

United Nations Statistics Division: Demographic Yearbook
Questionnaire on Metadata for Population and Housing Census

Reporting country: [Lao PDR](#)

Population census date: [1 March 2005](#)

Housing census date: [1 March 2005](#)

A. General population census information

1. Census information

Type of census	
(a) Traditional census	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Register based census	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Combination	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Other, please specify <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Type of population count and coverage

Type of population count	
(a) De facto / population present	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) De jure / usual resident population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify whether the following population groups were enumerated in the census

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Nomads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Persons living in areas to which access is difficult	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Civilian residents temporarily absent from the country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(e) Civilian residents who cross a frontier daily to work in another country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(f) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Civilian foreigners who do not cross a frontier daily and are in the country temporarily, including undocumented persons, or transients on ships in harbour at the time of the census	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(h) Civilian foreigners who cross a frontier daily to work in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(i) Refugees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
█	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
█	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Estimated census completeness

Estimated completeness:	Both sexes	Male	Female
(a) Gross under-enumeration (specify unit: Not clear)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	█	█
(b) Gross over-enumeration (specify unit: █)	█	█	█
(c) Net error (specify unit: █)	█	█	█

Base denominator for this estimate is:	
(a) Enumerated population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Estimated "complete" population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Method(s) used in estimating completeness:	
(a) Post Enumeration Survey (PES)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date conducted: █	
Size of sample (specify unit: █):	
For total area: █	

For urban areas: <input type="checkbox"/>	
For rural areas: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Population groups excluded: <input type="checkbox"/>	
(b) Demographic analysis, please specify: Direct method	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other methods, please specify: <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Definition of urban/rural

The definition of urban areas for this census is:

The area that has three of five conditions:

1. Village locates in the metropolitan areas of district or province
2. Village accesses to road in dry and rainy seasons
3. About 70 percent or 2/3 of population in the village access to pipe water.
4. About 70 percent or 2/3 of population in the village access to public electricity.
5. Village has market operating for all day.

The definition of rural areas for this census is:

The area that has less than three conditions as above.

5. Definition of cities

The definition of a city proper for this census is:

[Not applicable](#)

The definition of urban agglomeration for this census is:

[Not applicable](#)

6. Definition of locality

The definition of a locality for this census is:

[Not applicable](#)

7. Definition of literacy

The definition of “literate” and “illiterate” for this census is:

[Literate that means a person who can read and write Lao language. Illiterate that means a person who can not read and write Lao language.](#)

8. Educational attainment

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Education (ISCED) for tabulating the population by educational attainment?

No

If so, what revision?

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCED (specify revision number)?

Yes

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISCED (specify revision number).

B. Economic characteristics

1. Activity status

What is the lower age limit for the collection of information on activity status in this census?

10 years old

Is there a maximum age limit for collection of information on activity status for this census?

No

What reference period do you use to determine the economic activity of a person?

Last 12 months

2. Definition of economically active population used in this census

Definition of economically active population	
(a) Usually active population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Currently active population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are the following groups considered economically active in the national tabulations?
If not, please indicate how they are classified:

Economic group	Yes	No
(a) contributing (unpaid) family workers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) unemployed persons including those never previously employed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) armed forces;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) part-time workers even though they may spend most time at non-gainful activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) domestic servants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Status in Employment

Do you follow the International Standard Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93), for the classification of the Status in Employment in your country?

Yes

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ICSE-93?

Not sure about the version

If no, please point out the major deviations from ICSE-93.

4. Occupation

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Occupations (ISCO) for tabulating the employed population by occupation?

Yes

If yes, what revision? Not sure

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCO (specify revision number)?

Yes

If no, point out the major deviations from ISCO (specify revision number).

5. Industry

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) for tabulating the employed population by industry?

Yes

If so, what revision? Not sure

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISIC (specify revision number).

Yes

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISIC (specify revision number)..

C. Household characteristics

1. Definitions

General definition of a household for this census is:

There are two type of households: private and collective households

The private households can be single person or multi-person households.

A single-person household comprises of one person living in a part or the whole of the dwelling unit, arranging for food and other life necessities on his own without joining other persons and possessing his own civil registration book.

A multi-person household comprises of two or more persons living in a part or the whole dwelling unit, and who together arrange for food and other life necessities and share a common registration book.

Collective households would consist of accommodation units of an enterprise, factory, school, temple, hospital, etc. Examples of collective households are KM 62 Orphanage House, Middle Level Medical School hostel, Dongdok University hostel, a temple where the monks live.

General definition of a family nucleus for this census is:

The concept family is not used at all in the census.

2. Head of household / reference member

Definition	
(a) Head of household, defined as follows: In the Lao society, the husband will often be the head of household. In case of his absence, someone else must speak for the household and assume the head of household role. Therefore, interview another knowledgeable senior member of the household who lives up to the definition, (i.e. the wife, a grown-up son or daughter, etc.) and who is selected by the household.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Reference member of household, defined as follows: Do not know	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other (for example: Joint head of household): Do not know	<input type="checkbox"/>

D. Housing census characteristics

1. Housing information

What definition did you apply in this census for housing unit?

No definition. But one house can be used to lived for many households.

What definition did you apply in this census for conventional dwelling?

Not applicable

Are vacant units included in the enumerated conventional dwellings?

Not applicable

What definition did you apply in this census for room?

It can be the bed room and living room.

2. Definition of cities

(as referred to in the Housing Census Questionnaire: City Data)

General definition of a city in the reporting country for this census

Not applicable. There were 16 provinces, one capital and one special region during the census time. In province there are some districts and villages.

City 1 (Capital City) – Territory refers to:

Vientiane capital

City 2 – Territory refers to:

City 3 – Territory refers to:

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City 4 – Territory refers to:

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E. Bibliography of Population and Housing Statistics

Please list publications that contain results of your latest population census and your latest housing census:

1. The results from the Population and Housing Census 2005.
2. Preliminary Report of the Population and Housing Census 2005.
3. Lao Reproductive Health Survey 2005.
4. Gender Statistics Report in Lao PDR, 2009.
5. Millennium Development Goals, Progress Report of Lao PDR, 2008.
6. Socio-economic Atlas of the Lao PDR, 2008.
7. The Geography of Poverty and Inequality in the Lao PDR, 2008.