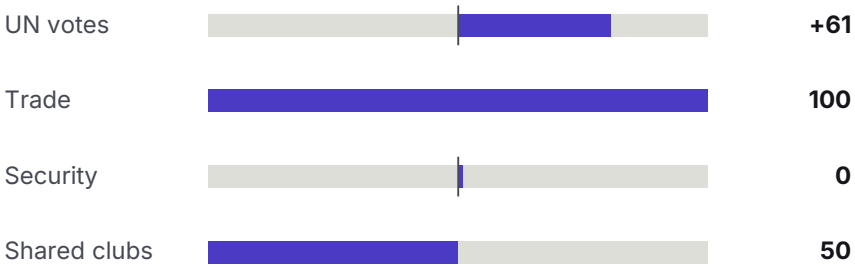
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Close

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.

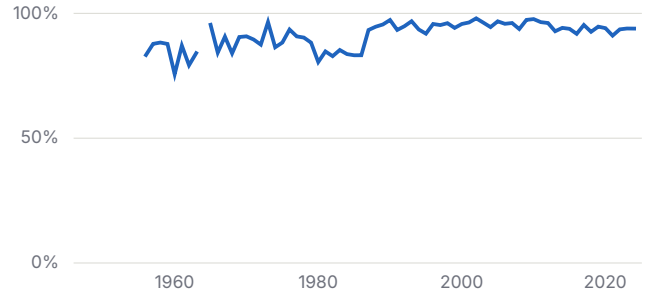


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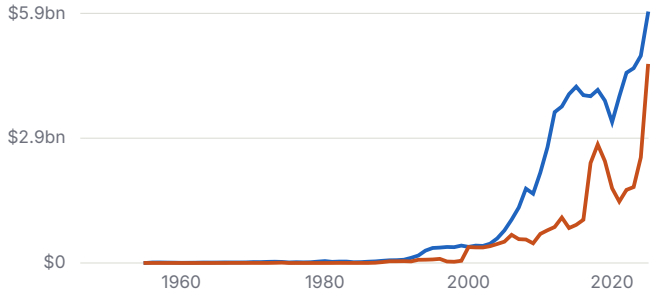
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides, as main parties, most recently in 1988.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 94% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($8.1 billion a year) is very important for Laos, much less so for Thailand.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (85 and 118 sentences).
- 286,000 people born in Laos live in Thailand (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

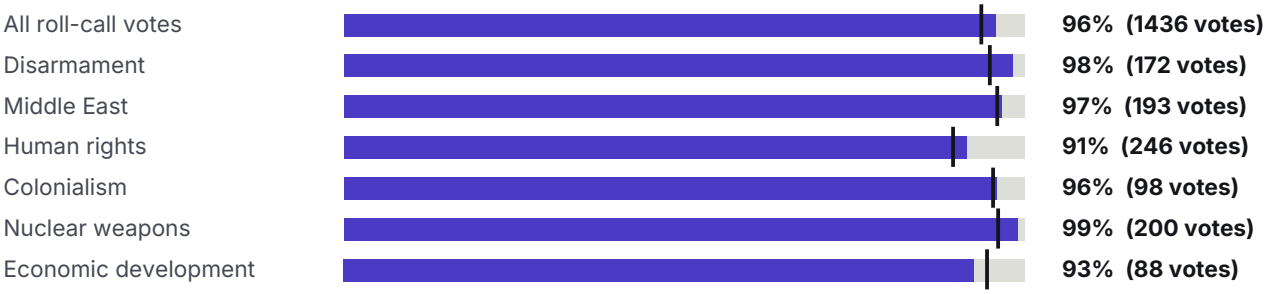


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Thailand sells to Laos Laos sells to Thailand

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)



Bar: since 2010. Mark: all years. Share of roll-call votes on whole texts cast the same way, counted vote by vote; an abstention against a yes counts as a difference. Disarmament, colonialism and economic development count votes up to 2018.

THE FACTS

UN votes	At the UN, the vote agreement of Thailand and Laos was 94% in 2022–2024. For Thailand, Laos is the 49th closest voting partner out of 191; for Laos, Thailand is the 27th closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $8.1 billion a year in 2023–2025: 1.5% of all Thailand's trade and 33.6% of Laos'.
Words	Since 1946, Thailand has named Laos in 85 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Laos has named Thailand in 118.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict (Laos, Thailand, 1986–1988).
People	3,700 people born in Thailand live in Laos and 286,000 born in Laos live in Thailand (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 16 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	267 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±6 points.
Trade	**High**	Goods trade is reported in 3 of the 3 years 2023–2025. Goods only, from customs data (IMF); services and energy pipelines are not in it.
Security	**High**	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program covers every state up to 2025. It counts only conflicts with at least 25 battle deaths a year.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**High**	As sure as the weaker of its two required parts, votes and trade. Security and shared clubs add to it but never make it surer.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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