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The Tourism Development Department (TDD), Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism publishes annually tourism statistics relating to tourist arrivals, foreign exchange earnings from tourism, tourist expenditures, the average length of stay of tourists in Laos as well as tourist profiles, accommodation establishments and occupancy rates. The purpose of this Statistical Report on Tourism is to provide the public with clear information on an important sector of the Lao economy.

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On behalf of the tourism sector, I hope that the 2018 Statistical Report on Tourism in Lao PDR will be useful and beneficial to all of you.



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Background Information

This section includes background information on the statistical data contained in this report and on how they were obtained.

Categories of Foreign Visitors

Foreign visitors to Laos are grouped into two categories: **international tourists and regional tourists**.

International tourists are those tourists who enter Laos with a valid passport and visa obtained from a Lao embassy or consulate abroad, or a visa obtained on arrival at an international border checkpoint.

Regional tourists are tourists from neighboring countries such as: Thailand, China, Myanmar, Vietnam and Cambodia, which share borders with Laos. They enter Laos with valid border passes or passports. Although some of them are called “day trippers,” they may make overnight stays.

From 1991 to 2002, there was a type of tourists called **Tourists for visa extension**. They are temporary workers in Thailand who cross over the border into Laos in order to extend their three-month visas before reentering Thailand. These tourists are mainly from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. However, from 2003 this type of tourist has been reclassified as “international tourists”.

Data Collection

From 1990 to 1994, statistical data on **international tourists** were collected from embarkation/disembarkation cards of the immigration department and from documents received by the Lao National Tourism Administration (LNTA) from local travel companies. These documents contain the following information:

Name of Travel Company

Name of tourist

Sex

Passport number

Nationality

Carrier

Duration of stay

Port of entry

Place of stay

Since 1995, data on **international tourists** have been collected only from embarkation / disembarkation cards of the immigration department.

Data on **regional tourists** were collected from tabulations sent to the Tourism Development Department (TDD) by immigration officers at each border checkpoint.

Data on tourist profiles, length of stay, and average expenditure per person per day were all calculated using statistical surveys conducted periodically every year through sampling survey methods.

Entry Ports

By air:

Wattay International Airport is the main entry point by air for international tourists; flights are available through Thai Airways, Lao Airlines, Vietnam Airlines, Air Asia, China Eastern Airlines and Bangkok Airways from Vientiane to Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Hanoi, Hochiminh, Kuala Lumpur, Kunming, Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Seoul, Singapore, Guangzhou, Changsha, and Busan.

Luang Prabang International Airport is now an international entry point, and regular flights are available from Luang Prabang to Vientiane, Chiang Mai, Bangkok, Hanoi, Jinghong, Chengdu, Siemreap, Singapore and Incheon.

Savannakhet International Airport, in addition to domestic flights, the only international flight on this route is from Savannakhet to Bangkok and vice-versa operated by Lao Airlines.

Pakse International Airport is stopover point from Vientiane to Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Hochiminh and Bangkok. Lao Airlines flies from Pakse to Bangkok via Savannakhet.

In addition, there are several **provincial airports**, used only for domestic flights within the Lao PDR. (Luang Namtha, Oudomxay, Bokeo, Huaphanh, Xiengkhouang and Phangsaly).

By land:

From Thailand:

Mittaphab (Friendship Bridge I), Vientiane Capital City, the major point of entry for regional and international tourists.

Thanaleng Railway Station, Vientiane Capital City.

Houeixay (Friendship Bridge IV) and Golden Triangle, Bokeo Province.

Pakxan, Bolikhamxay Province.

Mittaphab (Friendship Bridge III), Khammouane Province.

Mittaphab (Friendship Bridge II), Savannakhet Province.

VangTao, Champassack Province.

Nam Heuang Bridge, PhanhKeo and Nam Ngeun, Xaiyabouli Province.

From China:

Boten, LuangNamtha Province.

Lantoui, Phongsali Province.

From Vietnam:

Dane Savanh, Savannakhet Province, the major point of entry for Vietnamese travelers.

Nam Kanh, Xiengkhouang Province (regional border checkpoint only).

Nam Phao, Bolikhamxay Province.

Na Phao, Khammouane Province.

NamSouy, Huaphanh Province.

Pang Hok, Phongsali Province.

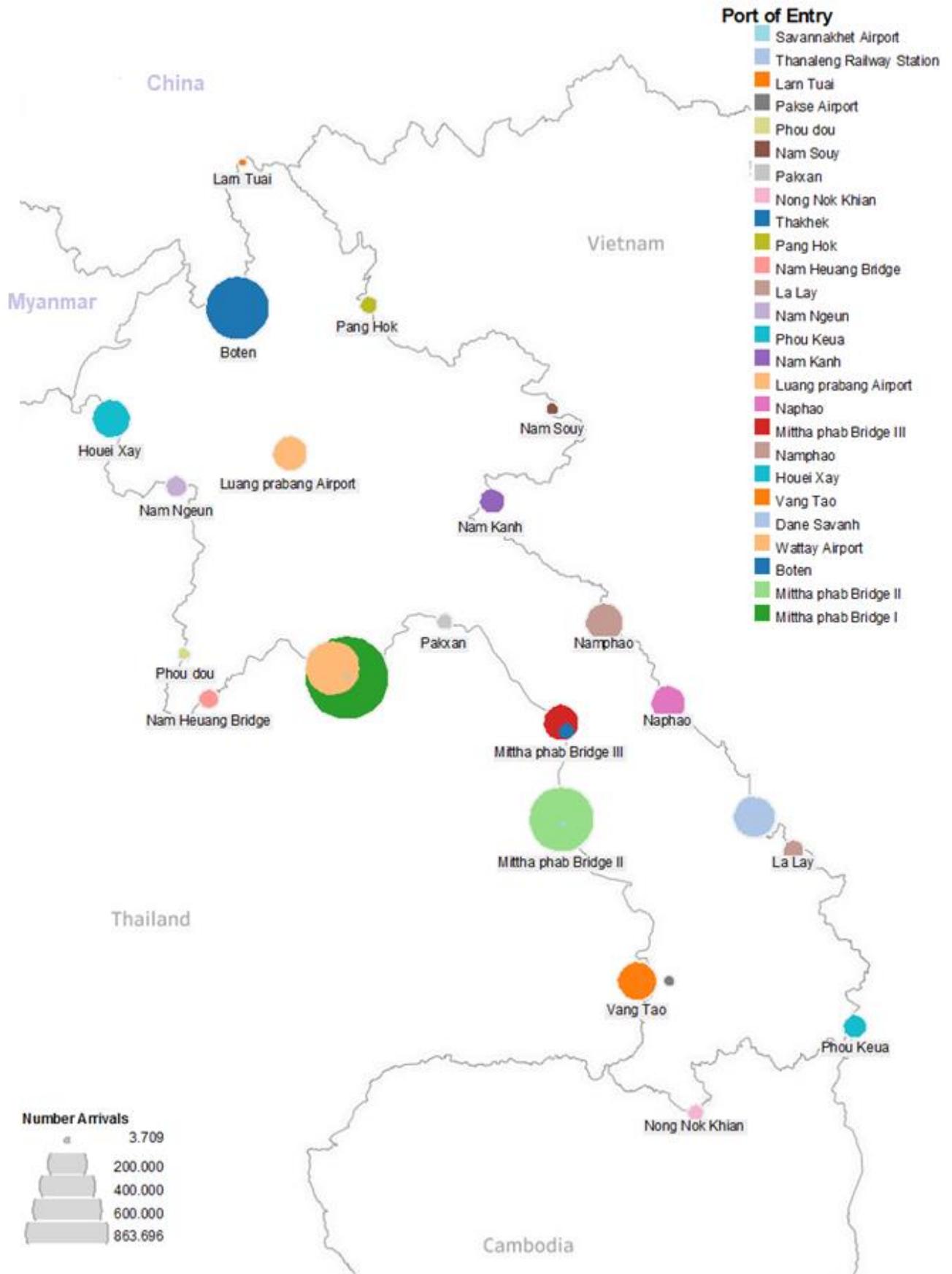
Phoukeua, Attapeu Province.

Lalai, Saravanh Province.

From Cambodia:

NongNokKhian, Champassack Province.

Laos International Border Check Points



Part I: Tourist Arrival Statistics 2018

Table 1: Number of Tourist Arrivals, Revenue from Tourism, And Average Length of Stay, 1990-2018

| Year | Number of Tourist Arrivals | (%) Δ | Average Length of Stay (Days) for International Tourists | Average Length of Stay (Days) for Regional Tourists | Average Length of Stay (Days) for the Total Tourist Arrivals | Revenue from Tourism (Dollars) |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------|--|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 1990 | 14,400 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 1991 | 37,613 | 161.2 | NA | NA | NA | 2,250,000 |
| 1992 | 87,571 | 132.8 | NA | NA | NA | 4,510,000 |
| 1993 | 102,946 | 17.5 | 3.5 | NA | NA | 6,280,000 |
| 1994 | 146,155 | 41.9 | 5.1 | NA | NA | 7,557,600 |
| 1995 | 346,460 | 137.0 | 4.3 | NA | NA | 24,738,480 |
| 1996 | 403,000 | 16.3 | 4.8 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 43,592,263 |
| 1997 | 463,200 | 14.9 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 73,276,904 |
| 1998 | 500,200 | 7.9 | 5.0 | 2.4 | 3.7 | 79,960,145 |
| 1999 | 614,278 | 22.8 | 5.5 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 97,265,324 |
| 2000 | 737,208 | 20.0 | 5.5 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 113,898,285 |
| 2001 | 673,823 | -9.0 | 8.0 | 2.4 | 5.2 | 103,786,323 |
| 2002 | 735,662 | 9.1 | 6.5 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 113,409,883 |
| 2003 | 636,361 | -14.0 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 87,302,412 |
| 2004 | 894,806 | 41.0 | 6.5 | 2.0 | 4.3 | 118,947,707 |
| 2005 | 1,095,315 | 22.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 146,770,074 |
| 2006 | 1,215,106 | 11.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 173,249,896 |
| 2007 | 1,623,943 | 34.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 233,304,695 |
| 2008 | 1,736,787 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 2.0 | 4.3 | 275,515,758 |
| 2009 | 2,008,363 | 16.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 267,700,224 |
| 2010 | 2,513,028 | 25.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 381,669,031 |
| 2011 | 2,723,564 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 406,184,338 |
| 2012 | 3,330,072 | 22.3 | 7.2 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 506,022,586 |
| 2013 | 3,779,490 | 13.0 | 8.4 | 2.0 | 5.2 | 595,909,127 |
| 2014 | 4,158,719 | 10.0 | 7.9 | 2.0 | 4.9 | 641,636,543 |
| 2015 | 4,684,429 | 13.0 | 7.5 | 2.0 | 4.8 | 725,365,681 |
| 2016 | 4,239,047 | -10.0 | 7.5 | 2.0 | 4.8 | 724,191,957 |
| 2017 | 3,868,838 | -8.7 | 8.3 | 2.0 | 5.2 | 648,067,008 |
| 2018 | 4,186,432 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 811,010,661 |

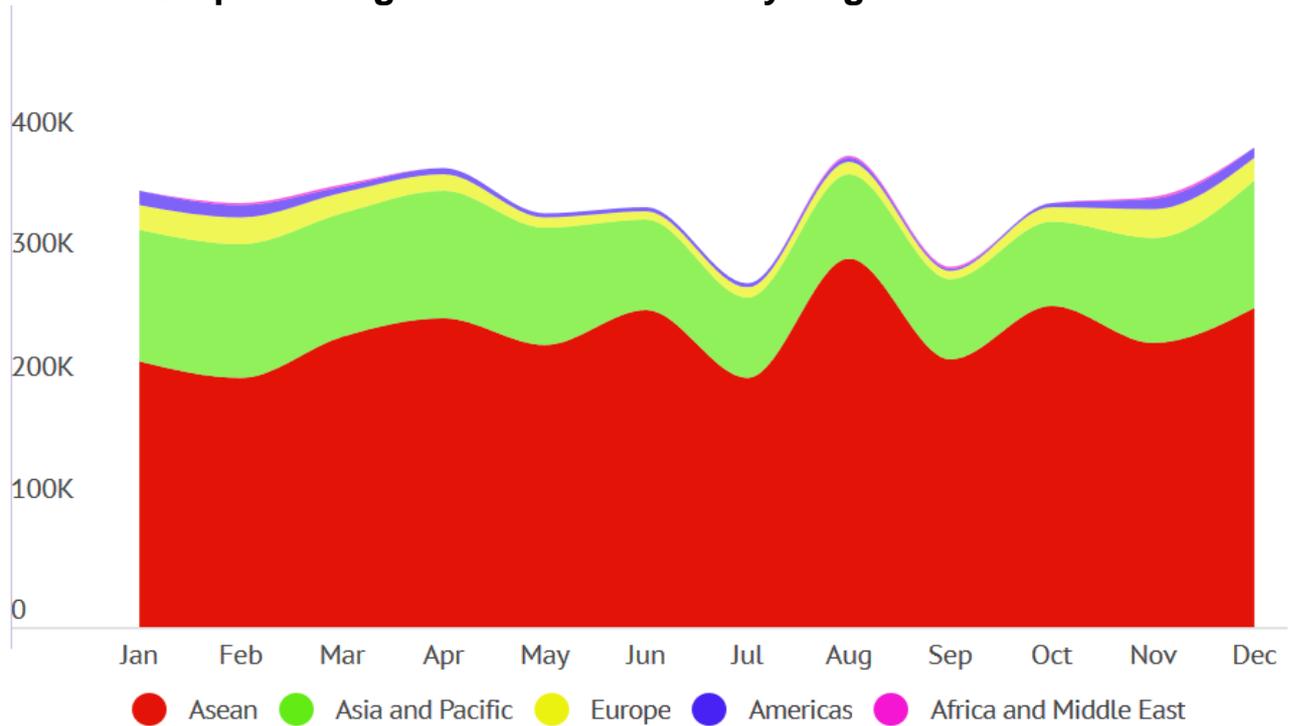
Summary

Because of its strategic location (in the center of Indochina and South-East Asia), Lao PDR is considered to be a “add on destination”. Therefore, Lao tourism performances are likely influenced by several factors at regional level, they are worldwide tourism trends, the movement of tourists to the region, climate change, political and economic circumstances, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and other, the development of unique tourism products for Laos, tourists circuits living Laos with neighboring countries and increase in tourism cooperation with regional countries will be the essential factors to contribute to the success of Lao tourism.

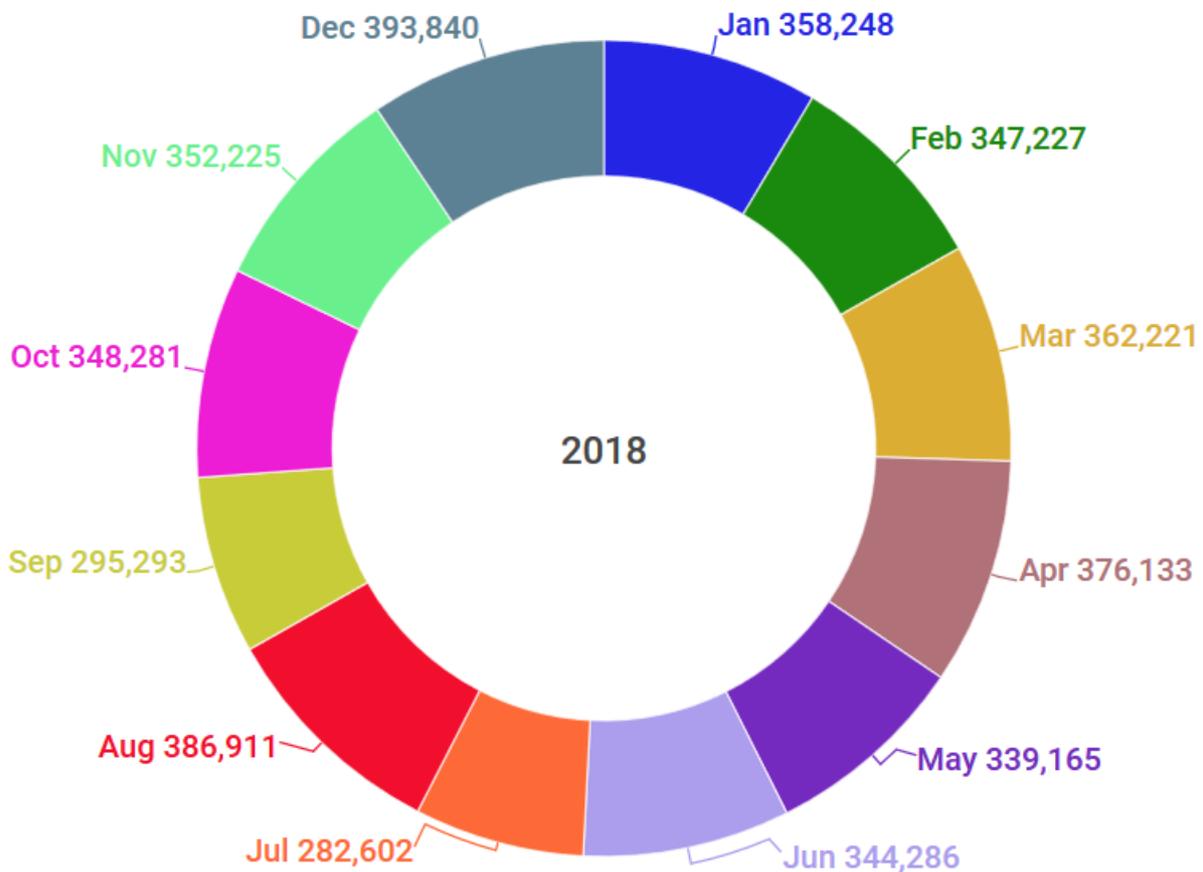
In addition, tourism is one of the eight priority programmes of the socio-economic development of the Lao government. Therefore, the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism has set up the National Tourism Strategy for the period 2016-2025, which is in line with the government policy.

In the period 1990 to 2015 the number of visitors increased every year. Since 2016 this trend has changed, with a drop of 10% in 2016 (4,239,047 visitors), and a further drop of 8.7% in 2017 (3,868,838). However, 2018 showed a slight increase in tourist arrivals by 8.2% compared to 2017 (4,186,432).

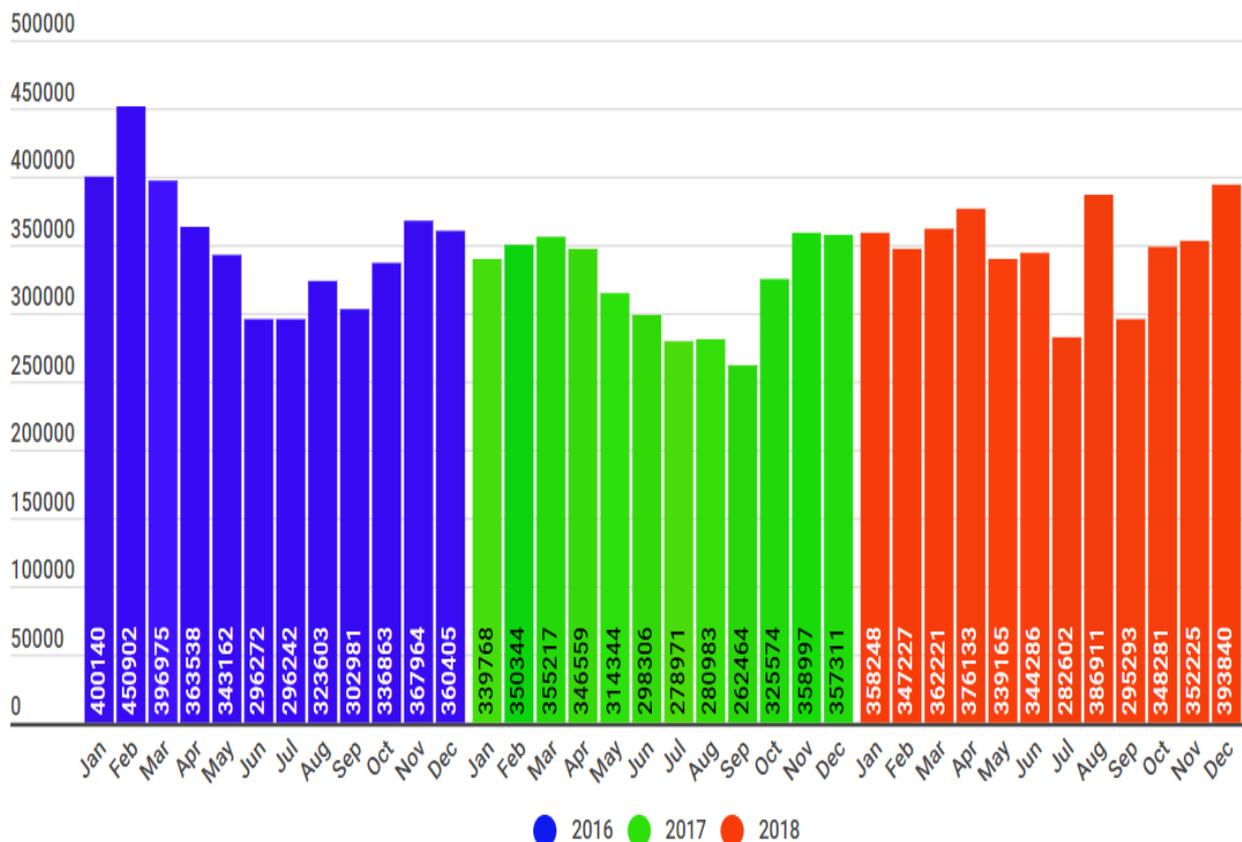
Graph 1: Region Visitor Arrivals by Region and Month



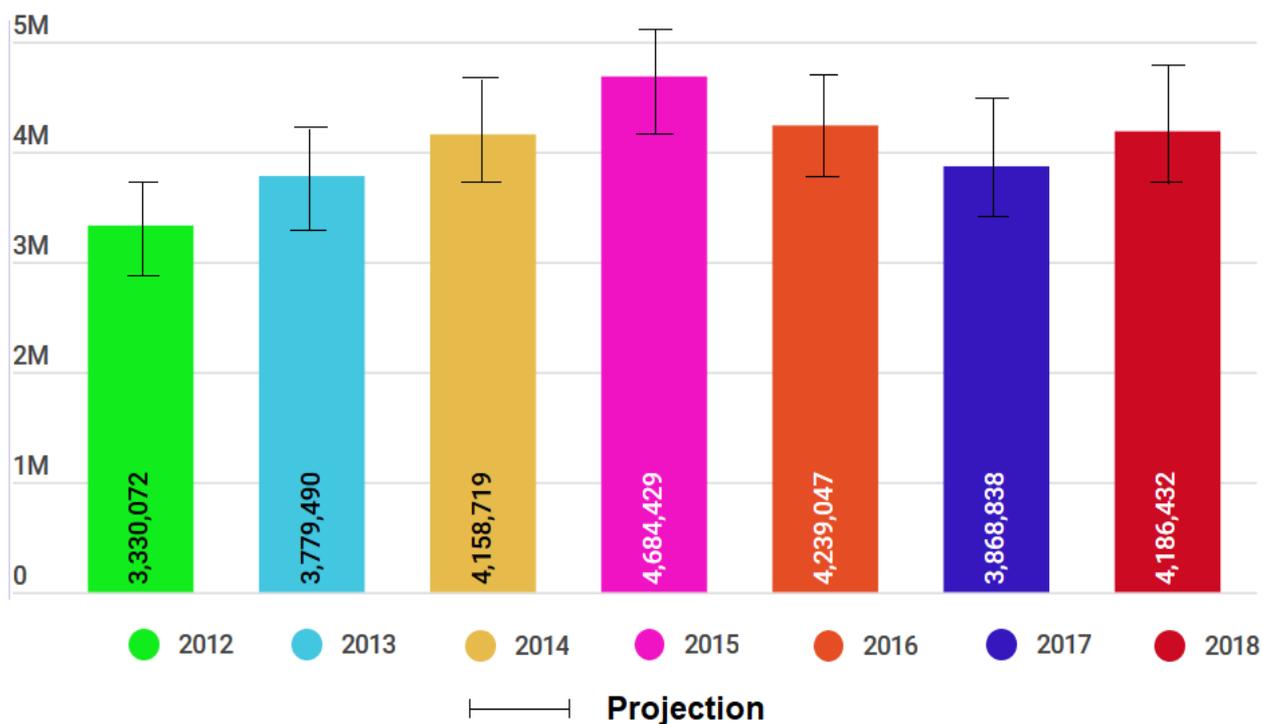
Graph 2: Visitor Arrivals by Month



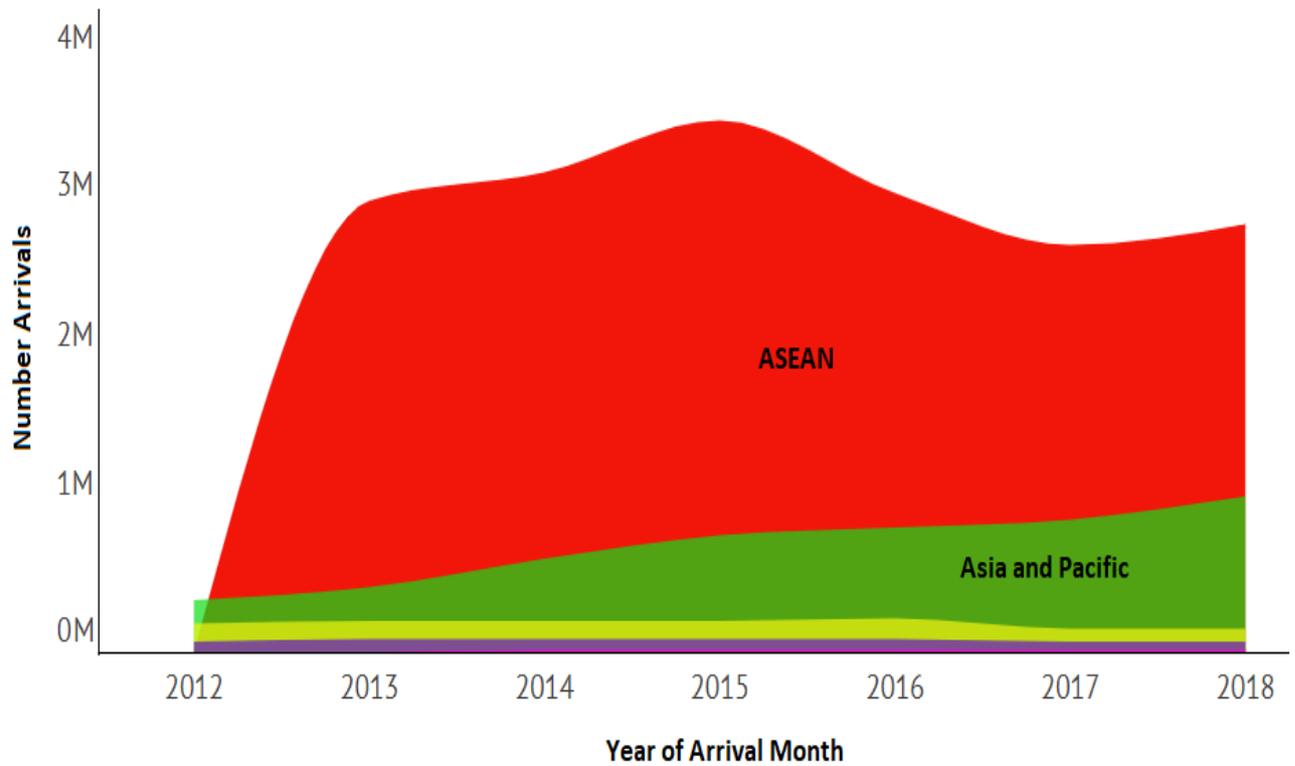
Graph 3: Seasonality in 3 years



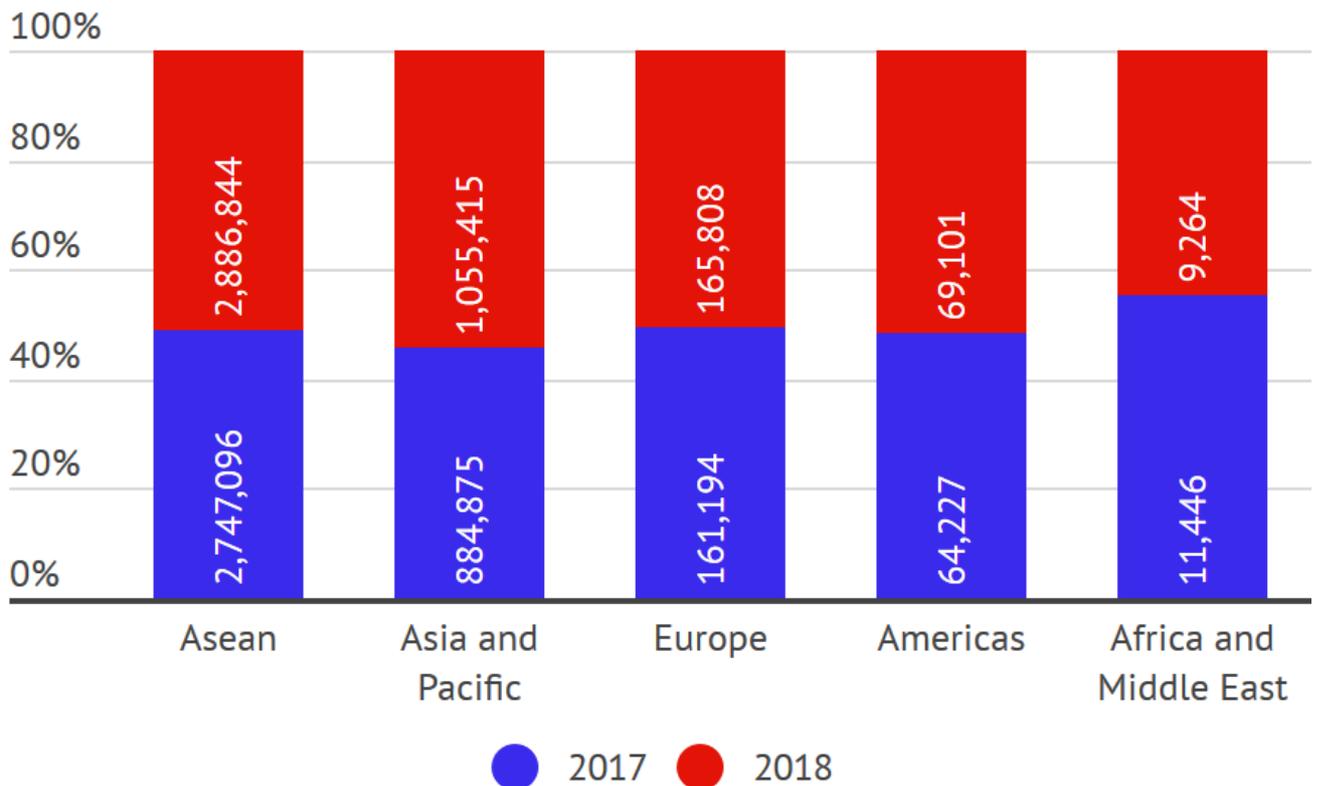
Graph 4: Annual Growth in Visitor with Projection



Graph 5: Visitor Arrivals by Regions



Graph 6: Visitor Arrivals by Regions from 2017-2018



Graph 7: Growth in Visitor Number and Expenditure

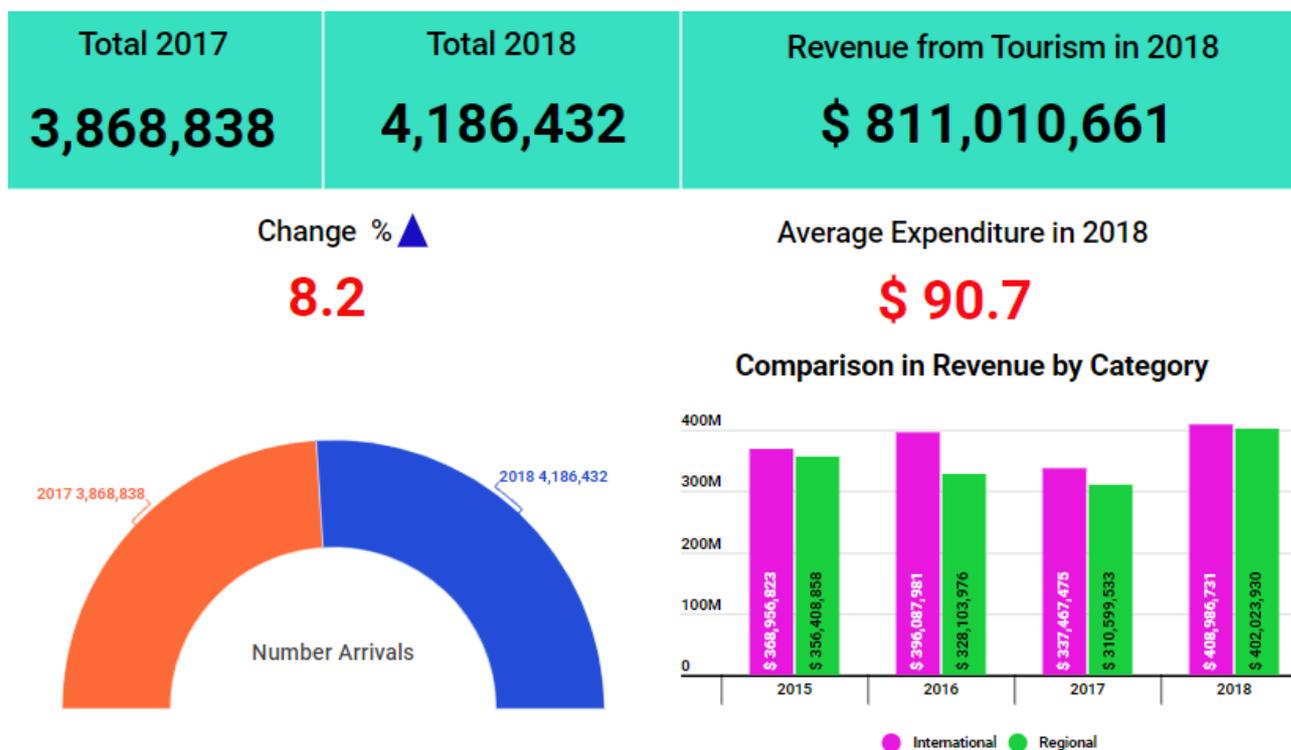


Table 2: Visitor Arrivals by Region

| Region | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ASEAN | 2,712,478 | 3,041,233 | 3,224,080 | 3,588,538 | 3,083,383 | 2,747,096 | 2,886,844 |
| Asia Pacific | 348,637 | 431,878 | 630,361 | 778,942 | 836,282 | 884,875 | 1,055,415 |
| Europe | 185,802 | 212,566 | 209,331 | 217,307 | 221,908 | 161,194 | 165,808 |
| Americas | 75,851 | 85,899 | 86,027 | 88,987 | 86,211 | 64,227 | 69,101 |
| Africa and Middle East | 7,304 | 7,914 | 8,920 | 10,655 | 11,263 | 11,446 | 9,264 |
| Grand Total | 3,330,072 | 3,781,503 | 4,158,719 | 4,684,429 | 4,239,047 | 3,868,838 | 4,186,432 |

Table 3: Market Share of Visitor Arrivals by Region

| Region | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| ASEAN | 81.45% | 80.47% | 77.53% | 76.61% | 72.74% | 71.01% | 68.96% |
| Asia Pacific | 10.47% | 11.43% | 15.16% | 16.63% | 19.73% | 22.87% | 25.21% |
| Europe | 5.58% | 5.62% | 5.03% | 4.64% | 5.23% | 4.17% | 3.96% |
| Americas | 2.28% | 2.27% | 2.07% | 1.90% | 2.03% | 1.66% | 1.65% |
| Africa and Middle East | 0.22% | 0.21% | 0.21% | 0.23% | 0.27% | 0.30% | 0.22% |
| Grand Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 4: % Change over Previous Year Visitor Arrivals by Regions

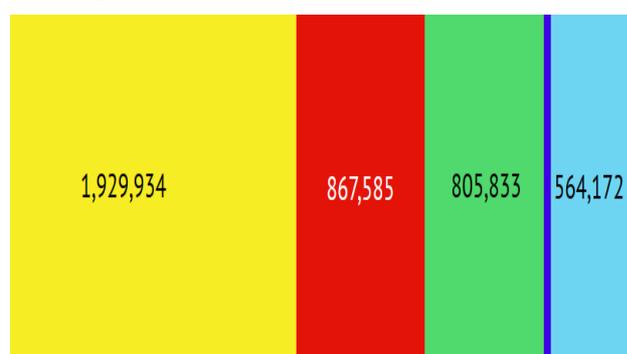
| Region | 12/11 | 13/12 | 14/13 | 15/14 | 16/15 | 17/16 | 18/17 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| ASEAN | 24% | 12% | 6% | 11% | -14% | -11% | 5% |
| Asia Pacific | 28% | 24% | 46% | 24% | 7% | 6% | 19% |
| Europe | 2% | 14% | -2% | 4% | 2% | -27% | 3% |
| Americas | 8% | 13% | 0.15% | 3% | -3% | -26% | 8% |
| Africa and Middle East | -1% | 8% | 13% | 19% | 6% | 2% | -32% |
| Grand Total | 22% | 13% | 10% | 13% | -10% | -8.73% | 8.2% |

Table 5: Number of Tourist Arrivals to Laos by Category, 2017-2018

| Category | Border Pass | | Border Pass | | Passport | | Total | |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Day tripper | Stay Overnight | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 |
| | 2018 | | | | | | | |
| Grand Total | 416,780 | 758,136 | 1,108,220 | 1,159,691 | 2,760,618 | 3,026,741 | 3,868,838 | 4,186,432 |
| International Tourist | | | | | 525,099 | 564,172 | 525,099 | 564,172 |
| Regional Tourist | 416,780 | 758,136 | 1,108,220 | 1,159,691 | 2,235,519 | 2,462,569 | 3,343,739 | 3,622,260 |
| Thailand | 327,322 | 607,884 | 843,523 | 935,206 | 954,280 | 994,728 | 1,797,803 | 1,929,934 |
| Vietnam | 12,000 | 22,285 | 52,238 | 34,284 | 839,405 | 833,301 | 891,643 | 867,585 |
| China | 69,299 | 117,995 | 210,133 | 187,294 | 429,052 | 618,539 | 639,185 | 805,833 |
| Cambodia | 8,159 | 9,972 | 2,326 | 2,907 | 12,782 | 16,001 | 15,108 | 18,908 |

Table 6: Revenue from Tourism by Category, 2018

| Category | Number of Tourist Arrivals (person) | Average Length of Stay (days) | Average Expenditure per Person per day (dollars) | Revenue from Tourism in 2018 (dollars) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Total | 4,186,432 | 5 | 59.18 | 811,010,661 |
| International Tourist | 564,172 | 7.99 | 90.73 | 408,986,731 |
| Regional Tourist | 3,622,260 | | | 402,023,930 |
| Thai (Passport) | 994,728 | 3 | 52 | 155,177,568 |
| Thai (Border pass) | 935,206 | 1 | 20 | 18,704,120 |
| Vietnam (Passport) | 833,301 | 3 | 30 | 74,997,090 |
| Vietnam (Day Tripper) | 34,284 | 1 | 12 | 411,408 |
| China (Passport) | 618,539 | 3 | 80 | 148,449,360 |
| China (Day Tripper) | 187,294 | 1 | 15 | 2,809,410 |
| Cambodia (Passport) | 16,001 | 3 | 30 | 1,440,090 |
| Cambodia (Border pass) | 2,907 | 1 | 12 | 34,884 |

Graph 8: Visitor Number in 2018

Expenditure in 2018


● Thailand
 ● Vietnam
 ● China
 ● Cambodia
 ● International

**Table 7: Tourist Arrivals to Laos by Nationality
(Percent Increase) 2013-2018**

| Region | Country | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | % Δ |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Grand Total | | 3,779,490 | 4,158,719 | 4,684,429 | 4,239,047 | 3,868,838 | 4,186,432 | 8.2 |
| ASEAN | | 3,041,233 | 3,224,080 | 3,588,538 | 3,083,383 | 2,747,096 | 2,886,844 | 5 |
| | Brunei | 582 | 564 | 865 | 484 | 342 | 278 | -19 |
| | Cambodia | 12,180 | 15,342 | 20,625 | 16,536 | 15,108 | 18,908 | 25 |
| | Indonesia | 4,888 | 4,812 | 6,019 | 5,010 | 3,241 | 3,487 | 8 |
| | Malaysia | 26,035 | 24,312 | 24,095 | 24,391 | 19,114 | 26,002 | 36 |
| | Myanmar | 1,947 | 2,157 | 2,661 | 3,695 | 2,848 | 22,132 | 677 |
| | Philippines | 16,318 | 15,179 | 16,709 | 16,750 | 10,168 | 10,826 | 6 |
| | Singapore | 9,685 | 9,621 | 8,258 | 8,512 | 6,829 | 7,692 | 13 |
| | Thailand | 2,059,434 | 2,043,761 | 2,321,352 | 2,009,605 | 1,797,803 | 1,929,934 | 7 |
| | Vietnam | 910,164 | 1,108,332 | 1,187,954 | 998,400 | 891,643 | 867,585 | -3 |
| Asia and Pacific | | 431,878 | 630,361 | 778,942 | 836,282 | 884,875 | 1,055,415 | 19 |
| | Australia | 35,450 | 44,964 | 34,665 | 33,077 | 20,886 | 19,607 | -6 |
| | China | 245,033 | 422,440 | 511,436 | 545,493 | 639,185 | 805,833 | 26 |
| | India | 4,551 | 4,547 | 5,492 | 8,249 | 4,343 | 4,864 | 12 |
| | Japan | 48,644 | 44,877 | 43,826 | 49,191 | 32,064 | 38,985 | 22 |
| | Korea (Rep) | 81,799 | 96,085 | 165,328 | 173,260 | 170,571 | 174,405 | 2 |
| | New Zealand | 5,451 | 5,200 | 4,798 | 4,787 | 3,202 | 3,460 | 8 |
| | Taiwan (pr. of China) | 4,771 | 5,478 | 6,131 | 14,005 | 4,329 | 4,823 | 11 |
| | Others | 6,179 | 6,770 | 7,266 | 8,220 | 10,295 | 3,438 | -67 |
| Europe | | 212,566 | 209,331 | 217,307 | 221,908 | 161,194 | 165,808 | 3 |
| | Austria | 3,339 | 3,835 | 3,910 | 5,324 | 2,874 | 3,237 | 13 |
| | Belgium | 6,046 | 5,343 | 5,289 | 5,682 | 4,371 | 5,322 | 22 |
| | Denmark | 4,586 | 5,065 | 4,491 | 4,479 | 3,198 | 3,892 | 22 |
| | Finland | 2,735 | 3,751 | 3,013 | 3,218 | 2,023 | 2,287 | 13 |
| | France | 52,411 | 52,146 | 55,151 | 54,953 | 36,760 | 39,315 | 7 |
| | Germany | 29,250 | 29,800 | 31,897 | 34,018 | 23,776 | 22,915 | -4 |
| | Greece | 433 | 498 | 878 | 593 | 481 | 520 | 8 |
| | Italy | 8,822 | 9,710 | 8,990 | 10,052 | 7,537 | 6,198 | -18 |
| | Netherlands | 10,899 | 8,683 | 8,429 | 7,004 | 5,500 | 7,804 | 42 |
| | Norway | 3,531 | 3,606 | 3,499 | 4,018 | 2,334 | 2,913 | 25 |
| | Russia | 11,649 | 13,340 | 12,532 | 13,033 | 10,986 | 8,963 | -18 |
| | Spain | 5,127 | 5,219 | 4,856 | 5,461 | 4,589 | 5,309 | 16 |
| | Sweden | 5,194 | 5,804 | 5,465 | 5,795 | 3,483 | 4,802 | 38 |
| | Switzerland | 10,586 | 9,064 | 9,777 | 10,603 | 7,956 | 9,749 | 23 |
| | United Kingdom | 41,741 | 39,061 | 41,508 | 39,170 | 27,723 | 26,801 | -3 |
| | Others | 16,217 | 14,406 | 17,622 | 18,505 | 17,603 | 15,781 | -10 |
| Americas | | 85,899 | 86,027 | 88,987 | 86,211 | 64,227 | 69,101 | 8 |
| | Canada | 17,132 | 19,096 | 19,785 | 19,315 | 13,467 | 10,759 | -20 |
| | USA | 61,608 | 61,460 | 63,058 | 58,094 | 38,765 | 49,178 | 27 |
| | Others | 7,159 | 5,471 | 6,144 | 8,802 | 11,995 | 9,164 | -24 |
| Africa and Middle East | | 7,914 | 8,920 | 10,655 | 11,263 | 11,446 | 9,264 | -19 |
| | Israel | 3,364 | 4,068 | 4,163 | 3,593 | 2,128 | 2,997 | 41 |
| | Others | 4,550 | 4,852 | 6,492 | 7,670 | 9,318 | 6,267 | -33 |

Table 8: Tourist Arrivals to Laos by Nationality (Market Share) 2014-2018

| Region | Country | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | | 2018 | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Grand Total | | 4,158,719 | 100% | 4,684,429 | 100% | 4,239,047 | 100% | 3,868,838 | 100% | 4,186,432 | 100% |
| ASEAN | | 3,224,080 | 77.53 | 3,588,538 | 76.61 | 3,083,383 | 72.74 | 2,747,096 | 71.01 | 2,886,844 | 68.96 |
| | Brunei | 564 | 0.01 | 865 | 0.02 | 484 | 0.01 | 342 | 0.01 | 278 | 0.01 |
| | Cambodia | 15,342 | 0.37 | 20,625 | 0.44 | 16,536 | 0.39 | 15,108 | 0.39 | 18,908 | 0.45 |
| | Indonesia | 4,812 | 0.12 | 6,019 | 0.13 | 5,010 | 0.12 | 3,241 | 0.08 | 3,487 | 0.08 |
| | Malaysia | 24,312 | 0.58 | 24,095 | 0.51 | 24,391 | 0.58 | 19,114 | 0.49 | 26,002 | 0.62 |
| | Myanmar | 2,157 | 0.05 | 2,661 | 0.06 | 3,695 | 0.09 | 2,848 | 0.07 | 22,132 | 0.53 |
| | Philippines | 15,179 | 0.36 | 16,709 | 0.36 | 16,750 | 0.40 | 10,168 | 0.26 | 10,826 | 0.26 |
| | Singapore | 9,621 | 0.23 | 8,258 | 0.18 | 8,512 | 0.20 | 6,829 | 0.18 | 7,692 | 0.18 |
| | Thailand | 2,043,761 | 49.14 | 2,321,352 | 49.55 | 2,009,605 | 47.41 | 1,797,803 | 46.47 | 1,929,934 | 46.10 |
| | Vietnam | 1,108,332 | 26.65 | 1,187,954 | 25.36 | 998,400 | 23.55 | 891,643 | 23.05 | 867,585 | 20.72 |
| Asia and Pacific | | 630,361 | 15.16 | 778,942 | 16.63 | 836,282 | 19.73 | 884,875 | 22.87 | 1,055,415 | 25.21 |
| | Australia | 44,964 | 1.08 | 34,665 | 0.74 | 33,077 | 0.78 | 20,886 | 0.54 | 19,607 | 0.47 |
| | China | 422,440 | 10.16 | 511,436 | 10.92 | 545,493 | 12.87 | 639,185 | 16.52 | 805,833 | 19.25 |
| | India | 4,547 | 0.11 | 5,492 | 0.12 | 8,249 | 0.19 | 4,343 | 0.11 | 4,864 | 0.12 |
| | Japan | 44,877 | 1.08 | 43,826 | 0.94 | 49,191 | 1.16 | 32,064 | 0.83 | 38,985 | 0.93 |
| | Korea (Rep) | 96,085 | 2.31 | 165,328 | 3.53 | 173,260 | 4.09 | 170,571 | 4.41 | 174,405 | 4.17 |
| | New Zealand | 5,200 | 0.13 | 4,798 | 0.10 | 4,787 | 0.11 | 3,202 | 0.08 | 3,460 | 0.08 |
| | Taiwan (pr. of China) | 5,478 | 0.13 | 6,131 | 0.13 | 14,005 | 0.33 | 4,329 | 0.11 | 4,823 | 0.12 |
| | Others | 6,770 | 0.16 | 7,266 | 0.16 | 8,220 | 0.19 | 10,295 | 0.27 | 3,438 | 0.08 |
| Europe | | 209,331 | 5.03 | 217,307 | 4.64 | 221,908 | 5.23 | 161,194 | 4.17 | 165,808 | 3.96 |
| | Austria | 3,835 | 0.09 | 3,910 | 0.08 | 5,324 | 0.13 | 2,874 | 0.07 | 3,237 | 0.08 |
| | Belgium | 5,343 | 0.13 | 5,289 | 0.11 | 5,682 | 0.13 | 4,371 | 0.11 | 5,322 | 0.13 |
| | Denmark | 5,065 | 0.12 | 4,491 | 0.10 | 4,479 | 0.11 | 3,198 | 0.08 | 3,892 | 0.09 |
| | Finland | 3,751 | 0.09 | 3,013 | 0.06 | 3,218 | 0.08 | 2,023 | 0.05 | 2,287 | 0.05 |
| | France | 52,146 | 1.25 | 55,151 | 1.18 | 54,953 | 1.30 | 36,760 | 0.95 | 39,315 | 0.94 |
| | Germany | 29,800 | 0.72 | 31,897 | 0.68 | 34,018 | 0.80 | 23,776 | 0.61 | 22,915 | 0.55 |
| | Greece | 498 | 0.01 | 878 | 0.02 | 593 | 0.01 | 481 | 0.01 | 520 | 0.01 |
| | Italy | 9,710 | 0.23 | 8,990 | 0.19 | 10,052 | 0.24 | 7,537 | 0.19 | 6,198 | 0.15 |
| | Netherlands | 8,683 | 0.21 | 8,429 | 0.18 | 7,004 | 0.17 | 5,500 | 0.14 | 7,804 | 0.19 |
| | Norway | 3,606 | 0.09 | 3,499 | 0.07 | 4,018 | 0.09 | 2,334 | 0.06 | 2,913 | 0.07 |
| | Russia | 13,340 | 0.32 | 12,532 | 0.27 | 13,033 | 0.31 | 10,986 | 0.28 | 8,963 | 0.21 |
| | Spain | 5,219 | 0.13 | 4,856 | 0.10 | 5,461 | 0.13 | 4,589 | 0.12 | 5,309 | 0.13 |
| | Sweden | 5,804 | 0.14 | 5,465 | 0.12 | 5,795 | 0.14 | 3,483 | 0.09 | 4,802 | 0.11 |
| | Switzerland | 9,064 | 0.22 | 9,777 | 0.21 | 10,603 | 0.25 | 7,956 | 0.21 | 9,749 | 0.23 |
| | United Kingdom | 39,061 | 0.94 | 41,508 | 0.89 | 39,170 | 0.92 | 27,723 | 0.72 | 26,801 | 0.64 |
| | Others | 14,406 | 0.35 | 17,622 | 0.38 | 18,505 | 0.44 | 17,603 | 0.45 | 15,781 | 0.38 |
| Americas | | 86,027 | 2.07 | 88,987 | 1.90 | 86,211 | 2.03 | 64,227 | 1.66 | 69,101 | 1.65 |
| | Canada | 19,096 | 0.46 | 19,785 | 0.42 | 19,315 | 0.46 | 13,467 | 0.35 | 10,759 | 0.26 |
| | USA | 61,460 | 1.48 | 63,058 | 1.35 | 58,094 | 1.37 | 38,765 | 1.00 | 49,178 | 1.17 |
| | Others | 5,471 | 0.13 | 6,144 | 0.13 | 8,802 | 0.21 | 11,995 | 0.31 | 9,164 | 0.22 |
| Africa and Middle East | | 8,920 | 0.21 | 10,655 | 0.23 | 11,263 | 0.27 | 11,446 | 0.30 | 9,264 | 0.22 |
| | Israel | 4,068 | 0.10 | 4,163 | 0.09 | 3,593 | 0.08 | 2,128 | 0.06 | 2,997 | 0.07 |
| | Others | 4,852 | 0.12 | 6,492 | 0.14 | 7,670 | 0.18 | 9,318 | 0.24 | 6,267 | 0.15 |

Market Situation 2018

Overall Trends

In 2018 there was a slight increase in overall number of visitors, the most prominent markets are China with 26% increase followed by Japan (22% increase) while the biggest markets such as Thailand recorded only 7% increase. However, Vietnam decrease -3% and South Korea increased only 2%.

If we look at the most important markets for Laos, international tourist, a part from Thailand, Japan and Korea they experienced similar increase with small percentage: only France and USA grew (7% and 27% respectively) while Germany declined (-4%), UK(-3%), Australia (-6%) and Canada (-20%).

In 2018 we see an increase in visitors from the most markets such as ASEAN with 5% Asia Pacific with 19%, European with 3% American with 8% by contrast the market from Africa and Middle East decreased -19%.

We should not focus on just the number of visitors – the length they stay and how much they spend per day are important measures. Looking at the number of visitor days (the number of visitors multiplied by the average length of stay), we see that the biggest market is still the international visitors, comprising 38% of all visitor days. Taking average expenditure into account, the international visitor group is even more significant, accounting for 50% of all estimated expenditure.

China accounts for 19.25% of all visitors and 19% of estimated expenditure in 2018, compared to only 6.5% of visitors and 4% of expenditure six years ago.

Seasonality

There has been a gradual shift in the low season from month of June/July in 2016, to September in 2017 and July in 2018 recording the lowest number of visitors. This may reflect the growth in Visitors from China, and the reduction in visitors from Vietnam, Europe and the Americas.

There are also significant differences in seasonality in different markets, probably reflecting the reason for travel to Laos. Wattay Airport show the high season to be October to December, whereas Luang Prabang airport is January to March. For European, North American and Korean visitors the high season is November to April. There is less seasonality in visitors from ASEAN, but the high season is February to June. Holidays such as Tet show and increase in visitors from Vietnam, and from China during Chinese New Year.

Seasonality is important to consider in marketing Laos overseas and also for Tourism and Hospitality business and even Immigration to plan their staff needs.

Please see the online version of the Statistical Report on Tourism in Laos for more detailed information.

Table 9: Tourist Arrivals to Laos by Month in 2018

| Region | Country | 2018 | | | | | | | | | | | | Total |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | |
| Grand Total | | 358,248 | 347,227 | 362,221 | 376,133 | 339,165 | 344,286 | 282,602 | 386,911 | 295,293 | 348,281 | 352,225 | 393,840 | 4,186,432 |
| ASEAN | | 217,455 | 204,406 | 238,524 | 253,135 | 231,073 | 260,464 | 204,082 | 301,307 | 219,992 | 263,025 | 232,427 | 260,954 | 2,886,844 |
| | Brunei | 18 | 20 | 38 | 25 | 28 | 29 | 19 | 12 | 16 | 16 | 20 | 37 | 278 |
| | Cambodia | 1,894 | 1,703 | 1,910 | 2,279 | 1,992 | 1,315 | 1,206 | 1,044 | 991 | 1,269 | 1,312 | 1,993 | 18,908 |
| | Indonesia | 373 | 337 | 193 | 323 | 332 | 341 | 344 | 162 | 246 | 278 | 210 | 348 | 3,487 |
| | Malaysia | 3,294 | 2,753 | 2,573 | 2,192 | 2,257 | 2,499 | 1,549 | 1,363 | 1,416 | 1,519 | 2,133 | 2,454 | 26,002 |
| | Myanmar | 1,628 | 1,951 | 368 | 2,053 | 2,352 | 2,813 | 2,196 | 1,906 | 1,628 | 1,224 | 1,640 | 2,373 | 22,132 |
| | Philippines | 987 | 786 | 811 | 987 | 916 | 1,038 | 778 | 878 | 803 | 761 | 1,086 | 995 | 10,826 |
| | Singapore | 1,026 | 770 | 692 | 500 | 620 | 744 | 468 | 355 | 428 | 483 | 635 | 971 | 7,692 |
| | Thailand | 155,094 | 147,852 | 157,959 | 159,932 | 146,347 | 167,641 | 123,450 | 229,112 | 142,672 | 171,138 | 146,182 | 182,555 | 1,929,934 |
| | Vietnam | 53,141 | 48,234 | 73,980 | 84,844 | 76,229 | 84,044 | 74,072 | 66,475 | 71,792 | 86,337 | 79,209 | 69,228 | 867,585 |
| Asia and Pacific | | 107,570 | 109,063 | 101,041 | 105,143 | 95,907 | 73,834 | 66,130 | 69,473 | 65,860 | 70,186 | 86,272 | 104,936 | 1,055,415 |
| | Australia | 3,681 | 2,464 | 1,168 | 1,408 | 1,086 | 998 | 1,348 | 1,174 | 911 | 1,515 | 1,806 | 2,048 | 19,607 |
| | China | 67,510 | 74,388 | 81,302 | 87,013 | 80,362 | 58,894 | 49,829 | 51,030 | 49,775 | 54,244 | 67,168 | 84,318 | 805,833 |
| | India | 644 | 673 | 348 | 331 | 345 | 315 | 297 | 298 | 300 | 349 | 335 | 629 | 4,864 |
| | Japan | 5,009 | 5,171 | 3,791 | 2,367 | 2,860 | 2,188 | 2,065 | 3,604 | 3,688 | 2,589 | 2,749 | 2,904 | 38,985 |
| | Korea (Rep) | 29,117 | 24,881 | 13,651 | 13,109 | 10,483 | 10,764 | 11,763 | 12,690 | 10,405 | 10,618 | 13,100 | 13,824 | 174,405 |
| | New Zealand | 618 | 326 | 182 | 227 | 213 | 198 | 278 | 166 | 232 | 263 | 367 | 390 | 3,460 |
| | Taiwan (pr. of China) | 634 | 697 | 384 | 441 | 343 | 265 | 299 | 350 | 311 | 272 | 303 | 524 | 4,823 |
| | Others | 357 | 463 | 215 | 247 | 215 | 212 | 251 | 161 | 238 | 336 | 444 | 299 | 3,438 |
| Europe | | 21,546 | 22,298 | 16,475 | 12,343 | 8,602 | 6,196 | 8,323 | 10,850 | 6,290 | 10,321 | 23,816 | 18,748 | 165,808 |
| | Austria | 455 | 568 | 378 | 234 | 176 | 96 | 136 | 155 | 104 | 149 | 518 | 268 | 3,237 |
| | Belgium | 672 | 733 | 461 | 345 | 142 | 173 | 429 | 381 | 224 | 332 | 796 | 634 | 5,322 |
| | Denmark | 485 | 602 | 472 | 475 | 312 | 173 | 229 | 190 | 104 | 235 | 333 | 282 | 3,892 |
| | Finland | 332 | 336 | 233 | 194 | 139 | 110 | 104 | 57 | 97 | 138 | 219 | 328 | 2,287 |
| | France | 5,651 | 5,943 | 3,667 | 2,950 | 1,943 | 1,096 | 1,676 | 2,896 | 1,075 | 1,923 | 6,239 | 4,256 | 39,315 |
| | Germany | 2,787 | 3,115 | 2,705 | 1,549 | 1,108 | 676 | 731 | 847 | 914 | 1,505 | 4,020 | 2,958 | 22,915 |
| | Greece | 94 | 34 | 55 | 61 | 12 | 3 | 30 | 45 | 27 | 11 | 65 | 83 | 520 |
| | Italy | 972 | 852 | 540 | 364 | 231 | 163 | 231 | 820 | 281 | 272 | 798 | 674 | 6,198 |
| | Netherlands | 865 | 812 | 696 | 331 | 424 | 293 | 507 | 917 | 327 | 603 | 1,067 | 962 | 7,804 |
| | Norway | 398 | 486 | 389 | 265 | 142 | 139 | 244 | 130 | 99 | 120 | 241 | 260 | 2,913 |
| | Russia | 1,125 | 1,148 | 711 | 620 | 601 | 480 | 513 | 462 | 552 | 612 | 1,083 | 1,056 | 8,963 |
| | Spain | 435 | 518 | 400 | 309 | 297 | 242 | 401 | 445 | 562 | 405 | 689 | 606 | 5,309 |
| | Sweden | 741 | 805 | 613 | 375 | 282 | 205 | 206 | 157 | 103 | 215 | 545 | 555 | 4,802 |
| | Switzerland | 1,511 | 1,508 | 986 | 783 | 497 | 338 | 496 | 491 | 276 | 569 | 1,270 | 1,024 | 9,749 |
| | United Kingdom | 2,993 | 2,431 | 2,609 | 2,272 | 1,541 | 1,400 | 1,696 | 1,884 | 955 | 2,235 | 3,836 | 2,949 | 26,801 |
| | Others | 2,030 | 2,407 | 1,560 | 1,216 | 755 | 609 | 694 | 973 | 590 | 997 | 2,097 | 1,853 | 15,781 |
| Americas | | 10,976 | 10,600 | 5,738 | 5,053 | 3,185 | 3,423 | 3,734 | 2,724 | 2,126 | 4,161 | 9,059 | 8,322 | 69,101 |
| | Canada | 1,609 | 1,748 | 1,096 | 777 | 500 | 481 | 536 | 294 | 258 | 672 | 1,530 | 1,258 | 10,759 |
| | USA | 7,687 | 7,543 | 3,838 | 3,486 | 2,108 | 2,520 | 2,822 | 2,087 | 1,494 | 2,909 | 6,390 | 6,294 | 49,178 |
| | Others | 1,680 | 1,309 | 804 | 790 | 577 | 422 | 376 | 343 | 374 | 580 | 1,139 | 770 | 9,164 |
| Africa and Middle East | | 701 | 860 | 443 | 459 | 398 | 369 | 333 | 2,557 | 1,025 | 588 | 651 | 880 | 9,264 |
| | Israel | 352 | 508 | 225 | 184 | 187 | 126 | 107 | 162 | 247 | 248 | 275 | 376 | 2,997 |
| | Others | 349 | 352 | 218 | 275 | 211 | 243 | 226 | 2,395 | 778 | 340 | 376 | 504 | 6,267 |

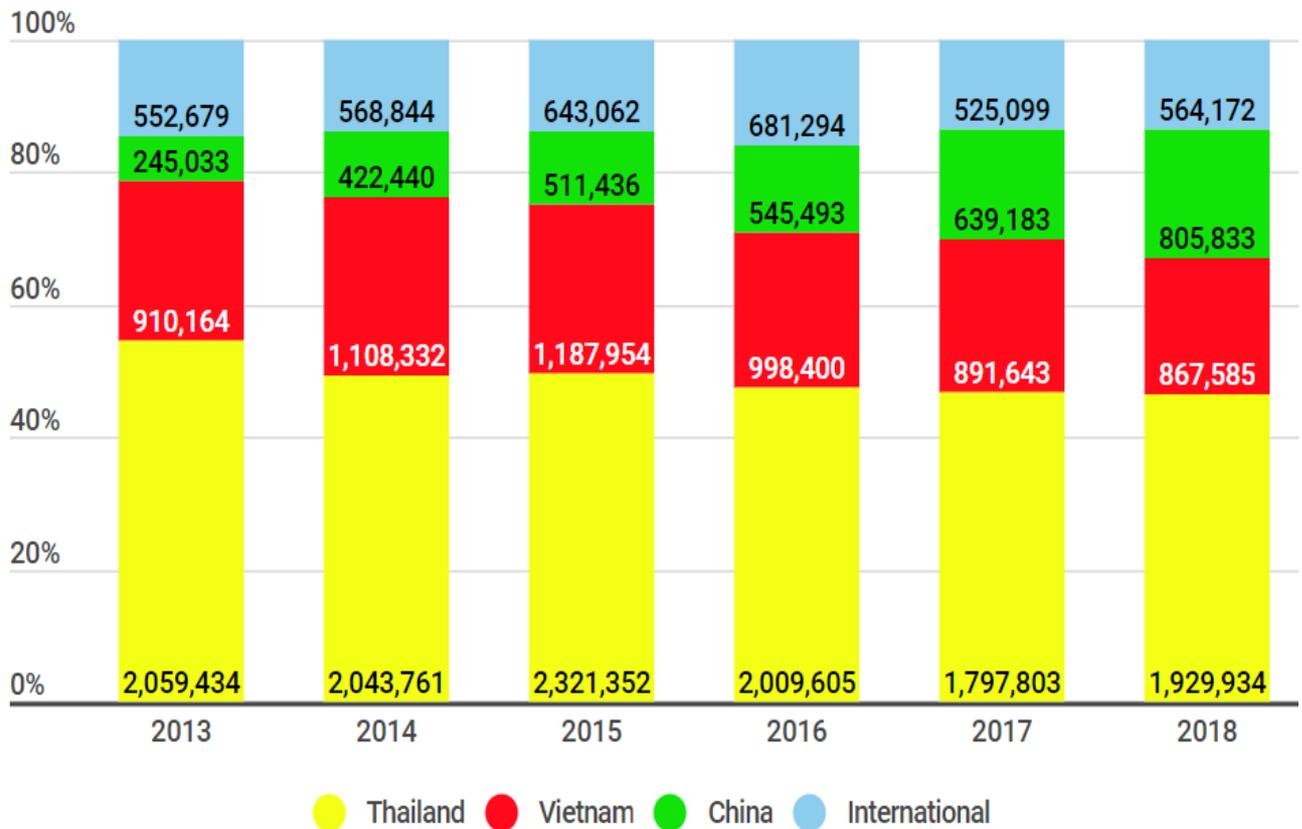
Table 10: Arrivals of non – resident visitors at national borders, by month

| Months | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grand Total | 3,779,490 | 4,158,719 | 4,684,429 | 4,239,047 | 3,868,838 | 4,186,432 |
| 1st QUARTER | 1,003,579 | 1,113,319 | 1,284,896 | 1,248,017 | 1,045,329 | 1,067,696 |
| January | 345,411 | 367,980 | 436,358 | 400,140 | 339,768 | 358,248 |
| February | 349,459 | 384,664 | 426,697 | 450,902 | 350,344 | 347,227 |
| March | 308,709 | 360,675 | 421,841 | 396,975 | 355,217 | 362,221 |
| 2nd QUARTER | 901,807 | 938,590 | 1,040,693 | 1,002,972 | 959,209 | 1,059,584 |
| April | 331,717 | 366,610 | 416,628 | 363,538 | 346,559 | 376,133 |
| May | 296,938 | 339,580 | 325,095 | 343,162 | 314,344 | 339,165 |
| June | 273,152 | 232,400 | 298,970 | 296,272 | 298,306 | 344,286 |
| 3rd QUARTER | 887,478 | 990,022 | 1,158,084 | 922,826 | 822,418 | 964,806 |
| July | 297,239 | 316,631 | 337,805 | 296,242 | 278,971 | 282,602 |
| August | 308,065 | 304,725 | 358,358 | 323,603 | 280,983 | 386,911 |
| September | 282,174 | 368,666 | 461,921 | 302,981 | 262,464 | 295,293 |
| 4th QUARTER | 986,626 | 1,116,788 | 1,200,756 | 1,065,232 | 1,041,882 | 1,094,346 |
| October | 326,479 | 382,064 | 400,054 | 336,863 | 325,574 | 348,281 |
| November | 331,423 | 365,824 | 420,650 | 367,964 | 358,997 | 352,225 |
| December | 328,724 | 368,900 | 380,052 | 360,405 | 357,311 | 393,840 |

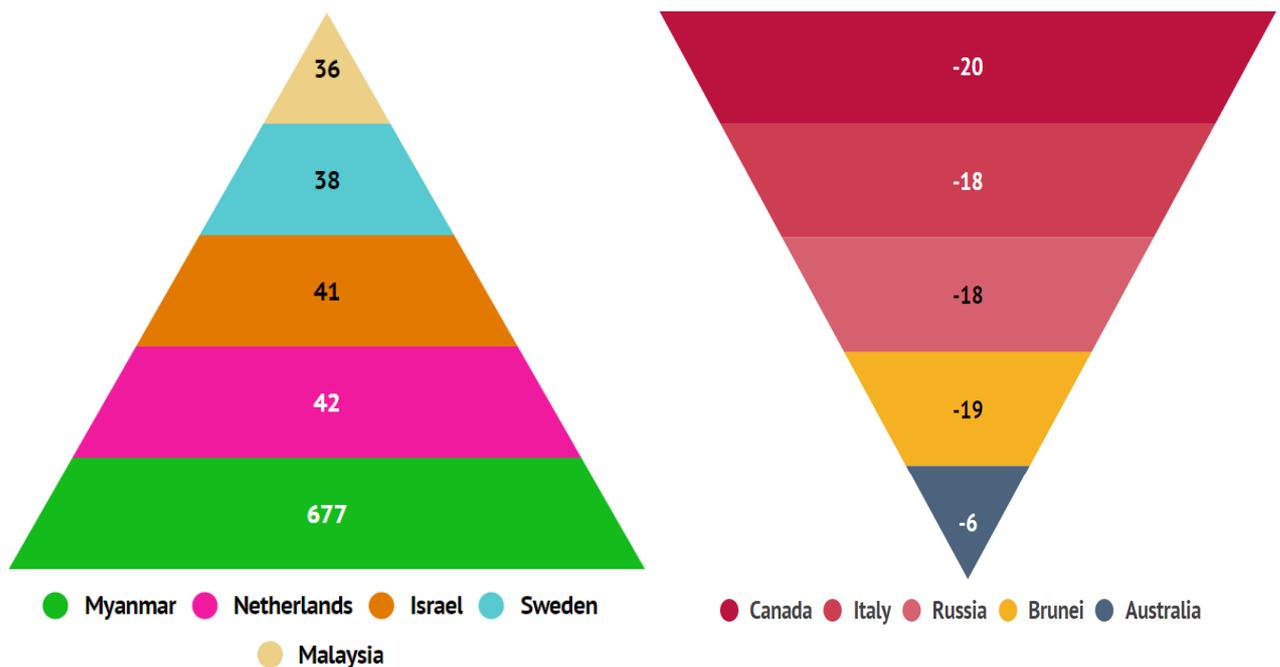
Table 11: Tourist Arrivals by Month through Category, 2015-2018

| Months | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | | | % Δ 18/17 |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | | International | Regional | Total | |
| Grand Total | 4,684,429 | 4,239,047 | 3,868,838 | 564,172 | 3,622,260 | 4,186,432 | 8.21 |
| January | 436,358 | 400,140 | 339,768 | 80,609 | 277,639 | 358,248 | 5.44 |
| February | 426,697 | 450,902 | 350,344 | 75,050 | 272,177 | 347,227 | -0.89 |
| March | 421,841 | 396,975 | 355,217 | 47,070 | 315,151 | 362,221 | 1.97 |
| April | 416,628 | 363,538 | 346,559 | 42,065 | 334,068 | 376,133 | 8.53 |
| May | 325,095 | 343,162 | 314,344 | 34,235 | 304,930 | 339,165 | 7.90 |
| June | 298,970 | 296,272 | 298,306 | 32,392 | 311,894 | 344,286 | 15.41 |
| July | 337,805 | 296,242 | 278,971 | 34,045 | 248,557 | 282,602 | 1.30 |
| August | 358,358 | 323,603 | 280,983 | 39,250 | 347,661 | 386,911 | 37.70 |
| September | 461,921 | 302,981 | 262,464 | 30,063 | 265,230 | 295,293 | 12.51 |
| October | 400,054 | 336,863 | 325,574 | 35,293 | 312,988 | 348,281 | 6.97 |
| November | 420,650 | 367,964 | 358,997 | 58,354 | 293,871 | 352,225 | -1.89 |
| December | 380,052 | 360,405 | 357,311 | 55,746 | 338,094 | 393,840 | 10.22 |

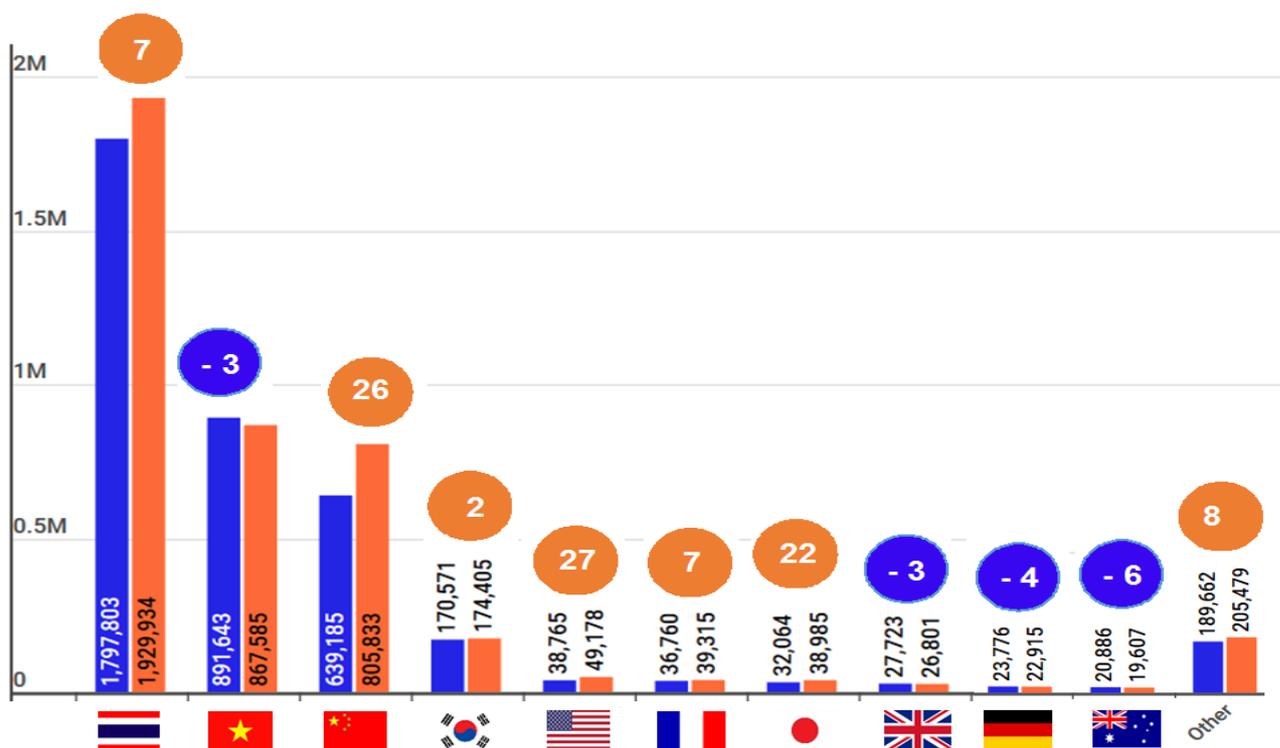
Graph 9: Origin and Growth in Visitors



Graph 10: Greatest % Increase In Visitors from 2017-2018 Greatest % Fall in Visitors from 2017-2018



Graph 11: Top Ten Generating Markets



Graph 12: Ranks Country by Tourist Expenditures, Not Total Arrivals.

| Country | 2017 | 2018 | % Δ |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| Thailand | 1,797,803 | 1,929,934 | 46 |
| Vietnam | 891,643 | 867,585 | 21 |
| China | 639,185 | 805,833 | 19 |
| Korea | 170,571 | 174,405 | 4 |
| USA | 38,765 | 49,178 | 1 |
| France | 36,760 | 39,315 | 1 |
| Japan | 32,064 | 38,985 | 1 |
| UK | 27,723 | 26,801 | 1 |
| Germany | 23,776 | 22,915 | 1 |
| Australia | 20,886 | 19,607 | 0 |

Table 12: Tourist Arrivals by Port of Entry through Category, 2014-2018

| Port of Entry | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Regional Visitors | Percent Share | Percent Change |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Grand Total | 4,158,719 | 4,684,429 | 4,239,047 | 3,868,838 | 4,186,432 | 2,955,598 | % Δ 100 | % Δ 18/17 |
| Wattay Airport | 381,127 | 387,586 | 421,792 | 364,714 | 355,621 | - | 8.49 | -2.49 |
| Savannakhet Airport | 5,890 | 3,487 | 3,113 | 3,709 | 18,236 | - | 0.44 | 391.67 |
| Pakse Airport | 6,195 | 6,865 | 13,422 | 12,378 | 14,567 | - | 0.35 | 17.68 |
| Luang Prabang Airport | 106,478 | 122,585 | 140,598 | 139,375 | 224,543 | - | 5.36 | 61.11 |
| Friendship Bridge I | 1,149,706 | 1,222,595 | 1,035,911 | 863,642 | 1,124,613 | 965,776 | 26.86 | 30.22 |
| Thanaleng Railway Station | 3,672 | 3,902 | 4,283 | 4,048 | 17,310 | 1,333 | 0.41 | 327.62 |
| Boten | 278,228 | 373,026 | 385,264 | 493,308 | 485,873 | 471,931 | 11.61 | -1.51 |
| Mittha phab Bridge IV | 141,262 | 188,939 | 177,042 | 174,161 | 156,677 | 76,796 | 3.74 | -10.04 |
| Golden Triangles | - | - | - | - | 163,544 | 136,830 | 3.91 | 0.00 |
| Ban Mone | - | - | - | - | 21,304 | 18,832 | 0.51 | 0.00 |
| Friendship Bridge II | 797,290 | 787,506 | 637,295 | 517,903 | 419,304 | 388,144 | 10.02 | -19.04 |
| Dane Savanh | 317,920 | 328,880 | 226,167 | 208,626 | 215,190 | 18,685 | 5.14 | 3.15 |
| Vang Tao | 144,488 | 245,400 | 229,133 | 181,587 | 200,149 | 174,915 | 4.78 | 10.22 |
| Nong Nok Khian | 18,404 | 24,579 | 37,370 | 28,915 | 31,332 | 10,508 | 0.75 | 8.36 |
| Nam Phao | 167,807 | 245,793 | 207,546 | 168,933 | 177,238 | 171,307 | 4.23 | 4.92 |
| Pakxan | 21,642 | 28,123 | 24,309 | 28,294 | 32,299 | 27,661 | 0.77 | 14.15 |
| Friendship Bridge III | 123,256 | 121,961 | 141,193 | 153,076 | 73,293 | 60,695 | 1.75 | -52.12 |
| Thakek | 43,147 | 46,709 | 44,299 | 30,681 | - | - | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| Naphao | 153,466 | 175,348 | 178,995 | 141,574 | 112,589 | 109,911 | 2.69 | -20.47 |
| Nam Heuang Friendship Bridge | 48,604 | 44,980 | 46,645 | 42,857 | 40,276 | 38,312 | 0.96 | -6.02 |
| Nam Ngeun | 46,970 | 50,952 | 44,474 | 50,303 | 52,099 | 49,759 | 1.24 | 3.57 |
| Phou dou | - | 7,261 | 12,849 | 15,849 | 10,579 | 10,435 | 0.25 | -33.25 |
| Nam Kanh | 34,524 | 34,187 | 71,338 | 73,406 | 45,361 | 43,149 | 1.08 | -38.21 |
| Nam Souy | 14,733 | 16,171 | 17,327 | 16,943 | 10,913 | 9,476 | 0.26 | -35.59 |
| Pang Hok | 18,744 | 20,387 | 25,865 | 33,983 | 34,311 | 27,012 | 0.82 | 0.97 |
| Larn Tuai | - | 3,067 | 12,277 | 6,420 | 19,451 | 17,856 | 0.46 | 202.98 |
| Phoukeua | 135,166 | 194,140 | 100,540 | 64,044 | 55,917 | 52,805 | 1.34 | -12.69 |
| Lalai | - | - | - | 50,109 | 73,843 | 73,470 | 1.76 | 47.36 |

Graph 13: Arrivals Year Border Point

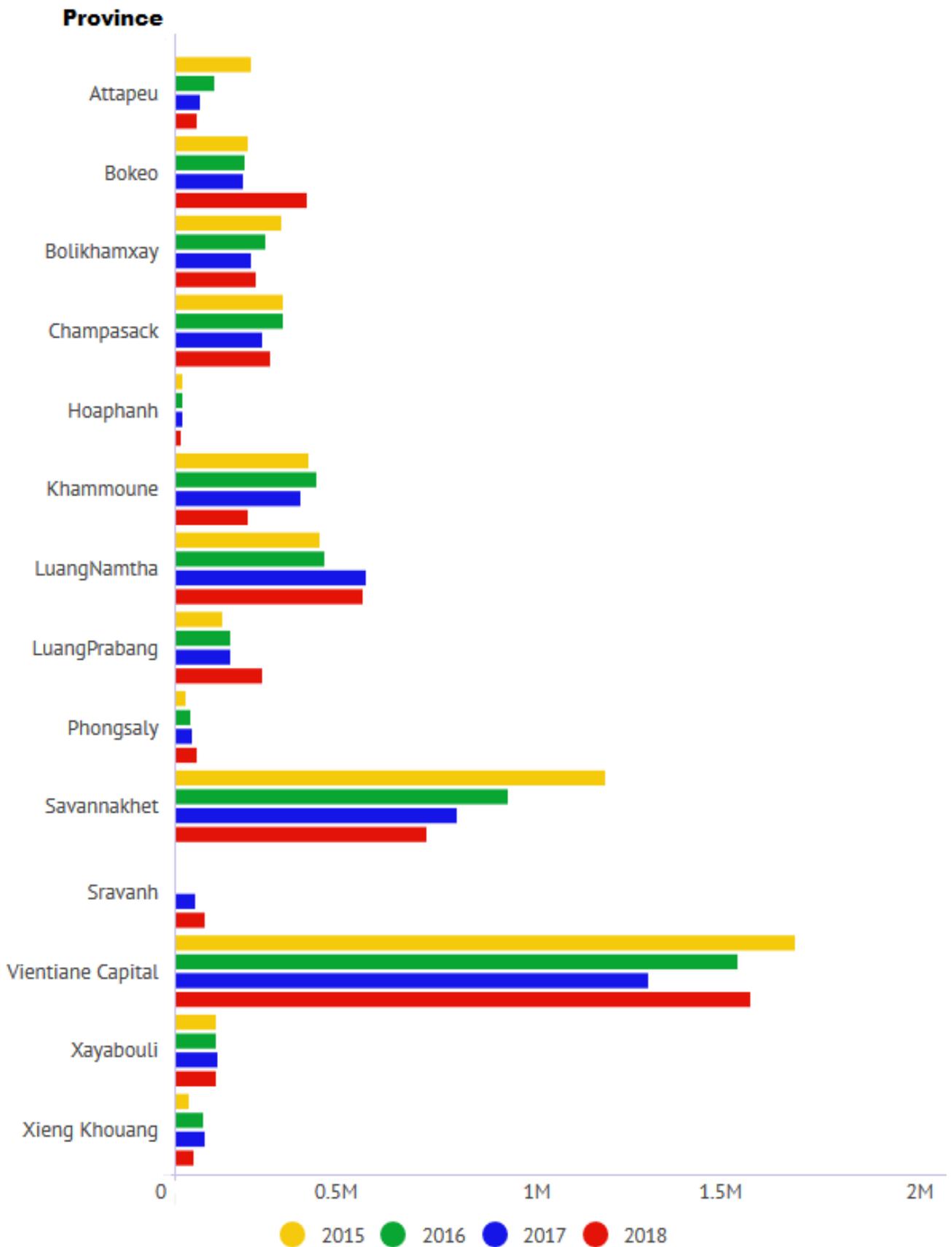


Table 13: Tourist Arrivals to Laos by Port of Entry in 2018

| Region | Country | Port of Entry | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | | Attapeu | Bokeo | | | Bolikhamsay | | Champasak | | | Huaphanh | Khammoune | | Luang prabang |
| | | Phou Keua | Mittha phab Bridge IV | Golden Triangles | Ban Mone | Pakxan | Namphao | Vang Tao | Pakse Airport | Nong Nok Khian | Nam Souy | Mittha phab Bridge III | Naphao | Luang prabang Airport |
| Grand Total | | 55,917 | 156,677 | 163,544 | 21,304 | 32,299 | 177,238 | 200,149 | 14,567 | 31,332 | 10,913 | 73,293 | 112,589 | 224,543 |
| ASEAN | | 53,520 | 83,697 | 23,967 | 18,913 | 32,154 | 173,599 | 188,334 | 3,947 | 22,797 | 9,565 | 70,959 | 111,814 | 53,925 |
| | Brunei | - | 2 | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 15 | - | 1 | - | 2 | 42 |
| | Cambodia | 25 | 117 | 139 | - | 120 | 17 | 951 | 210 | 10,508 | 3 | 102 | - | 475 |
| | Indonesia | 80 | 56 | 97 | - | - | 36 | 39 | 74 | 34 | 6 | 23 | 4 | 923 |
| | Malaysia | 9 | 777 | 1,237 | - | 207 | 118 | 540 | 127 | 112 | 10 | 158 | 11 | 7,398 |
| | Myanmar | 24 | 161 | 283 | 18,832 | 10 | 10 | 56 | 31 | 14 | - | 18 | 2 | 256 |
| | Philippines | 14 | 167 | 80 | - | 13 | 289 | 184 | 83 | 168 | 19 | 56 | 35 | 1,142 |
| | Singapore | 6 | 242 | 165 | - | 7 | 13 | 102 | 133 | 17 | 6 | 60 | 7 | 2,459 |
| | Thailand | 557 | 76,796 | 20,096 | 81 | 27,661 | 1,807 | 174,915 | 889 | 382 | 44 | 60,695 | 1,842 | 36,809 |
| | Vietnam | 52,805 | 5,379 | 1,870 | - | 4,136 | 171,307 | 11,545 | 2,385 | 11,562 | 9,476 | 9,847 | 109,911 | 4,421 |
| Asia and Pacific | | 932 | 42,214 | 138,607 | 2,391 | 91 | 938 | 5,121 | 3,318 | 2,156 | 625 | 913 | 302 | 70,581 |
| | Australia | 22 | 1,710 | 89 | - | - | 75 | 427 | 610 | 312 | 145 | 158 | 26 | 7,721 |
| | China | 611 | 36,995 | 136,830 | 2,391 | 4 | 264 | 1,350 | 791 | 945 | 387 | 329 | 206 | 40,877 |
| | India | 89 | 118 | 44 | - | - | 36 | 168 | 238 | 141 | 5 | 59 | 8 | 1,498 |
| | Japan | 30 | 1,217 | 97 | - | 43 | 160 | 1,097 | 697 | 231 | 27 | 202 | 29 | 12,803 |
| | Korea (Rep) | 145 | 1,362 | 982 | - | 43 | 236 | 1,793 | 628 | 223 | 12 | 119 | 14 | 4,271 |
| | New Zealand | 4 | 569 | 9 | - | 1 | 37 | 95 | 87 | 62 | 27 | 17 | 2 | 1,259 |
| | Taiwan (pr. of China) | 22 | 90 | 535 | - | - | 88 | 183 | 192 | 48 | 17 | 24 | 15 | 1,696 |
| | Others | 9 | 153 | 21 | - | - | 42 | 8 | 75 | 194 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 456 |
| Europe | | 1,328 | 25,102 | 437 | - | 51 | 2,076 | 4,758 | 5,179 | 5,268 | 585 | 1,003 | 358 | 64,997 |
| | Austria | 7 | 563 | 2 | - | - | 12 | 91 | 112 | 82 | 12 | 36 | 3 | 1,562 |
| | Belgium | 18 | 919 | 8 | - | - | 33 | 201 | 214 | 246 | 36 | 56 | 18 | 1,869 |
| | Denmark | 4 | 931 | 1 | - | - | 36 | 62 | 79 | 91 | 3 | 20 | 3 | 1,186 |
| | Finland | 8 | 212 | 4 | - | - | 22 | 90 | 25 | 46 | 2 | 27 | 10 | 562 |
| | France | 187 | 4,090 | 122 | - | 25 | 348 | 1,843 | 1,382 | 1,664 | 160 | 153 | 80 | 16,419 |
| | Germany | 99 | 3,540 | 30 | - | 11 | 237 | 869 | 959 | 720 | 102 | 224 | 56 | 9,823 |
| | Greece | - | 47 | 2 | - | - | 2 | 2 | 33 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 331 |
| | Italy | 20 | 1,141 | 10 | - | - | 79 | 134 | 158 | 171 | 19 | 44 | 12 | 2,872 |
| | Netherlands | 20 | 2,457 | 8 | - | - | 127 | 199 | 153 | 392 | 24 | 62 | 20 | 2,343 |
| | Norway | 6 | 368 | 7 | - | 1 | 21 | 48 | 41 | 58 | 1 | 23 | 3 | 713 |
| | Russia | 775 | 436 | 45 | - | - | 121 | 81 | 46 | 67 | 32 | 10 | 40 | 855 |
| | Spain | 23 | 1,098 | 2 | - | - | 54 | 85 | 148 | 215 | 35 | 14 | 10 | 2,649 |
| | Sweden | 17 | 590 | 4 | - | - | 51 | 114 | 94 | 114 | 4 | 42 | 8 | 1,203 |
| | Switzerland | 24 | 1,934 | 17 | - | 12 | 27 | 304 | 349 | 261 | 30 | 87 | 12 | 3,225 |
| | United Kingdom | 50 | 4,117 | 84 | - | - | 668 | 412 | 764 | 769 | 56 | 122 | 40 | 12,564 |
| | Others | 70 | 2,659 | 91 | - | 2 | 238 | 223 | 622 | 359 | 68 | 82 | 42 | 6,821 |
| Americas | | 122 | 4,765 | 518 | - | 3 | 426 | 1,818 | 1,970 | 841 | 119 | 385 | 74 | 32,723 |
| | Canada | 35 | 1,010 | 47 | - | - | 105 | 293 | 286 | 282 | 28 | 109 | 13 | 4,665 |
| | USA | 76 | 2,750 | 386 | - | 2 | 215 | 1,420 | 1,406 | 428 | 74 | 247 | 54 | 22,452 |
| | Others | 11 | 1,005 | 85 | - | 1 | 106 | 105 | 278 | 131 | 17 | 29 | 7 | 5,606 |
| Africa and Middle East | | 15 | 899 | 15 | - | - | 199 | 118 | 153 | 270 | 19 | 33 | 41 | 2,317 |
| | Israel | 4 | 688 | - | - | - | 55 | 57 | 67 | 186 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 1,323 |
| | Others | 11 | 211 | 15 | - | - | 144 | 61 | 86 | 84 | 12 | 28 | 27 | 994 |

| Port of Entry | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| Luang Namtha | Phongsaly | | Savannakhet | | | Sravanh | Vientiane | | | Xayabouli | | | Xieng Khouang | Total |
| Boten | Lam Tuai | Pang Hok | Mittha phab Bridge II | Dane Savanh | Savanh Airport | Lalai | Mittha phab Bridge I | Thanaleng Railway Station | Wattay Airport | Nam Heuang Bridge | Nam Ngeun | Phou dou | Nam Kanh | 2018 |
| 485,873 | 19,451 | 34,311 | 419,304 | 215,190 | 18,236 | 73,843 | 1,124,613 | 17,310 | 355,621 | 40,276 | 52,099 | 10,579 | 45,361 | 4,186,432 |
| 11,944 | 63 | 27,974 | 406,483 | 208,749 | 15,581 | 73,608 | 1,074,789 | 15,907 | 61,081 | 38,913 | 50,656 | 10,532 | 43,373 | 2,886,844 |
| - | - | - | 5 | 2 | - | - | 94 | 1 | 109 | - | 1 | - | - | 278 |
| 24 | - | 10 | 709 | 68 | 66 | - | 2,958 | 17 | 2,158 | 165 | 50 | 9 | 7 | 18,908 |
| 3 | - | 18 | 74 | 48 | 6 | - | 693 | 35 | 1,175 | 3 | 41 | 2 | 17 | 3,487 |
| 299 | - | 68 | 1,215 | 73 | 136 | - | 5,410 | 55 | 7,833 | 83 | 87 | 7 | 32 | 26,002 |
| 165 | - | 1 | 140 | 73 | 10 | - | 1,131 | 42 | 836 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 3 | 22,132 |
| 15 | - | 30 | 1,041 | 543 | 87 | 2 | 4,156 | 255 | 2,310 | 42 | 63 | 1 | 31 | 10,826 |
| 49 | - | 41 | 190 | 35 | 43 | - | 1,128 | 31 | 2,915 | 21 | 19 | - | 3 | 7,692 |
| 11,314 | 53 | 794 | 388,144 | 18,685 | 13,183 | 136 | 965,776 | 1,333 | 29,305 | 38,312 | 49,759 | 10,435 | 131 | 1,929,934 |
| 75 | 10 | 27,012 | 14,965 | 189,222 | 2,050 | 73,470 | 93,443 | 14,138 | 14,440 | 277 | 627 | 63 | 43,149 | 867,585 |
| 472,636 | 19,384 | 616 | 4,096 | 2,304 | 1,106 | 127 | 32,935 | 799 | 251,700 | 565 | 475 | 10 | 473 | 1,055,415 |
| 88 | - | 125 | 648 | 279 | 77 | 18 | 1,442 | 22 | 5,469 | 46 | 48 | - | 50 | 19,607 |
| 471,931 | 17,856 | 127 | 898 | 637 | 353 | 43 | 3,942 | 17 | 87,474 | 211 | 277 | - | 87 | 805,833 |
| 5 | - | 9 | 87 | 115 | 65 | 8 | 736 | 18 | 1,396 | - | 10 | - | 11 | 4,864 |
| 207 | - | 136 | 921 | 244 | 341 | 24 | 7,082 | 508 | 12,614 | 119 | 60 | 4 | 92 | 38,985 |
| 172 | 1,528 | 147 | 1,130 | 883 | 138 | 30 | 18,479 | 184 | 141,506 | 149 | 57 | 6 | 168 | 174,405 |
| 4 | - | 53 | 173 | 50 | 32 | 2 | 99 | 3 | 844 | 6 | 8 | - | 17 | 3,460 |
| 149 | - | 15 | 76 | 46 | 64 | 1 | 226 | 9 | 1,257 | 20 | 8 | - | 42 | 4,823 |
| 80 | - | 4 | 163 | 50 | 36 | 1 | 929 | 38 | 1,140 | 14 | 7 | - | 6 | 3,438 |
| 773 | 1 | 3,049 | 5,713 | 2,909 | 982 | 49 | 13,002 | 534 | 25,266 | 543 | 606 | 29 | 1,210 | 165,808 |
| 38 | - | 36 | 56 | 22 | 21 | - | 44 | - | 510 | 13 | 10 | - | 5 | 3,237 |
| 28 | - | 132 | 157 | 48 | 7 | 2 | 338 | 14 | 921 | 17 | 19 | - | 21 | 5,322 |
| 8 | - | 38 | 166 | 24 | 30 | - | 529 | 40 | 601 | 18 | 3 | - | 19 | 3,892 |
| 28 | - | 17 | 128 | 71 | 52 | - | 472 | 29 | 461 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 2,287 |
| 186 | - | 963 | 1,315 | 726 | 302 | 21 | 1,500 | 125 | 7,088 | 87 | 200 | - | 329 | 39,315 |
| 108 | 1 | 346 | 637 | 429 | 49 | 10 | 703 | 31 | 3,578 | 113 | 111 | 5 | 124 | 22,915 |
| - | - | 18 | 6 | - | 1 | - | 7 | - | 51 | 1 | - | - | 3 | 520 |
| 28 | - | 122 | 120 | 83 | 26 | 2 | 215 | 7 | 818 | 21 | 48 | - | 48 | 6,198 |
| 40 | - | 315 | 234 | 83 | 43 | - | 201 | 16 | 901 | 56 | 35 | - | 75 | 7,804 |
| 4 | - | 14 | 261 | 28 | 28 | - | 602 | 26 | 612 | 16 | 4 | - | 28 | 2,913 |
| 65 | - | 32 | 246 | 234 | 25 | 3 | 4,302 | 79 | 1,393 | 34 | 13 | 12 | 17 | 8,963 |
| 22 | - | 146 | 51 | 72 | 8 | 2 | 75 | 2 | 538 | 3 | 12 | - | 45 | 5,309 |
| 5 | - | 60 | 270 | 70 | 79 | 1 | 1,079 | 30 | 909 | 23 | 8 | 3 | 24 | 4,802 |
| 56 | - | 136 | 291 | 90 | 79 | 6 | 1,118 | 46 | 1,579 | 26 | 21 | 1 | 18 | 9,749 |
| 80 | - | 405 | 1,394 | 560 | 188 | 2 | 985 | 60 | 3,062 | 89 | 79 | 5 | 246 | 26,801 |
| 77 | - | 269 | 381 | 369 | 44 | - | 832 | 29 | 2,244 | 22 | 38 | 2 | 197 | 15,781 |
| 462 | 3 | 459 | 2,709 | 994 | 532 | 59 | 3,264 | 44 | 15,948 | 244 | 351 | 7 | 261 | 69,101 |
| 82 | 1 | 168 | 327 | 177 | 32 | 6 | 507 | 6 | 2,412 | 19 | 100 | - | 49 | 10,759 |
| 351 | 2 | 194 | 2,323 | 741 | 489 | 51 | 2,510 | 32 | 12,379 | 223 | 243 | 7 | 123 | 49,178 |
| 29 | - | 97 | 59 | 76 | 11 | 2 | 247 | 6 | 1,157 | 2 | 8 | - | 89 | 9,164 |
| 58 | - | 2,213 | 303 | 234 | 35 | - | 623 | 26 | 1,626 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 44 | 9,264 |
| 19 | - | 82 | 32 | 15 | 5 | - | 87 | 6 | 313 | 1 | 1 | - | 30 | 2,997 |
| 39 | - | 2,131 | 271 | 219 | 30 | - | 536 | 20 | 1,313 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 14 | 6,267 |

Table 14: Number of Domestic Tourists, 2014-2018

| Province | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grand Total | 2,077,718 | 2,313,339 | 1,986,738 | 2,236,914 | 2,818,576 |
| Attapeu | 16,811 | 45,408 | 27,571 | 28,840 | 85,549 |
| Bokeo | 25,463 | 34,089 | 42,561 | 48,565 | 53,020 |
| Bolikhamxay | 55,885 | 58,957 | 60,875 | 60,950 | 73,115 |
| Champasak | 318,760 | 379,375 | 399,692 | 479,838 | 329,609 |
| Houaphanh | 11,160 | 13,525 | 12,642 | 17,707 | 30,682 |
| Khammouane | 159,232 | 160,882 | 163,799 | 135,516 | 140,336 |
| Luang Prabang | 152,328 | 161,712 | 173,733 | 182,470 | 178,409 |
| Luang Namtha | 119,300 | 170,506 | 14,754 | 242,883 | 182,392 |
| Oudomxay | 85,190 | 88,383 | 78,148 | 71,597 | 82,063 |
| Phongsaly | 79,554 | 75,416 | 40,063 | 60,807 | - |
| Saravanh | 64,486 | 64,100 | 65,025 | 66,700 | 73,383 |
| Savannakhet | 426,246 | 448,411 | 335,279 | 341,364 | 369,840 |
| Sekong | 11,369 | 15,595 | 13,121 | 10,764 | 26,409 |
| Vientiane Capital | 300,878 | 136,222 | 65,680 | 55,953 | 706,677 |
| Vientiane Province | 136,088 | 345,772 | 363,061 | 353,874 | 357,836 |
| Xaisomboun | 20,144 | 17,192 | 19,022 | 15,272 | 19,569 |
| Xaiyabouli | 85,598 | 86,150 | 99,892 | 15,928 | 42,229 |
| Xieng Khouang | 9,226 | 11,644 | 11,820 | 47,886 | 67,458 |

Table 15: Visitors by Province, 2014-2018

| Province | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grand Total | 5,963,491 | 6,947,930 | 6,783,874 | 6,372,514 | 5,824,989 |
| Attapeu | 153,846 | 160,212 | 130,773 | 71,924 | 98,720 |
| Bokeo | 168,696 | 260,123 | 219,603 | 207,864 | 331,477 |
| Bolikhamxay | 184,658 | 279,605 | 231,920 | 181,710 | 215,513 |
| Champasak | 535,413 | 611,244 | 621,870 | 831,779 | 250,938 |
| Houaphanh | 27,848 | 34,493 | 50,039 | 50,154 | 39,877 |
| Khammouane | 472,906 | 519,451 | 538,027 | 464,584 | 283,494 |
| Luang Prabang | 378,999 | 531,327 | 643,319 | 472,942 | 576,610 |
| Luang Namtha | 380,473 | 543,542 | 531,366 | 600,369 | 573,145 |
| Oudomxay | 102,050 | 215,448 | 192,496 | 186,351 | 130,540 |
| Phongsaly | 69,836 | 82,103 | 103,583 | 144,012 | 135,593 |
| Saravanh | 78,534 | 86,420 | 88,325 | 92,550 | 37,453 |
| Savannakhet | 1,078,334 | 1,120,021 | 866,630 | 724,243 | 603,623 |
| Sekong | 26,509 | 30,382 | 34,024 | 38,429 | 30,720 |
| Vientiane Capital | 1,630,516 | 1,737,979 | 1,643,692 | 1,347,866 | 2,018,174 |
| Vientiane Province | 504,049 | 561,855 | 589,948 | 592,650 | 295,583 |
| Xaisomboun | 22,259 | 22,137 | 26,465 | 15,831 | 8,069 |
| Xaiyabouli | 96,131 | 99,928 | 197,628 | 218,995 | 118,190 |
| Xieng Khouang | 52,434 | 51,660 | 74,166 | 130,261 | 77,270 |

Graph 14: Out-going Laos Travelers

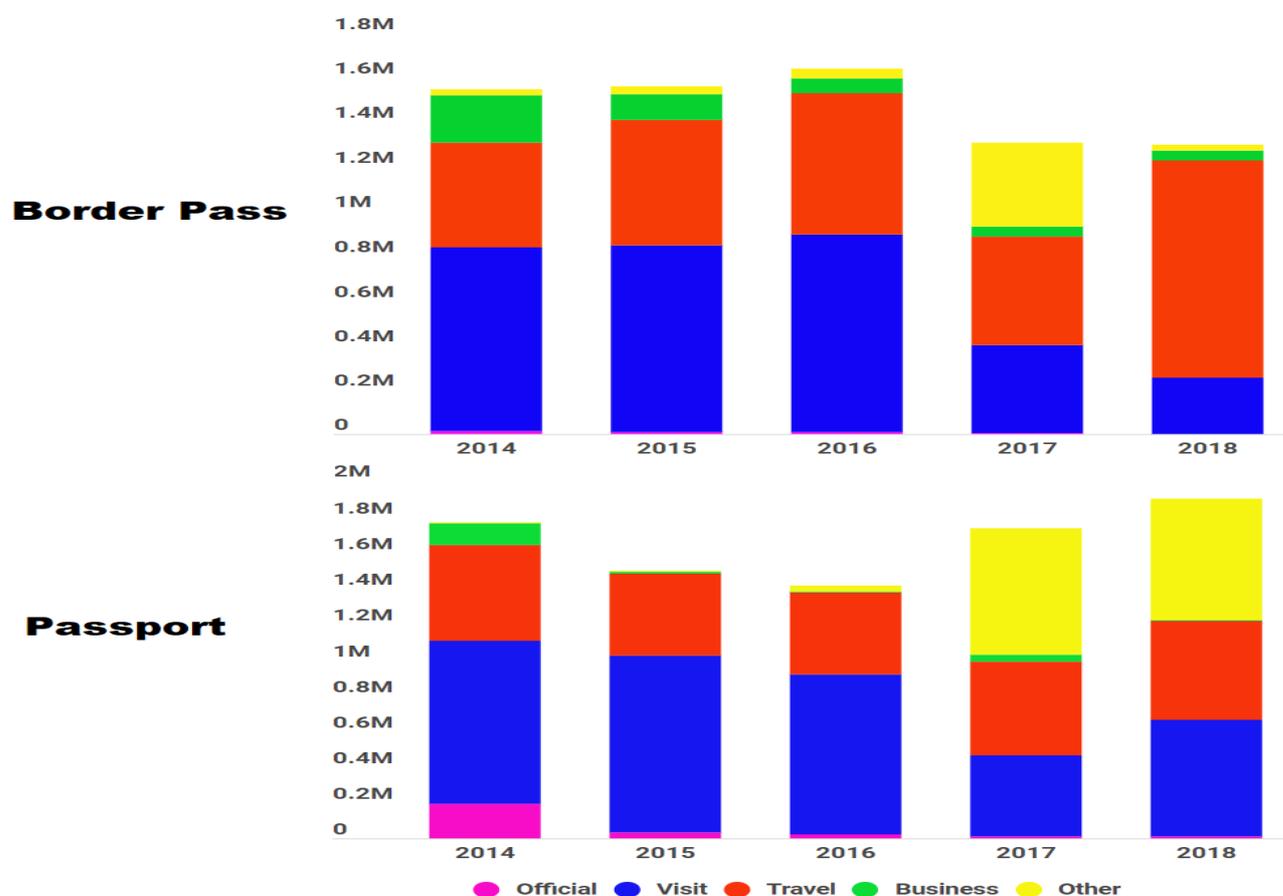


Table 16: Out-going Lao Travelers, 2013-2018

| Border Check Point | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | % Δ |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Grand Total | 2,857,345 | 3,319,702 | 3,066,525 | 3,058,815 | 3,049,152 | 3,206,870 | 5.2 |
| Attapeu | 4,391 | 1,727 | 7,497 | 5,249 | 5,569 | 4,322 | -22.4 |
| Bokeo | 47,189 | 26,558 | 34,576 | 54,223 | 43,222 | 83,887 | 94.1 |
| Bolikhamstay | 71,540 | 93,157 | 102,043 | 105,683 | 103,780 | 118,121 | 13.8 |
| Champasak | 118,425 | 107,131 | 157,069 | 216,080 | 260,246 | 261,998 | 0.7 |
| Huaphanh | 7,519 | 3,737 | 3,957 | 5,617 | 2,293 | 5,632 | 145.6 |
| Khammouane | 459,345 | 438,942 | 495,225 | 495,540 | 393,197 | 92,312 | -76.5 |
| Luangnamtha | 223,741 | 129,883 | 162,989 | 130,575 | 113,235 | 145,205 | 28.2 |
| Luangprabang | 2,708 | 1,960 | 1,998 | 1,890 | 1,801 | 8,873 | 392.7 |
| Phongsaly | 2,541 | 1,906 | 3,967 | 4,756 | 4,721 | 30,536 | 546.8 |
| Sravanh | | | | | 11,384 | 9,964 | -12.5 |
| Savannakhet | 368,805 | 846,053 | 347,932 | 329,345 | 389,178 | 604,589 | 55.4 |
| Friendship bridge I | 1,405,251 | 1,534,970 | 1,570,894 | 1,543,693 | 1,535,634 | 1,635,403 | 6.5 |
| Xayabouli | 140,987 | 121,991 | 170,153 | 159,343 | 174,752 | 197,276 | 12.9 |
| Xiengkhouang | 4,903 | 11,687 | 8,225 | 6,821 | 10,140 | 8,752 | -13.7 |

Table 17: Out-going Lao Travelers, 2016-2018 (by purpose)

| Border Check Point | Total | Total | 2018 | | | | | Total |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| | 2016 | 2017 | Official | Visit | Travel | Business | Other | 2018 |
| Total | 3,058,815 | 3,049,152 | 12,852 | 908,679 | 1,525,110 | 50,461 | 709,768 | 3,206,870 |
| Friendship bridge I | 1,461,893 | 1,512,326 | 1,013 | 649,363 | 351,674 | 101 | 509,903 | 1,512,054 |
| Border Pass | 722,629 | 726,497 | | 183,043 | 351,135 | | | 534,178 |
| Passport | 739,264 | 785,829 | 1,013 | 466,320 | 539 | 101 | 509,903 | 977,876 |
| Wattay Airport | 81,800 | 163,308 | 2,459 | 14,028 | 1,666 | 20 | 105,176 | 123,349 |
| Border Pass | - | - | | | | | | - |
| Passport | 81,800 | 163,308 | 2,459 | 14,028 | 1,666 | 20 | 105,176 | 123,349 |
| Luangnamtha | 130,575 | 117,235 | 598 | 165 | 124,850 | 4,714 | 14,878 | 145,205 |
| Border Pass | 126,209 | 114,068 | 9 | 156 | 123,326 | 4,714 | 9,877 | 138,082 |
| Passport | 4,366 | 3,167 | 589 | 9 | 1,524 | | 5,001 | 7,123 |
| Bolikhamsay | 105,683 | 115,404 | 848 | 49,084 | 66,422 | 1,767 | - | 118,121 |
| Border Pass | 51,294 | 51,771 | 1 | 18,941 | 24,059 | 1,735 | | 44,736 |
| Passport | 54,389 | 63,633 | 847 | 30,143 | 42,363 | 32 | | 73,385 |
| Khammouane | 495,540 | 403,197 | 52 | 5,432 | 31,434 | 187 | 55,207 | 92,312 |
| Border Pass | 348,997 | 175,704 | 5 | 770 | 30,208 | 185 | 866 | 32,034 |
| Passport | 146,543 | 227,493 | 47 | 4,662 | 1,226 | 2 | 54,341 | 60,278 |
| Savannakhet | 329,345 | 399,449 | 522 | 181 | 574,030 | 822 | 11,980 | 587,535 |
| Border Pass | 174,319 | 145,860 | 18 | 63 | 306,930 | 155 | 2,795 | 309,961 |
| Passport | 155,026 | 253,589 | 504 | 118 | 267,100 | 667 | 9,185 | 277,574 |
| Savannakhet Airport | | 729 | 15 | 20 | 16,817 | 8 | 194 | 17,054 |
| Border Pass | - | - | | | | | | - |
| Passport | - | 729 | 15 | 20 | 16,817 | 8 | 194 | 17,054 |
| Bokeo | 54,223 | 43,222 | 197 | 847 | 81,001 | 851 | 991 | 83,887 |
| Border Pass | 25,931 | 24,983 | 2 | 846 | 33,486 | 851 | 991 | 36,176 |
| Passport | 28,292 | 18,239 | 195 | 1 | 47,515 | | | 47,711 |
| Champasak | 216,080 | 258,314 | 1,850 | 26,272 | 222,115 | 9,100 | - | 259,337 |
| Border Pass | 93,474 | 93,473 | 1,187 | 19,393 | 72,636 | 9,091 | | 102,307 |
| Passport | 122,606 | 164,841 | 663 | 6,879 | 149,479 | 9 | | 157,030 |
| Champasak Airport | 81,800 | 1,932 | - | - | 2,649 | - | 12 | 2,661 |
| Border Pass | - | - | | | | | | - |
| Passport | - | 1,932 | | | 2,649 | | 12 | 2,661 |
| Xayabouli | 159,343 | 174,752 | 234 | 150,172 | 12,801 | 24,945 | 9,124 | 197,276 |
| Border Pass | 90,695 | 80,483 | 178 | 28,313 | 9,428 | 22,509 | 9,124 | 69,552 |
| Passport | 68,648 | 94,269 | 56 | 121,859 | 3,373 | 2,436 | | 127,724 |
| Huaphanh | 5,617 | 2,293 | 2,934 | 123 | 1,945 | 546 | 84 | 5,632 |
| Border Pass | 1,800 | 645 | 102 | 118 | 1,690 | 183 | 84 | 2,177 |
| Passport | 3,817 | 1,648 | 2,832 | 5 | 255 | 363 | | 3,455 |
| Luangprabang Airport | 1,890 | 1,801 | 346 | 8,516 | 9 | 2 | - | 8,873 |
| Border Pass | - | - | | | | | | - |
| Passport | 1,890 | 1,801 | 346 | 8,516 | 9 | 2 | | 8,873 |
| Xiengkhouang | 6,821 | 10,140 | 328 | 1,433 | 5,552 | 1,171 | 268 | 8,752 |
| Border Pass | 3,220 | 4,089 | 175 | 398 | 1,034 | 812 | | 2,419 |
| Passport | 3,601 | 6,051 | 153 | 1,035 | 4,518 | 359 | 268 | 6,333 |
| Attapeu | 5,249 | 5,569 | 1,207 | 246 | 1,164 | 337 | 1,368 | 4,322 |
| Border Pass | 512 | 977 | 286 | 5 | | 295 | | 586 |
| Passport | 4,737 | 4,592 | 921 | 241 | 1,164 | 42 | 1,368 | 3,736 |
| Phongsaly | 4,756 | 4,721 | 45 | 6 | 24,160 | 5,771 | 554 | 30,536 |
| Border Pass | 2,552 | 2,110 | 28 | 3 | 18,364 | 5,771 | 554 | 24,720 |
| Passport | 2,204 | 2,611 | 17 | 3 | 5,796 | | | 5,816 |
| Sravanh | 4,756 | 11,384 | 204 | 2,791 | 6,821 | 119 | 29 | 9,964 |
| Border Pass | | 3,958 | 51 | 223 | 1,552 | 50 | 21 | 1,897 |
| Passport | | 7,426 | 153 | 2,568 | 5,269 | 69 | 8 | 8,067 |

Table 18: Room Occupancy Rates by Province, 2011-2018

| Province | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Average | 56% | 57% | 55% | 54% | 57% | 51% | 54% | 53% |
| Attapeu | 44% | 46% | 49% | 43% | 52% | 39% | 41% | 44% |
| Bokeo | 62% | 63% | 65% | 44% | 56% | 47% | 50% | 51% |
| Bolikhamxay | 55% | 52% | 46% | 42% | 45% | 42% | 45% | 46% |
| Champassak | 68% | 62% | 60% | 55% | 56% | 45% | 56% | 53% |
| Houaphanh | 55% | 54% | 48% | 45% | 51% | 43% | 46% | 41% |
| Khammouane | 50% | 51% | 71% | 75% | 71% | 75% | 72% | 75% |
| Luang Namtha | 56% | 54% | 49% | 57% | 56% | 30% | 48% | 54% |
| Luang Prabang | 68% | 69% | 70% | 71% | 73% | 75% | 71% | 70% |
| Oudomxay | 55% | 58% | 53% | 50% | 56% | 52% | 54% | 56% |
| Phongsaly | 55% | 56% | 44% | 40% | 46% | 39% | 44% | 41% |
| Saravanh | 56% | 57% | 52% | 48% | 53% | 65% | 69% | 53% |
| Savannakhet | 60% | 58% | 58% | 69% | 71% | 53% | 54% | 57% |
| Sekong | 53% | 51% | 41% | 55% | 48% | 47% | 52% | 42% |
| Vientiane Capital | 63% | 67% | 72% | 73% | 74% | 56% | 59% | 62% |
| Vientiane province | 64% | 62% | 63% | 60% | 65% | 62% | 65% | 63% |
| Xaisomboun | N/A | N/A | N/A | 49% | 48% | 45% | 43% | 45% |
| Xayabouli | 57% | 53% | 43% | 41% | 47% | 44% | 46% | 44% |
| Xieng Khouang | 56% | 58% | 57% | 54% | 56% | 53% | 57% | 55% |

Table 19: Number of Hotels, Guesthouses, Resorts, Restaurants and Entertainment Establishments, 2017-2018

| Province | Type | | | | | | | | Total 2017 | Total 2018 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Hotel | | GH, Resort | | Restaurant | | Entertainment | | | |
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | | |
| Total | 569 | 670 | 2,165 | 2,432 | 2,360 | 2,646 | 249 | 305 | 5,343 | 6,053 |
| Attapeu | 12 | 23 | 47 | 31 | 46 | 53 | 14 | 20 | 119 | 127 |
| Bokeo | 16 | 16 | 69 | 70 | 39 | 19 | 5 | 5 | 129 | 110 |
| Bolikhamxay | 35 | 40 | 91 | 120 | 154 | 365 | 19 | 22 | 299 | 547 |
| Champasack | 62 | 66 | 173 | 219 | 44 | 181 | 9 | 23 | 288 | 489 |
| Houaphanh | 10 | 11 | 58 | 63 | 122 | 125 | 3 | 1 | 193 | 200 |
| Khammouane | 20 | 24 | 115 | 115 | 171 | 159 | 11 | 6 | 317 | 304 |
| Luang Namtha | 8 | 10 | 99 | 95 | 161 | 178 | 17 | 9 | 285 | 292 |
| Luang Prabang | 53 | 90 | 260 | 387 | 290 | 300 | 19 | 19 | 622 | 796 |
| Oudomxay | 19 | 22 | 88 | 112 | 209 | 253 | 6 | 6 | 322 | 393 |
| Phongsaly | 9 | 12 | 62 | 61 | 198 | 78 | 9 | 10 | 278 | 161 |
| Saravanh | 4 | 7 | 50 | 51 | 48 | 48 | 2 | 66 | 104 | 172 |
| Savannakhet | 45 | 50 | 160 | 173 | 158 | 248 | 8 | 6 | 371 | 477 |
| Sekong | 10 | 10 | 42 | 36 | 53 | 20 | 28 | 7 | 133 | 73 |
| Vientiane Capital | 218 | 230 | 241 | 253 | 111 | 108 | 42 | 38 | 612 | 629 |
| Vientiane Province | 23 | 32 | 289 | 312 | 274 | 273 | 32 | 41 | 618 | 658 |
| Xaisomboun | 1 | 1 | 37 | 44 | 121 | 53 | 1 | 0 | 160 | 98 |
| Xaiyabouli | 7 | 8 | 174 | 165 | 58 | 61 | 18 | 16 | 257 | 250 |
| Xieng Khouang | 17 | 18 | 110 | 125 | 103 | 124 | 6 | 10 | 236 | 277 |

Table 20: Number of Accommodation Establishments, and Rooms 2013-2018

| Province | Number of Establishments | | | | | | Number of Rooms | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Grand Total | 2,359 | 2,426 | 2,449 | 2,527 | 2,734 | 3,102 | 37,808 | 44,714 | 48,386 | 46,513 | 50,600 | 56,825 |
| Attapeu | 42 | 50 | 58 | 58 | 59 | 54 | 609 | 760 | 703 | 930 | 960 | 1,013 |
| Bokeo | 66 | 74 | 77 | 80 | 85 | 86 | 853 | 1,049 | 1,084 | 1,273 | 1,332 | 1,297 |
| Bolikhamxay | 105 | 108 | 113 | 120 | 126 | 160 | 1,665 | 2,011 | 2,160 | 2,248 | 2,388 | 2,884 |
| Champasack | 225 | 241 | 232 | 224 | 235 | 285 | 4,072 | 4,260 | 3,602 | 3,788 | 4,059 | 5,182 |
| Houaphanh | 59 | 61 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 74 | 730 | 691 | 827 | 877 | 883 | 956 |
| Khammouane | 91 | 111 | 127 | 127 | 135 | 139 | 1,119 | 1,726 | 2,798 | 1,960 | 2,174 | 2,261 |
| Luang Namtha | 82 | 94 | 97 | 98 | 107 | 105 | 1,269 | 1,349 | 1,384 | 1,614 | 1,545 | 1,519 |
| Luang Prabang | 380 | 312 | 299 | 297 | 313 | 477 | 4,126 | 5,634 | 5,005 | 4,844 | 5,368 | 5,276 |
| Oudomxay | 82 | 89 | 90 | 101 | 107 | 134 | 1,396 | 1,598 | 1,619 | 1,764 | 1,906 | 2,271 |
| Phongsaly | 49 | 54 | 57 | 64 | 71 | 73 | 506 | 571 | 624 | 720 | 746 | 905 |
| Saravane | 51 | 50 | 46 | 47 | 54 | 58 | 555 | 441 | 373 | 373 | 517 | 814 |
| Savannakhet | 180 | 189 | 196 | 204 | 205 | 223 | 1,662 | 4,268 | 4,351 | 4,512 | 4,521 | 4,482 |
| Sekong | 38 | 38 | 40 | 40 | 52 | 46 | 609 | 540 | 456 | 456 | 628 | 599 |
| Vientiane Capital | 423 | 430 | 427 | 429 | 459 | 483 | 11,497 | 11,923 | 12,028 | 12,704 | 13,030 | 14,244 |
| Vientiane Province | 275 | 285 | 265 | 269 | 312 | 344 | 4,395 | 4,952 | 8,153 | 4,321 | 5,592 | 6,203 |
| Xaisomboun | N/A | 36 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 45 | N/A | 152 | 337 | 336 | 336 | 475 |
| Xaiyabouli | 114 | 106 | 113 | 150 | 181 | 173 | 1,437 | 1,384 | 1,388 | 1,846 | 2,257 | 2,343 |
| Xieng Khouang | 97 | 98 | 108 | 114 | 127 | 143 | 1,308 | 1,405 | 1,494 | 1,947 | 2,358 | 4,101 |

Table 21: Number of Hotels, Guest Houses, Rooms and Beds, in 2018

| Province | Hotels | | | Guest Houses and Resort | | | Total | | |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | No | Room | Bed | No | Room | Bed | No | Room | Beds |
| Total | 670 | 23,717 | 33,359 | 2,432 | 33,108 | 41,167 | 3,102 | 56,825 | 74,526 |
| Attapeu | 23 | 675 | 1007 | 31 | 338 | 519 | 54 | 1,013 | 1,526 |
| Bokeo | 16 | 491 | 776 | 70 | 806 | 548 | 86 | 1,297 | 1,324 |
| Bolikhamxay | 40 | 1194 | 1654 | 120 | 1690 | 2167 | 160 | 2,884 | 3,821 |
| Champasack | 66 | 2593 | 3164 | 219 | 2589 | 3287 | 285 | 5,182 | 6,451 |
| Houaphanh | 11 | 242 | 329 | 63 | 714 | 1010 | 74 | 956 | 1,339 |
| Khammouane | 24 | 857 | 1133 | 115 | 1404 | 1754 | 139 | 2,261 | 2,887 |
| Luang Namtha | 10 | 297 | 481 | 95 | 1222 | 1582 | 105 | 1,519 | 2,063 |
| Luang Prabang | 90 | 1987 | 4173 | 387 | 3289 | 5066 | 477 | 5,276 | 9,239 |
| Oudomxay | 22 | 870 | 1246 | 112 | 1401 | 1849 | 134 | 2,271 | 3,095 |
| Phongsaly | 12 | 353 | 566 | 61 | 552 | 863 | 73 | 905 | 1,429 |
| Saravane | 7 | 160 | 247 | 51 | 654 | 840 | 58 | 814 | 1,087 |
| Savannakhet | 50 | 2055 | 2902 | 173 | 2427 | 2616 | 223 | 4,482 | 5,518 |
| Sekong | 10 | 246 | 322 | 36 | 353 | 465 | 46 | 599 | 787 |
| Vientiane Capital | 230 | 9137 | 11573 | 253 | 5107 | 5776 | 483 | 14,244 | 17,349 |
| Vientiane Province | 32 | 1554 | 2343 | 312 | 4649 | 5981 | 344 | 6,203 | 8,324 |
| Xaisomboun | 1 | 17 | 17 | 44 | 458 | 458 | 45 | 475 | 475 |
| Xaiyabouli | 8 | 270 | 389 | 165 | 2073 | 2237 | 173 | 2,343 | 2,626 |
| Xieng Khouang | 18 | 719 | 1037 | 125 | 3382 | 4149 | 143 | 4,101 | 5,186 |

Table 22: Visitor Arrivals to Luang Prabang Province

| Region | Country | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | | 2018 | | % Δ |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Grand Total | | 607,584 | | 643,319 | | 655,412 | | 755,019 | | 15 |
| Laos | | 161,712 | | 173,733 | | 182,470 | | 178,409 | | -2 |
| Foreigner | | 445,872 | 100% | 469,586 | 100% | 472,942 | 100% | 576,610 | 100% | 22 |
| ASEAN | | 67,979 | 15.25 | 70,458 | 15.00 | 73,719 | 15.59 | 84,827 | 14.71 | 15 |
| | Brunei | 28 | 0.01 | 47 | 0.01 | 56 | 0.01 | 62 | 0.01 | 11 |
| | Cambodia | 618 | 0.14 | 708 | 0.15 | 737 | 0.16 | 290 | 0.05 | -61 |
| | Indonesia | 12 | 0.00 | 36 | 0.01 | 146 | 0.03 | 150 | 0.03 | 3 |
| | Malaysia | 36 | 0.01 | 97 | 0.02 | 124 | 0.03 | 349 | 0.06 | 181 |
| | Myanmar | 426 | 0.10 | 437 | 0.09 | 454 | 0.10 | 166 | 0.03 | -63 |
| | Philippines | 121 | 0.03 | 146 | 0.03 | 153 | 0.03 | 317 | 0.05 | 107 |
| | Singapore | 46 | 0.01 | 143 | 0.03 | 162 | 0.03 | 226 | 0.04 | 40 |
| | Thailand | 61,201 | 13.73 | 61,406 | 13.08 | 64,372 | 13.61 | 75,035 | 13.01 | 17 |
| | Vietnam | 5,491 | 1.23 | 7,438 | 1.58 | 7,515 | 1.59 | 8,232 | 1.43 | 10 |
| Asia and Pacific | | 133,355 | 29.91 | 139,039 | 29.61 | 136,530 | 28.87 | 171,726 | 29.78 | 26 |
| | Australia | 19,542 | 4.38 | 21,672 | 4.62 | 15,883 | 3.36 | 18,719 | 3.25 | 18 |
| | China | 60,793 | 13.63 | 63,290 | 13.48 | 66,392 | 14.04 | 81,052 | 14.06 | 22 |
| | India | 89 | 0.02 | 143 | 0.03 | 247 | 0.05 | 304 | 0.05 | 23 |
| | Japan | 19,149 | 4.29 | 18,072 | 3.85 | 17,930 | 3.79 | 19,213 | 3.33 | 7 |
| | Korea (Rep) | 33,582 | 7.53 | 34,178 | 7.28 | 34,578 | 7.31 | 38,470 | 6.67 | 11 |
| | New Zealand | 124 | 0.03 | 482 | 0.10 | 257 | 0.05 | 616 | 0.11 | 140 |
| | Taiwan | 64 | 0.01 | 1,167 | 0.25 | 1,189 | 0.25 | 3,261 | 0.57 | 174 |
| | Others | 12 | 0.00 | 35 | 0.01 | 54 | 0.01 | 10,091 | 1.75 | 18,587 |
| Europe | | 171,884 | 38.55 | 178,134 | 37.93 | 178,784 | 37.80 | 215,322 | 37.34 | 20 |
| | Austria | 3,738 | 0.84 | 3,741 | 0.80 | 3,415 | 0.72 | 4,549 | 0.79 | 33 |
| | Belgium | 963 | 0.22 | 1,035 | 0.22 | 1,127 | 0.24 | 1,248 | 0.22 | 11 |
| | Denmark | 3,851 | 0.86 | 3,869 | 0.82 | 3,582 | 0.76 | 3,887 | 0.67 | 9 |
| | Finland | 5,397 | 1.21 | 5,462 | 1.16 | 4,530 | 0.96 | 5,616 | 0.97 | 24 |
| | France | 29,936 | 6.71 | 31,330 | 6.67 | 31,468 | 6.65 | 33,480 | 5.81 | 6 |
| | Germany | 28,891 | 6.48 | 30,144 | 6.42 | 30,749 | 6.50 | 32,291 | 5.60 | 5 |
| | Greece | 994 | 0.22 | 843 | 0.18 | 859 | 0.18 | 946 | 0.16 | 10 |
| | Italy | 12,935 | 2.90 | 12,958 | 2.76 | 13,156 | 2.78 | 15,673 | 2.72 | 19 |
| | Netherlands | 8,416 | 1.89 | 8,497 | 1.81 | 8,953 | 1.89 | 9,725 | 1.69 | 9 |
| | Norway | 4,316 | 0.97 | 4,364 | 0.93 | 4,382 | 0.93 | 4,697 | 0.81 | 7 |
| | Russia | 14,261 | 3.20 | 14,605 | 3.11 | 14,874 | 3.14 | 16,810 | 2.92 | 13 |
| | Spain | 6,292 | 1.41 | 6,893 | 1.47 | 7,147 | 1.51 | 8,713 | 1.51 | 22 |
| | Sweden | 4,670 | 1.05 | 4,851 | 1.03 | 4,899 | 1.04 | 5,972 | 1.04 | 22 |
| | Switzerland | 8,994 | 2.02 | 9,246 | 1.97 | 9,367 | 1.98 | 9,757 | 1.69 | 4 |
| | United Kingdom | 32,258 | 7.23 | 33,568 | 7.15 | 33,965 | 7.18 | 34,795 | 6.03 | 2 |
| | Others | 5,972 | 1.34 | 6,728 | 1.43 | 6,311 | 1.33 | 27,163 | 4.71 | 330 |
| Americas | | 64,762 | 14.52 | 72,780 | 15.50 | 74,407 | 15.73 | 90,926 | 15.77 | 22 |
| | Canada | 20,642 | 4.63 | 21,856 | 4.65 | 21,937 | 4.64 | 22,497 | 3.90 | 3 |
| | USA | 27,594 | 6.19 | 28,560 | 6.08 | 29,178 | 6.17 | 34,280 | 5.95 | 17 |
| | Others | 16,526 | 3.71 | 22,364 | 4.76 | 23,292 | 4.92 | 34,149 | 5.92 | 47 |
| Africa and Middle East | | 7,892 | 1.77 | 9,175 | 1.95 | 9,502 | 2.01 | 13,809 | 2.39 | 45 |
| | Israel | 5,198 | 1.17 | 5,214 | 1.11 | 5,324 | 1.13 | 5,791 | 1.00 | 9 |
| | Others | 2,694 | 0.60 | 3,961 | 0.84 | 4,178 | 0.88 | 8,018 | 1.39 | 92 |

Part II: International Visitor Survey

The results in this section of the report relate to information obtained from 2,918 international visitors surveyed during the period April-December 2018 at Wattay International Airport, Friendship Bridge, Luangprabang and Champassack Provinces. The international visitors who were randomly interviewed represent all tourist arrivals to Laos.

Table 23: Profile of International Tourist Arrivals to Laos, 2013 to 2018

| CHARACTERISTIC | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| MODE OF ARRIVAL | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Air | 32.4 | 29.3 | 28.4 | 25.8 | 26.4 | 31.4 |
| Land | 67.6 | 70.7 | 71.6 | 74.2 | 73.6 | 68.5 |
| SEX | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Male | 49.6 | 55 | 54.3 | 53.4 | 56.7 | 52.4 |
| Female | 50.4 | 45 | 45.7 | 46.6 | 43.3 | 47.6 |
| AGE GROUP | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| 15 to 19 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 1.1 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 3.7 |
| 20 to 29 | 43.6 | 35.3 | 27 | 28.5 | 29.5 | 35.9 |
| 30 to 39 | 20.7 | 23.6 | 26.1 | 22.4 | 23.5 | 24.2 |
| 40 to 49 | 11.6 | 12.4 | 16.3 | 13 | 12.5 | 10.1 |
| 50 to 59 | 11.9 | 13.1 | 14.3 | 12.7 | 11.1 | 11.3 |
| 60 and above | 7.4 | 12.1 | 15.2 | 18.5 | 19 | 14.6 |
| OCCUPATION | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Government | 13.1 | 10 | 10.4 | 10.1 | 13 | 9.6 |
| Private company | 35.5 | 37.2 | 32.2 | 35 | 33.2 | 36.4 |
| Student | 23.6 | 19.2 | 19.1 | 13.8 | 14.2 | 13.2 |
| Housewife | 1.4 | 2.1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2.8 |
| Retired | 5.1 | 8.1 | 13.8 | 13.1 | 13.9 | 11.7 |
| Self-employed | 7.3 | 8.4 | 9.9 | 8.6 | 9.2 | 10.1 |
| Others | 13.9 | 15 | 13.6 | 16.4 | 13.5 | 15.9 |
| PURPOSE OF VISIT | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Business | 7 | 4.6 | 3.5 | 8.8 | 12.4 | 7.4 |
| Holiday | 83.6 | 89.6 | 91.1 | 80.3 | 76.8 | 81 |
| Visit family | 5.5 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 3.3 |
| Official, convention and seminar | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.4 |
| Education | | | | | 1.6 | 2.9 |
| En Route / In transit | | | | | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Others | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 3.5 |

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| CHARACTERISTIC | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| PERSONS ACCOMPANIED WITH | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Alone | 26.2 | 24.2 | 13.8 | 20.9 | 25.8 | 24.1 |
| Spouse/partner | 32.2 | 42 | 42.3 | 35.9 | 37.9 | 39.4 |
| Child | 3.2 | 5 | 11.4 | 7.6 | 6.6 | 6.2 |
| Colleague | 2.8 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 3.2 |
| Friend | 32.4 | 25.3 | 29.4 | 25.7 | 22.6 | 26.1 |
| Others | 3.2 | 7.9 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION IN LAO PDR | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Airplane | | | | | 51.4 | 43.5 |
| Bus | | | | | 43.9 | 48.6 |
| Boat | | | | | 23.4 | 31.6 |
| Tuk-Tuk | | | | | 45.5 | 44.1 |
| Taxi | | | | | 26.4 | 32.4 |
| Car | | | | | 24.4 | 20.8 |
| Bicycle | | | | | 16.6 | 16.6 |
| Others | | | | | 13.4 | 11.8 |
| FREQUENCY OF VISIT | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| None | 41.1 | 36.7 | 4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 3 |
| First visit | 40.3 | 45.7 | 79.9 | 78.2 | 72.8 | 75.2 |
| Second visit | 6.8 | 6.8 | 8.2 | 10.6 | 11.1 | 7.9 |
| Third visit | 11.8 | 10.8 | 7.9 | 2.7 | 7.7 | 8.8 |
| More than 3 | | | | 8.4 | 8.2 | 6.1 |
| SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT LAOS | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Book or magazine | 41.1 | 34 | 13.8 | 16.2 | 17.7 | 19.2 |
| TV or radio | 4.9 | 22 | 12 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 3.5 |
| Friend | 26.3 | 25.8 | 23.8 | 28 | 23.1 | 28.4 |
| Travel Agency/Tour Operator | 16.2 | 17.9 | 16.5 | 16.3 | 17.2 | 17.3 |
| Internet | 30.6 | 30 | 63.4 | 63.8 | 34 | 44.8 |
| Guide Book | 32 | 23 | 30 | 22 | 11.7 | 1 |
| Facebook | | | | | 14.8 | 16.4 |
| Other | 5.6 | 4.3 | 7.5 | 9.3 | 7.1 | 8.2 |
| MAIN INTERESTS | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Nature | 70.4 | 69.2 | 66.8 | 66.9 | 65.5 | 59 |
| Historical Tourism | | | | | 30.3 | 44.1 |
| Culture | 79.4 | 74.2 | 74 | 70.1 | 67.5 | 63.4 |
| Heritage Tourism | | | | | 17.8 | 11.5 |
| Community Base Tourism | | | | | 6.6 | 12.4 |
| Eco-Tourism | | | | | 10.8 | 13.4 |
| Ethnic Group | | | | | 10.5 | 23.2 |
| Adventure | | | | | 11.5 | 13.8 |
| Agri-Tourism | | | | | 4 | 37.2 |
| Temple and monuments | 61.7 | 62.3 | 69.2 | 62 | 44.1 | 37.2 |
| Cruising | | | | | | 16 |
| Food | 37.4 | 36.5 | 48.7 | 36.4 | 33.2 | 31 |
| Shopping | 17.3 | 14.9 | 15.3 | 14.2 | 15.2 | 20.4 |
| New destination | 39.8 | 42 | 34.5 | 36.2 | 22.4 | 21.9 |
| Other | 9.8 | 13 | 13.5 | 12.4 | 9.5 | 13 |

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| CHARACTERISTIC | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Hotel | 54.5 | 62.5 | 66.7 | 61.3 | 60.8 | 57.9 |
| Guest House | 42.5 | 42.4 | 41.3 | 39.9 | 39.4 | 43.9 |
| Home Stay | | | | | 4 | 7 |
| Private house | 1.5 | 5.5 | 3.9 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 4 |
| Others | 1.6 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 5.9 |
| PROVINCES VISITED | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Attapeu | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| Bokeo | 23 | 21.2 | 17.5 | 6 | 5.9 | 4.8 |
| Bolikhamxay | 13.1 | 11 | 9.7 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 2 |
| Champassak | 52.8 | 56.2 | 58 | 5.7 | 9.8 | 10.2 |
| Huapanh | 4.5 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| Khammouane | 19.2 | 18.5 | 17.4 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 6.4 |
| Luang Namtha | 19.7 | 18.2 | 14.8 | 3 | 3.4 | 4.3 |
| Luang Prabang | 78.9 | 81 | 82.8 | 73.6 | 80.4 | 79.4 |
| Oudomsay | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 4.4 |
| Phong Saly | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3 | 2 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| Saravanh | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| Savannakhet | 9.4 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 4.4 | 4 | 5.2 |
| Sekong | 2.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| Vientiane Capital | 78.5 | 72.9 | 75.9 | 77.3 | 58.2 | 66.5 |
| Vientiane Province | 39.4 | 36.9 | 33.1 | 42.5 | 30.1 | 38.2 |
| Xaisomboun | 0 | 1.3 | 0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| Xaiyabouli | 5.2 | 6 | 5.2 | 1 | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| Xieng Khouang | 20 | 16 | 10.5 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| COUNTRIES VISITED ON THESE TRIPS | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Only Lao PDR | 22.6 | 24.2 | 37.4 | 34.5 | 25.6 | 27.1 |
| Thailand | 60.1 | 52.2 | 52.5 | 56.1 | 49.9 | 53 |
| Cambodia or China or Vietnam | 52.6 | 54.7 | 62 | 41.4 | 42.4 | 46.2 |
| Other Southeast Asian countries | 17.7 | 17.6 | 16 | 20.5 | 23.6 | 24.1 |
| None of above | | | | | 3.4 | 1.8 |
| SATISFACTION OF YOUR VISIT COMPARED WITH YOUR EXP | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Much higher | | | | | 29.4 | 28.8 |
| Higher | | | | | 39.2 | 40.2 |
| Same | | | | | 25.1 | 25.2 |
| Lower | | | | | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| Much lower | | | | | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS) | 8.4 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 8.3 | 7.9 |
| AVERAGE EXPENDITURE PER DAY PER PERSON (US Dollars | 69.5 | 73.3 | 76.5 | 76.8 | 76.6 | 90.7 |

Part III: Tourism Projections

Table 24: Tourist Arrivals to Laos, Revenue from Tourism, Average Length of Stay by Time Trend from 1993-2025

| Year | Number of Tourist Arrivals | Revenue from Tourism (Dollars) | Average Length of Stay (Days) for international tourists | Remark |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------|
| 1993 | 102,946 | 6,280,000 | 3.5 | |
| 1994 | 146,155 | 7,557,600 | 5.1 | |
| 1995 | 346,460 | 24,738,480 | 4.3 | |
| 1996 | 403,000 | 43,592,263 | 4.1 | |
| 1997 | 463,200 | 73,276,904 | 5.0 | |
| 1998 | 500,200 | 79,960,145 | 5.0 | |
| 1999 | 614,278 | 97,265,324 | 5.5 | |
| 2000 | 737,208 | 113,898,285 | 5.5 | |
| 2001 | 673,823 | 103,786,323 | 8.0 | |
| 2002 | 735,662 | 113,409,883 | 6.5 | |
| 2003 | 636,361 | 87,302,412 | 6.0 | |
| 2004 | 894,806 | 118,947,707 | 6.5 | |
| 2005 | 1,095,315 | 146,770,074 | 7.0 | |
| 2006 | 1,215,106 | 173,249,896 | 7.0 | |
| 2007 | 1,623,943 | 233,304,695 | 7.0 | |
| 2008 | 1,736,787 | 275,515,758 | 6.5 | |
| 2009 | 2,008,363 | 267,700,224 | 7.0 | |
| 2010 | 2,513,028 | 381,669,031 | 7.0 | |
| 2011 | 2,723,564 | 406,184,338 | 7.0 | |
| 2012 | 3,330,072 | 506,022,586 | 7.2 | |
| 2013 | 3,779,490 | 595,909,127 | 8.4 | |
| 2014 | 4,158,719 | 641,636,543 | 7.9 | |
| 2015 | 4,684,429 | 725,365,681 | 7.5 | |
| 2016 | 4,239,047 | 724,191,957 | 7.57 | |
| 2017 | 3,868,838 | 648,067,008 | 8.39 | |
| 2018 | 4,186,432 | 811,010,661 | 7.99 | |
| 2019 | 4,475,720 | 855,184,922 | 8.33 | Estimated |
| 2020 | 4,760,136 | 905,331,753 | 8.46 | Estimated |
| 2021 | 4,962,879 | 955,478,583 | 8.59 | Estimated |
| 2025 | 5,571,108 | 1,156,065,905 | 9.12 | Estimated |

Table 25: Tourist Arrivals Forecast by Season from 2018 to 2025

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 2005 | 77,093 | 81,766 | 113,722 | 100,477 | 83,665 | 96,140 | 67,878 | 85,940 | 77,694 | 99,437 | 100,217 | 111,286 | 1,095,315 |
| 2006 | 111,917 | 112,520 | 104,675 | 99,928 | 94,017 | 85,016 | 79,525 | 93,045 | 86,762 | 108,720 | 111,747 | 127,234 | 1,215,106 |
| 2007 | 150,853 | 140,238 | 137,463 | 117,805 | 141,771 | 117,741 | 121,541 | 127,687 | 126,071 | 152,366 | 139,478 | 150,929 | 1,623,943 |
| 2008 | 158,776 | 149,744 | 140,256 | 142,321 | 150,314 | 149,299 | 133,355 | 122,636 | 128,427 | 134,943 | 158,673 | 168,043 | 1,736,787 |
| 2009 | 186,668 | 176,596 | 154,059 | 101,288 | 117,754 | 140,929 | 161,055 | 156,239 | 178,194 | 191,697 | 190,132 | 253,752 | 2,008,363 |
| 2010 | 229,032 | 196,746 | 210,337 | 224,753 | 179,168 | 140,929 | 182,876 | 201,273 | 195,318 | 220,925 | 237,692 | 265,613 | 2,484,662 |
| 2011 | 265,367 | 237,554 | 257,454 | 221,854 | 266,080 | 237,153 | 244,181 | 219,440 | 209,259 | 182,671 | 192,683 | 189,868 | 2,723,564 |
| 2012 | 298,227 | 283,945 | 285,583 | 314,494 | 287,100 | 267,306 | 213,953 | 238,725 | 228,186 | 275,948 | 347,212 | 289,393 | 3,330,072 |
| 2013 | 345,411 | 350,459 | 308,847 | 331,717 | 297,038 | 273,152 | 297,439 | 308,065 | 280,235 | 326,579 | 331,823 | 328,725 | 3,779,490 |
| 2014 | 367,980 | 384,664 | 360,675 | 366,610 | 339,580 | 232,400 | 316,631 | 304,725 | 368,666 | 382,064 | 365,824 | 368,900 | 4,158,719 |
| 2015 | 436,358 | 426,697 | 421,841 | 416,628 | 325,095 | 298,970 | 337,805 | 358,358 | 461,921 | 400,054 | 420,650 | 380,052 | 4,684,429 |
| 2016 | 400,140 | 450,902 | 396,975 | 363,538 | 343,162 | 296,272 | 296,242 | 323,603 | 302,981 | 336,863 | 367,964 | 360,405 | 4,239,047 |
| 2017 | 339,764 | 350,380 | 355,217 | 346,559 | 314,344 | 298,306 | 278,971 | 280,983 | 262,464 | 325,574 | 358,997 | 357,280 | 3,868,838 |
| 2018 | 358,248 | 347,227 | 362,221 | 376,133 | 339,165 | 344,286 | 282,602 | 386,911 | 295,293 | 348,281 | 352,225 | 393,840 | 4,186,432 |
| 2019 | 390,369 | 414,487 | 402,247 | 399,878 | 340,529 | 325,141 | 299,777 | 369,594 | 329,292 | 385,123 | 396,834 | 422,449 | 4,475,720 |
| 2020 | 386,476 | 449,054 | 431,845 | 426,029 | 376,050 | 355,472 | 331,318 | 386,945 | 363,602 | 405,449 | 421,180 | 426,716 | 4,760,136 |
| 2021 | 390,369 | 471,564 | 452,455 | 445,406 | 391,466 | 373,483 | 343,122 | 406,066 | 378,448 | 424,339 | 439,303 | 446,858 | 4,962,879 |
| 2025 | 402,049 | 539,091 | 514,285 | 503,538 | 437,714 | 427,515 | 378,533 | 463,427 | 422,988 | 481,011 | 493,674 | 507,283 | 5,571,108 |

Table 26: Number of Lao Travel Agents from 2013-2018

| Province | Number of Travel Agents | | | | | | Number of Branch Travel Agents | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Total | 290 | 342 | 368 | 381 | 422 | 503 | 75 | 68 | 55 | 51 | 45 | 36 |
| Attapeu | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bokeo | 15 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bolikhamxay | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Champasack | 24 | 28 | 29 | 27 | 30 | 32 | 14 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Houaphanh | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Khammouane | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Luang Namtha | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Luang Prabang | 42 | 49 | 57 | 61 | 67 | 78 | 25 | 0 | 24 | 23 | 20 | 17 |
| Oudomxay | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Phongsaly | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Saravane | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Savannakhet | 12 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sekong | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vientiane Capital | 162 | 197 | 216 | 218 | 238 | 292 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 3 |
| Vientiane Province | 6 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 18 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Xaisomboun | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Xaiyabouli | 4 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Xieng Khouang | 3 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 |

Table 27: Number of Tourist Sites in Laos in 2018

| Province | Natural sites | Cultural sites | Historical sites | Grand Total | Operated | Registered | Under development |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Total | 1318 | 596 | 294 | 2208 | 817 | 1040 | 590 |
| Attapeu | 33 | 18 | 12 | 63 | 19 | 11 | 7 |
| Bokeo | 53 | 14 | 10 | 77 | 18 | 40 | 41 |
| Bolikhamxay | 100 | 12 | 3 | 115 | 30 | 47 | 7 |
| Champasak | 127 | 55 | 35 | 217 | 217 | 13 | 16 |
| Houaphanh | 43 | 28 | 62 | 133 | 15 | 83 | 4 |
| Khammouane | 143 | 33 | 31 | 207 | 28 | 157 | 120 |
| Luang Namtha | 55 | 47 | 7 | 109 | 62 | 68 | 15 |
| Luang Prabang | 114 | 77 | 33 | 224 | 24 | 90 | 25 |
| Oudomxay | 54 | 40 | 12 | 106 | 30 | 58 | 46 |
| Phongsaly | 27 | 74 | 4 | 105 | 80 | 69 | 7 |
| Saravanh | 50 | 38 | 6 | 94 | 33 | 90 | 16 |
| Savannakhet | 78 | 37 | 11 | 126 | 120 | 24 | 63 |
| Sekong | 19 | 6 | 9 | 34 | 5 | 17 | 14 |
| Vientiane Capital | 45 | 24 | 15 | 84 | 19 | 11 | 21 |
| Vientiane Province | 171 | 25 | 4 | 200 | 44 | 168 | 165 |
| Xaisomboun | 57 | 5 | 10 | 72 | 4 | 35 | 8 |
| Xaiyabouli | 70 | 19 | 7 | 96 | 49 | 5 | 13 |
| Xieng Khouang | 79 | 44 | 23 | 146 | 20 | 54 | 2 |

**Table 28: International visitor arrivals by mode of transport
And purpose of visit, 2014-2018**

| Year | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grand Total | 4,158,719 | 4,684,429 | 4,239,047 | 3,868,838 | 4,186,432 |
| By mode of transport | | | | | |
| By air | 499,690 | 520,523 | 578,925 | 520,176 | 612,967 |
| By land | 3,659,029 | 4,163,906 | 3,660,122 | 3,348,662 | 3,573,465 |
| By purpose of visit | | | | | |
| Business | 191,301 | 163,955 | 373,036 | 479,735 | 309,796 |
| Holiday | 3,726,212 | 4,267,515 | 3,403,955 | 2,816,509 | 3,391,010 |
| Visit | 87,333 | 65,582 | 178,039 | 352,064 | 138,152 |
| Official, Convention | 66,540 | 112,426 | 93,259 | 81,245 | 58,610 |
| Education | | | | 61,902 | 121,407 |
| En Route/ In transit | | | | 11,606 | 20,932 |
| Others | 87,333 | 74,951 | 190,758 | 65,777 | 146,525 |

Table 29: Revenue from Tourism and Major Exports, 2014-2018

Note: Revenue in Millions of US Dollars

| Product | 2018 | | 2017 | | 2016 | | 2015 | | 2014 | |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| | Revenue | Rank |
| Tourism | 811.0 | 4 | 648.0 | 4 | 724.1 | 4 | 725.3 | 3 | 641.6 | 2 |
| Garments | 193.9 | 6 | 182.3 | 6 | 88.8 | 6 | 199.3 | 6 | 219.5 | 6 |
| Electricity | 1,408.1 | 3 | 1,280.3 | 3 | 940.7 | 3 | 495.5 | 4 | 586.1 | 3 |
| Wood Products | 184.5 | 7 | 48.6 | 8 | 39.0 | 7 | 144.6 | 7 | 159.9 | 7 |
| Coffee | 102.6 | 8 | 105.1 | 7 | 59.9 | 8 | 54.7 | 8 | 48.4 | 8 |
| Agricultural Products | 586.4 | 5 | 582.5 | 5 | 584.2 | 5 | 319.8 | 5 | 238.2 | 4 |
| Minerals | 1,439.4 | 2 | 1,390.5 | 1 | 1,314.0 | 1 | 1,292.4 | 1 | 1,325.2 | 1 |
| Handicrafts | 18.0 | 9 | 3.2 | 9 | 0.97 | 9 | 2.1 | 9 | 5.3 | 9 |
| Other Industries | 1,476.9 | 1 | 1,295.0 | 2 | 1,312.1 | 2 | 917.2 | 2 | 237.6 | 5 |

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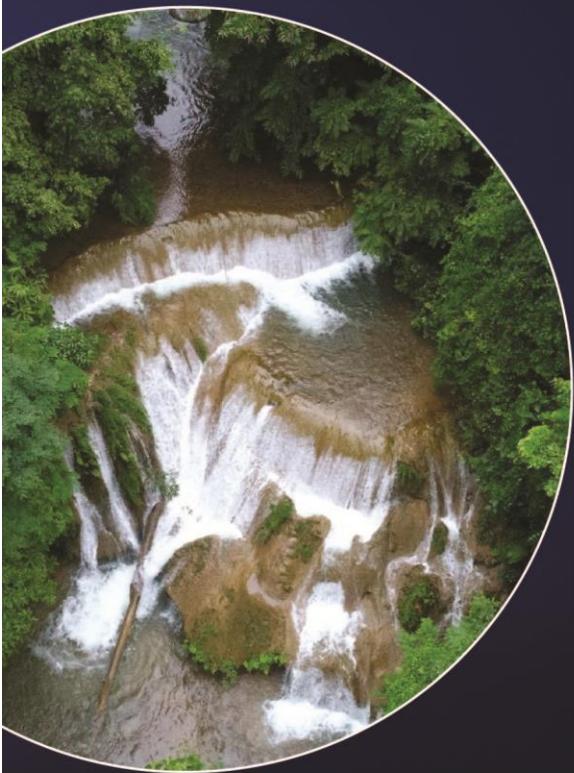
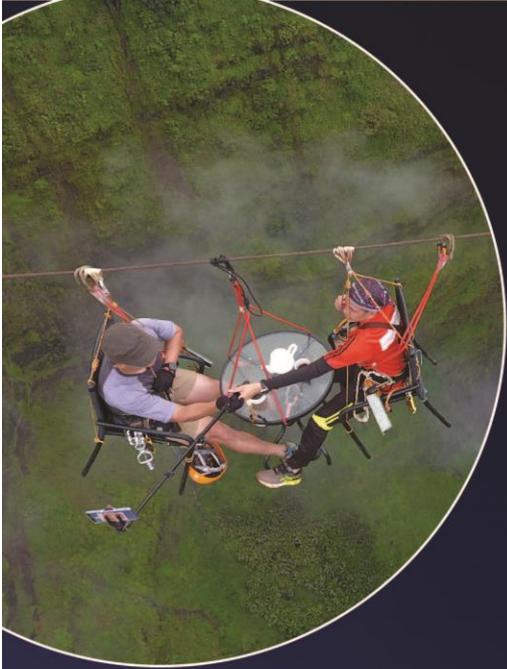
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