

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: 117,337,368 WDI-2023

Rural Population: 60,678,673 (2023)

Population Density: (per sq KM) 381.93 2021 WDI

Population Growth Rate: 1.52% 2023 WDI

Population below Poverty Line: 18.1% (2021) WDI

Ethnic Groups: Tagalog 26%, Bisaya/Binisaya 14.3%, Ilocano 8%, Cebuano 8%, Ilonggo 7.9%, Bikol/Bicol 6.5%, Waray 3.8%, Kapampangan 3%, Maguindanao 1.9%, Pangasinan 1.9%, other local ethnicities 18.5%, foreign ethnicities 0.2%.

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

Natural Resources: timber, petroleum, nickel, cobalt, silver, gold, salt, copper.

Languages: Tagalog 39.9%, Bisaya/Binisaya 16%, Hiligaynon/Ilonggo 7.3%, Ilocano 7.1%, Cebuano 6.5%, Bikol/Bicol 3.9%, Waray 2.6%, Kapampangan 2.4%, Maguindanao 1.4%, Pangasinan/Panggalato 1.3%, other languages/dialects 11.2%, unspecified 0.4%.

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 42.5% (2022) FAO. (Arable land 44.1% (2022) FAO/ Permanent crops 44.1% (2022) FAO/ Permanent meadows and pastures 11.8% (2022)

Forest: 24.22% 2021 WDI

Other: 33.1%

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: 98.47% WDI 2020

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 5.54% WDI 2023

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$3,667.56 WDI 2023

Exports: \$101.45 billion (2021 est.)

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

Improved Drinking Water Source: 94.87% of population (2022) WDI.

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 84.75%. of population (2022) WDI