.7	55.0	38.1	83.2	58.5	-
129 Commercial banks, net foreign assets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34.9
130 Net errors and omissions	-3.2	19.1	-2.4	-0.2	-25.0	0.8	0.6	-81.0
131 Overall balance	-2.5	23.4	11.7	-8.1	-1.1	12.1	26.6	26.8
132 Allocation of SDRs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
133 Monetary movements	2.5	-23.4	-11.7	8.1	1.1	-12.1	-26.6	-26.8
INTERNATIONAL RESERVES ¹ <i>Mn US dollars; as of end of period</i>								
134 Total	11.2	25.9	32.4	21.2	16.7	2.0	2.4	29.2
135 Gold, national valuation	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
136 Foreign exchange	10.6	25.3	31.8	20.6	16.1	1.4	1.8	28.2
137 Reserve position in the Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
138 SDRs	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.5
EXCHANGE RATES <i>Kips per US dollar^m</i>								
139 End of period	35.000	95.000	95.000	387.500	452.500	713.500	695.500	711.500
140 Average of period	35.000	55.000	95.000	187.500	400.375	591.500	707.750	702.083
EXTERNAL INDEBTEDNESS <i>Mn US dollars; as of end of year</i>								
141 Total debt outstanding and disbursed	518.2	618.7	868.3	1161.4	1330.2	1472.5	1768.0	1874.7
142 Long-term	505.3	606.2	857.1	1151.6	1322.8	1463.2	1757.5	1849.6
143 Public and publicly guaranteed	505.3	606.2	857.1	1151.6	1322.8	1463.2	1757.5	1849.6
144 Private non-guaranteed	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
145 Short-term	1.5	2.0	2.6	3.5	4.9	1.0	2.2	4.2
146 Use of IMF credit	11.4	10.4	8.5	6.3	2.6	8.3	8.4	21.0

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
103.5	240.5	300.4	311.2	320.7	192.1	751.4	462.5	502.5	544.9	093	
7.0	23.1	81.2	87.7	157.6	0.2	119.5	179.4	206.4	227.0	094	
10.9	8.8	4.9	5.3	1.7	6.7	398.3	12.3	10.9	6.6	095	
37.3	74.8	77.2	83.3	96.7	34.3	28.8	51.6	68.9	81.0	096	
12.1	12.6	10.3	11.1	8.2	20.0	23.3	18.2	27.1	33.7	097	
5.3	9.0	11.8	12.7	4.8	16.2	21.4	27.0	20.8	23.4	098	
...	...	...	...	...	17.9	12.7	13.5	13.6	12.4	099
5.8	10.7	5.0	5.3	2.7	7.0	20.0	12.6	8.8	3.6	100	
0.3	-	0.9	0.9	6.6	14.9	7.7	12.5	7.2	8.4	101	
1.3	1.9	0.7	0.8	1.0	9.3	9.5	5.9	9.2	11.1	102	
5.7	3.6	5.0	5.4	-	0.1	5.4	8.9	10.0	9.0	103	
258.4	431.9	564.1	588.8	689.6	408.5	643.8	807.6	816.8	859.7	104	
133.1	164.8	270.3	287.8	310.0	336.7	411.3	452.0	419.0	451.7	105	
17.6	19.7	22.5	23.9	25.8	25.1	80.7	181.8	209.1	230.8	106	
30.6	18.1	20.2	21.5	23.2	4.9	19.6	24.4	37.9	49.4	107	
4.7	19.2	14.7	15.7	16.9	0.6	22.1	37.0	33.6	28.9	108	
30.8	56.1	45.8	48.8	52.5	10.4	21.0	24.9	23.6	12.6	109	
3.3	6.6	5.9	6.2	6.7	1.7	6.2	7.6	27.5	8.4	110	
4.1	4.3	7.0	7.5	8.1	9.5	8.7	11.0	7.9	9.8	111	
-	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5	3.3	5.3	11.9	4.9	6.9	112	
1.4	-	-	-	-	0.9	15.4	9.5	3.6	2.7	113	
1.2	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	8.7	6.1	3.6	114	
132.6	236.3	281.2	285.2	301.6	270.7	336.4	300.7	329.3	330.2 *	115	
-218.5	-355.4	-429.5	-476.2	-587.6	-497.7	-466.6	-445.3	-455.5	-452.9 *	116	
-85.9	-119.1	-148.2	-191.0	-286.0	-227.0	-130.2	-144.6	-126.2	-122.7 *	117	
-19.7	-35.1	-82.7	-68.9	-68.1	-90.8	-26.4	-30.5	5.8	28.7 *	118	
61.2	104.0	111.7	127.0	129.0	154.0	137.0	156.9	184.0	173.0 *	119	
-80.9	-139.1	-194.4	-195.9	-197.1	-244.8	-163.5	-187.3	-178.2	-144.3 *	120	
53.6	113.0	134.2	127.1	124.5	140.2	123.0	99.4	111.8	33.4 *	121	
8.6	9.5	9.5	21.7	42.9	42.7	49.3	29.6	0.6	10.7 *	122	
45.0	103.5	124.7	105.4	81.7	97.5	73.6	69.8	111.2	22.7 *	123	
-52.0	-41.2	-96.7	-132.8	-229.6	-177.6	-33.6	-75.7	-8.6	-60.6 *	124	
7.8	35.8	59.2	88.4	128.0	86.3	45.3	51.6	33.9	23.9 *	125	
1.2	30.3	1.0	6.7	47.6	2.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	126	
73.2	81.3	68.9	106.7	129.0	132.2	93.6	67.2	56.3	79.3 *	127	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128	
-14.9	-35.8	7.4	10.3	-7.6	12.2	-15.0	-46.9	25.0	32.8 *	129	
-3.6	-47.5	-41.9	-48.3	9.9	-115.0	-88.7	-2.8	-71.9	-82.8 *	130	
11.6	22.9	-2.0	31.0	77.3	-59.6	2.1	-6.5	34.7	-7.5 *	131	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
-11.6	-22.9	2.0	-31.0	-77.3	59.6	-2.1	6.5	-34.7	7.5 *	133	
40.9	63.6	61.5	92.7	170.1	112.8	112.8	105.3	139.6	133.4	134	
0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	4.1	0.6	2.4	135	
39.5	60.3	50.0	78.0	159.2	99.6	106.1	101.1	138.9	127.5	136	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	137	
0.8	2.6	10.9	14.1	10.3	12.6	6.1	0.1	0.1	3.4	138	
717.000	718.000	719.000	923.000	935.000	2634.500	4274.000	7600.000	8218.000	9490.000	139	
716.083	716.250	717.667	804.691	921.022	1259.980	3298.330	7102.020	7887.640	8954.580	140	
1917.1	1985.4	2080.1	2164.9	2263.4	2319.9	2436.8	2526.7	2498.9	...	141	
1886.7	1948.2	2022.0	2091.2	2185.8	2246.8	2373.1	2471.3	2449.4	...	142	
1886.7	1948.2	2022.0	2091.2	2185.8	2246.8	2373.1	2471.3	2449.4	...	143	
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	144	
2.3	1.0	11.0	10.1	10.6	7.1	1.3	2.7	7.1	...	145	
28.2	36.2	47.1	63.6	67.0	66.1	62.3	52.7	42.4	...	146	

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Item	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	
<i>Debt service transactions during the year</i>									
147	Principal repayments on LT debt	4.5	3.7	3.8	5.2	4.8	13.1	5.5	5.1
148	Interest on long-term debt	1.2	1.0	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.5	2.9	3.1
149	Interest on short-term debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2
<i>Average terms of new commitments</i>									
150	Interest (%)	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.6
151	Maturity (years)	32.2	31.2	25.1	34.2	35.0	34.6	39.9	36.9
152	Grace period (years)	25.3	26.8	15.8	21.9	23.6	20.1	10.0	15.8
153	Grant element (%)	89.9	91.7	79.8	88.1	90.4	86.9	79.0	83.8

Footnotes:

- a From 1993 onward, item refers to public wage bill.
- b From 1993 onward, item refers to ownership of dwellings, non-profit institutions, hotels and restaurants and other services.
- c Prior to 1986, item refers to end of period CPI for Vientiane with June 1979 as base period. For 1988 to 1996, item refers to average of period CPI for Vientiane with December 1987 as base period. For 1997 to 1999, item refers to average of period CPI for Vientiane with December 1995 as base period. For 2000 to 2001, item refers to average of period CPI for Vientiane with December 1999 as base period.
- d For 1997 to 1999, item refers to average of period CPI for 5 cities with December 1995 as base period. For 2000 to 2001, item refers to average of period CPI for 8 cities with December 1999 as base period.
- e Refers to claims on state enterprises.
- f From 1996 onward, item includes lending.

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
	5.5	23.6	14.9	17.5	19.0	15.0	16.4	19.5	24.2	25.3	147
	3.9	4.6	4.8	5.9	6.2	7.1	7.6	9.0	9.4	11.0	148
	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	...	149
	0.9	0.9	0.9	2.5	2.0	2.6	1.7	1.2	1.4	...	150
	39.8	39.4	39.7	37.1	37.6	39.1	39.4	33.8	31.6	...	151
	10.2	9.9	10.2	9.7	8.8	10.1	9.9	8.7	8.1	...	152
	79.6	78.5	79.2	62.0	66.7	63.6	71.7	72.8	69.9	...	153

g Prior to 1996, item includes lending.

h Includes public works only.

i For 1985 to 1995, item includes mining and energy. For fiscal year 1996/1997 to 2000/2001, item refers to industry and energy.

j Refers to trade and cooperatives only.

k Includes timber. For 1991 onward, item refers to logs, timber and other wood products.

l From 1989 onward, data are based on IMF, IFS to allow data comparability across countries.

m Prior to 1991, data refer to the midpoint of the buying and selling rates quoted by state-owned commercial banks. Beginning 1991, data refer to the midpoint of the buying and selling rates quoted by the Bank of Lao P.D.R. In September 1995, a floating exchange rate policy was adopted, and the commercial banks were allowed to set their rates. Data beginning in September 1995 refer to the simple average of the midpoint rates reported by the commercial banks on a daily basis, covering their transactions for the previous day.