

Philippines

- Population: 105,893,381 (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 24.3 years
- Language(s): Tagalog; English is also an official language; 8 major dialects.
- Government: Presidential Republic
- President: Rodrigo Duterte (since June 30, 2016)
- Independence Day: June 12, 1898 from Spain; July 4, 1946 from the United States
- Land Area: 115,831 square miles (slightly less than twice the size of Georgia; slightly larger than Arizona)
- Capital: Manila
- Agricultural Land: 46.3% (2017 estimate)
- Forest: 28.9% (2015 estimate)
- Natural Resources: timber, petroleum, nickel, cobalt, silver, gold, salt, copper
- Agricultural Products: rice, fish, livestock, poultry, bananas, coconut/copra, corn, sugarcane, mangoes, pineapple, cassava
- Currency: 52.63 Philippine Pisos = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- There are approximately 7,641 islands and approximately 2,000 are inhabited
- There are 175 languages
- About 11% of the population work overseas
- The Philippines is the top supplier of nurses in the world
- The Philippines produces and exports more coconuts than any other country, shipping about 19.5 million tons each year
- It is estimated that Filipinos send about 400 million text messages every day earning the designation as “the texting capital of the world”
- A typical school year runs from June through March

