

## Lao People's Democratic Republic



### Geography

Geographic Region: Asia Pacific  
Geographic Sub-region: South-East Asia

### People

Population (July 2010 est) 6,834,345  
Percent of popn 0-14 years 40.80%  
Percent of popn 15-64 years 56.20%  
Percent of popn +65 years 3.10%  
Population growth rate (2009 est.) 2.32%  
Life expectancy 55.89 years

### Religion

65.0% Buddhist, 32.9% animist

### Literacy

Percentage of popn over 15 able to read & write 0.687

### Economy

Currency kip  
Currency code LAK  
Percent of labour force employed in agriculture (2008 est) 0.8  
Percent of labour force employed in industry (2008 est) 0.2  
Percent of labour force employed in services (2008 est) 0

### Government

Head of State President Lt. Gen. Choummali Saignason  
Head of Government Prime Minister Bouasone Bouphavanh  
Legal system Traditional/Civil law  
Government type Communist state

### Economic Statistics

Date	Statistic	Rate
30/06/2010	12 month change in CPI	0.00%
30/06/2010	Unemployment Rate	2.50%
30/06/2010	1 Year GDP Growth Rate	6.40%
30/06/2010	GDP p.a. (in USD billions)	5.80
30/06/2010	LAK v USD Exchange Rate	8256.95

### Available Market Statistics (to Jun 2010)

No index available

Source: CIA World Factbook & Bloomberg