



# Laos

Overall Risk Score: **70**

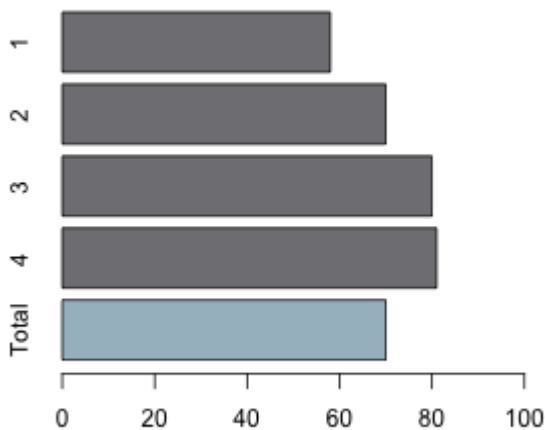
Level: **high**

Snapshot
<b>Size:</b> 230,800 square km
<b>2018 GDP:</b> US\$2,421
<b>Population:</b> 6,961,210

This score is a composite of the four domain scores discussed below.

The bar chart below shows Laos’s total risk scores in 4 domains: (1) Business Interactions with Government, (2) Anti-Bribery Deterrence and Enforcement, (3) Government and Civil Service Transparency and (4) Capacity for Civil Society Oversight. The four domain scores are weighted and combined and a risk penalty is added for individual domain scores that exceed the overall country risk score. Each country is given a score from 1 to 100 for each domain, and for the total bribery risk. A higher score indicates a higher risk of business bribery.

- 1. Business Interactions with Government:** Laos receives a medium score of 58 in this domain, based on a medium degree of government interaction, medium expectation of bribes, and a high regulatory burden.
- 2. Anti-bribery Deterrence and Enforcement:** Laos receives a high score of 70 in this domain, based on a very low quality of anti-bribery laws and a low quality of anti-bribery enforcement.
- 3. Government and Civil Services Transparency:** Laos receives a high score of 80 in this domain, based on poor governmental transparency and very poor transparency of financial interests.
- 4. Capacity for Civil Society Oversight:** Laos receives a very high score of 81 in this domain, based on a very low degree of media freedom/quality and a very low degree of civic engagement.



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<b>Overall Bribery Risk to Business</b>	<b>70</b>
1. Business Interactions with Government	58
2. Anti-bribery Deterrence and Enforcement	70
3. Government and Civil Service Transparency	80
4. Capacity for Civil Society Oversight	81