

Philippines Factsheet

Official Name: Republic of the Philippines



GEOGRAPHY

- Southeastern Asia
- Archipelago between the Philippine Sea and the South China Sea, east of Vietnam
- Consists of 7,641 islands

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Ethnic groups: Tagalog 24.4%, Bisaya/Binisaya 11.4%, Cebuano 9.9%, Ilocano 8.8%, Hiligaynon/Ilonggo 8.4%, Bikol/Bicol 6.8%, Waray 4%, other local ethnicity 26.1%, other foreign ethnicity 0.1% (2010 est.)
- The source of one of the world's largest emigrant populations
- Filipinos are typically made up of Chinese, American, Spanish, and Arab blood



LANGUAGE

- Two official languages in the Philippines: Filipino and English
- Filipino, which is based on Tagalog, is the national language
- 8 major languages spoken by majority of the Filipinos: Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Kapampangan, and Pangasinense
- There are more than 111 dialects spoken
- Third-largest English-speaking country in the world



RELIGION

- The Spaniards introduced Christianity (the Roman Catholic faith) - 83% of the total population belongs to the Roman Catholic faith



CURRENCY

- The official currency is the Philippine Peso
- sign: ₱
- code: PHP



Sources:
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