Laos

Laos is scored against 188 of 193 other countries. At the UN it votes most alike with Viet Nam, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan; least alike with Israel, United States, North Macedonia.

Groups: APG, ASEAN

WHERE LAOS STANDS IN UN VOTES, 2025

Voting position -0.4 (90% range -0.62 to -0.18), among 191 countries. Distance from China 0.03, Russia 0.48, United States 3.29.



Nearest voting positions: Belize (0.0, ranges overlap), Solomon Islands (0.0, ranges overlap), Bhutan (0.01, ranges overlap), Colombia (0.01, ranges overlap), Philippines (0.01, ranges overlap), São Tomé and Príncipe (0.01, ranges overlap).

WHO IT VOTES WITH

Votes most alike at the UN		Votes least alike at the UN	
Viet Nam	96% vote agreement	Israel	35% vote agreement
Azerbaijan	98% vote agreement	United States	41% vote agreement
Kyrgyzstan	96% vote agreement	North Macedonia	56% vote agreement
Equatorial Guinea	97% vote agreement	France	56% vote agreement
Sri Lanka	95% vote agreement	Micronesia	58% vote agreement
Tajikistan	95% vote agreement	United Kingdom	54% vote agreement

VOTES CAST WITH 15 COUNTRIES OR FEWER (SINCE 2010)

Revised estimates relating to the Independent Institution on Missing Persons in the Syrian Arab Republic
2024 · A/RES/78/273 · Laos: No · overall 80 yes, 12 no, 37 abstain

Status of internally displaced persons and refugees from Abkhazia, Georgia, and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia
2022 · A/RES/76/267 · Laos: No · overall 95 yes, 12 no, 56 abstain

Status of internally displaced persons and refugees from Abkhazia, Georgia, and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia
2021 · A/RES/75/285 · Laos: No · overall 80 yes, 14 no, 70 abstain

Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar
2020 · A/RES/75/238 · Laos: No · overall 130 yes, 9 no, 26 abstain

Status of internally displaced persons and refugees from Abkhazia, Georgia, and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia
2020 · A/RES/74/300 · Laos: No · overall 84 yes, 13 no, 78 abstain

Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar
2019 · A/RES/74/246 · Laos: No · overall 134 yes, 9 no, 28 abstain

Status of internally displaced persons and refugees from Abkhazia, Georgia, and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia
2019 · A/RES/73/298 · Laos: No · overall 79 yes, 15 no, 57 abstain

Situation of human rights in Myanmar
2018 · R/73/264 · Laos: No · overall 136 yes, 8 no, 22 abstain

THE BIG THREE

United States: index -23 (Distant), votes -83, trade $131 million a year
China: index +31 (Close), votes +21, trade $9.3 billion a year
Russia: index +1 (Neutral), votes +2, trade $8.2 million a year

LAOS IN NUMBERS (CONTEXT, NOT SCORED)

Population	7.9 m (2025)	Government debt	81% (2025)
Economy (GDP)	$18.3 bn (2025)	Inflation	7.7% (2025)
Income per person	$2,807 (2025)	Electoral democracy	0.14 (2025)
Military spending	0.2% (2013)		

TRADE, SECURITY AND CLUBS

Biggest trade ties

China	$9.3 billion
Thailand	$8.1 billion
Viet Nam	$4.2 billion
Australia	$727 million
India	$391 million
Japan	$353 million

Opposite sides in armed conflict (latest year)

Thailand	1988
Viet Nam	1973

SOURCES AND LIMITS

Votes: UN General Assembly roll calls (Voeten et al.; UN Digital Library) via Nations on Record. Trade: IMF via Nations on Record. Conflict: Uppsala Conflict Data Program 26.1. Context numbers: World Bank, IMF, SIPRI, V-Dem. Voting positions: Bailey, Strezhnev and Voeten. A vote shows how a government voted on a text, not why. Scores are not predictions and not advice. Rules and checks: https://nationsrelations.org/method

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