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: 113,880,328 (2021)
Rural Population: 58,095,301
Population density (per sq KM) 376.27 (2021)
Population growth rate: 1.49% (2021)
Population below poverty line: 18.1% (2021) WB

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: 42.51% (2021)(arable land 18.75% (2021); permanent crops 18.73 (2021); permanent pasture 5%)
Forest: 24.11% (2021)
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% (2020) WB

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 5.7% (2021) WB

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): $8,892.79 (2021)

Exports: $101.45 billion (2021 est.)

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

Improved Drinking Water Source: 94% of population