

COUNTRY PROFILE

PHILIPPINES



Location: Southeastern Asia, archipelago between the Philippine Sea and the South China Sea, east of Vietnam

Capital: Manila

Government type: Presidential Republic

Area:

Total: 300,000 sq km

Land: 298,170 sq km

Water: 1,830 sq km

Population: 102,624,209 (July 2016 est.)

Population density (per sq KM) 338 (2015)

Population growth rate: 1.59% (2016 est.)

Population below poverty line: 25.2% (2012 est.)

Ethnic Groups: Tagalog 28.1%, Cebuano 13.1%, Ilocano 9%, Bisaya/Binisaya 7.6%, Hiligaynon Ilonggo 7.5%, Bikol 6%, Waray 3.4%, other 25.3% (2000 census)

Climate: tropical marine; northeast monsoon (November to April); southwest monsoon (May to October)

Natural resources: timber, petroleum, nickel, cobalt, silver, gold, salt, copper

Languages: Filipino (official; based on Tagalog) and English (official); eight major dialects - Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinan

Religions: Catholic 82.9% (Roman Catholic 80.9%, Aglipayan 2%), Muslim 5%, Evangelical 2.8%, Iglesia ni Kristo 2.3%, Other Christian 4.5%, other 1.8%, unspecified 0.6%, none 0.1% (2000 census)

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 41% (arable land 18.2%; permanent crops 17.8%; permanent pasture 5%)

Forest: 25.9%

Other: 33.1% (2011 est.)

Natural Hazards: Astride typhoon belt, usually affected by 15 and struck by five to six cyclonic storms each year; landslides; active volcanoes; destructive earthquakes; tsunamis

Literacy: 96.3%

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 6.4% (2016 est.)

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$7,700 (2016 est.)

Exports: \$38.2 billion (2016 est.)

Export Commodities: semiconductors and electronic products, transport equipment, garments, copper products, petroleum products, coconut oil, fruits

Improved Drinking Water Source: 91.8% of population

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 73.9% of population