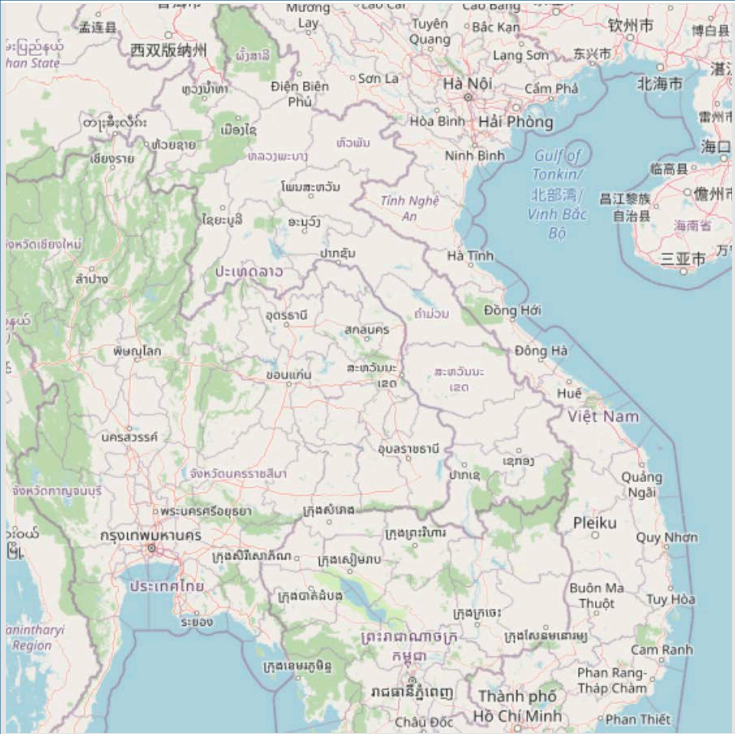


Lao People's Democratic Republic Immigration Detention Data Profile

	Quick Facts	
	Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
	Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
	International migrants (2019)	48,275
	New asylum applications (2019)	10

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/asia-pacific/lao-peoples-democratic-republic>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	Not Available	2019	Total number of detained minors	Not Available	2017
Criminal prison population	8,201	2016	Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	119	2016

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	7,300,000	2020	International migrants	48,275	2019
Total number of new asylum applications	10	2019			

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION

Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Civil law	2017

COVID-19 UPDATES

	Update Status	Observation Date
Latest Update	Historically, Lao PDR has not been a destination for refugees or asylum seekers. However, the country's land-locked location and long borders with five other countries has made Lao susceptible to being used as a source, or point of transit, for human traffickers. As the U.S State Department noted in its 2020 Trafficking in Persons Report, "The government continued to struggle to identify Lao and foreign victims of trafficking within Laos, despite acknowledgment by Lao authorities and NGOs of the increased risk of trafficking in specialized economic zones, agricultural plantations, and large-scale infrastructure projects." Little information is publicly available, though, regarding the treatment of migrants or asylum seekers in immigration enforcement procedures in the country. Since the start of the pandemic, Lao has been lauded for its effective control measures against the virus by the WHO. As of 17 August, there had been 22 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the country.	2020

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
International treaties	Name		Ratification Year
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		2012
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights		2009
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		2009
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights		2007
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children		2003
	CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime		2003
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child		1991
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women		1981
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination		1974
VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations		1973	
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	10/19		
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number		Observation Date
	0/7		2017
Regional treaties, regulations, and directives			
Regional legal instruments	Name		Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)
	ASEAN CATPWC Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children		2017
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms			
Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2010	2017
	No	2015	2017

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

More information about immigration detention in Lao People's Democratic Republic is available at the website of the Global Detention Project (www.globaldetentionproject.org)

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