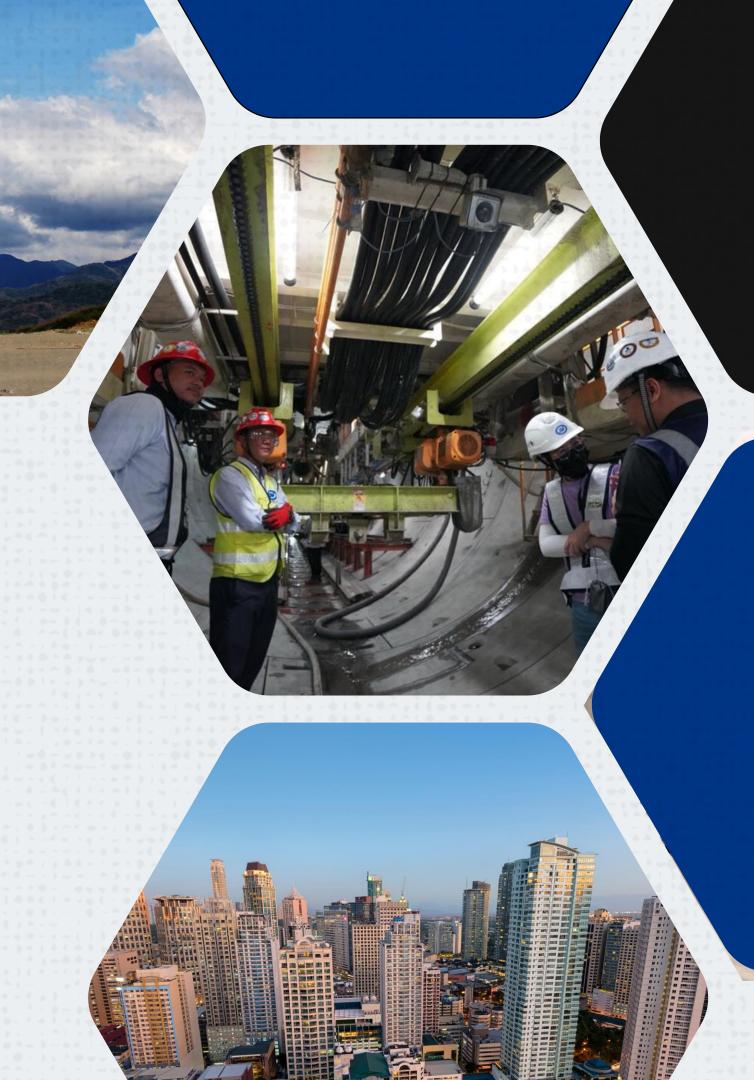


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The Philippines by the Numbers

A Rising Market of Scale and Opportunity

TODAY



USD 392 Billion PHP 22 Trillion

Size of the Economy (2024, Real GDP, Constant Prices)



114 Million Population (2025)







USD 4,320 GNI per capita (2023, Atlas Method) Rapidly Rising Middle Income Country















BY 2050

USD 2 Trillion PHP 129 Trillion Size of the Economy (Real GDP, Constant Prices)

136 Million Population

37 Years Old Median Age

USD 18,336 GNI per capita (2050, Atlas Method) Rapidly Rising Middle Income Country

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, World Bank Open Data Conversion rate from Peso to US Dollars is PhP 56.691 = USD 1 based from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas exchange rate on 23 April 2025.

Your Gateway to ASEAN and Beyond

Foreign Trade Agreements to **Expand Your Global Reach**

Of the World's Population Within Market Access



2 Billion Population within RCEP 689 Million **Population in ASEAN**

List of Foreign Trade Agreements is from the Department of Trade and Industry (2025). https://philippineftas.dti.gov.ph/ Population estimates are from the World Bank WDI and the ASEAN Secretariat (2022).

Ranked 2nd Most Attractive Developing Economy for Renewable Energy Investment 2024 Climatescope report by BloombergNEF

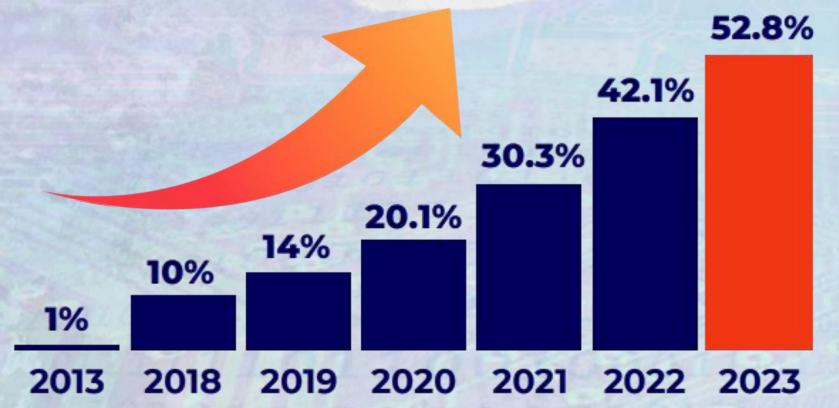
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USD 178 Billion PHP 10.1 Trillion Worth of game-changing infrastructure flagship projects

Fast-Expanding Digital Economy and Steady Remittance Inflows Fueling Consumption and Investment

Share of digital payment transactions to total monthly retail payments in 2023



Source: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (2024). 2023 Report on E-Payments Measurement



2 Billion

Out of 5 billion monthly transactions now converted into digital form

USD 111 Billion

Monthly value of digital transaction

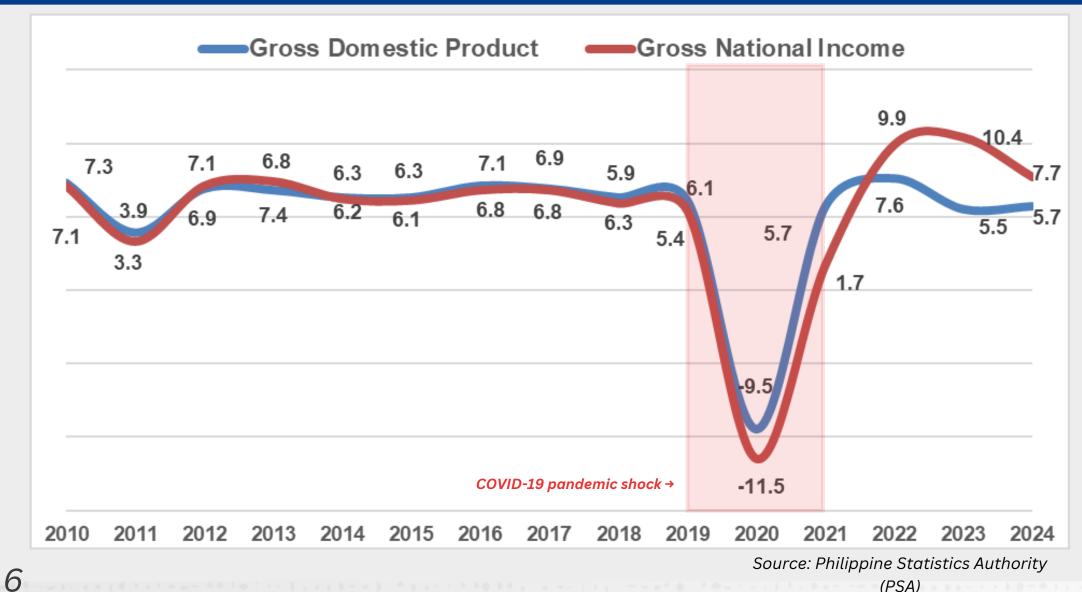
USD 35 Billion

Cash remittances in 2024, up 3% from USD 34 billion in 2023

Remittances estimates are from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (2025). Conversion rate from Peso to US Dollars is PhP 56.691 = USD 1 based from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas exchange rate on 23 April 2025.

The Philippines' Macroeconomic Strength at a Glance

PH Annual Real GDP and Real GNI Growth Rates (in %)



(PSA)





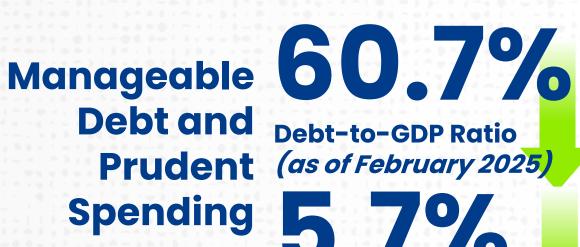
Inflation

Low and 3.2% FY 2024 (within the gov't target of 2.0%-4.0%)

Growing Labor Force

Labor Force Participation Rate (as of February 2025)

Debt and Prudent Spending



Deficit-to-GDP Ratio

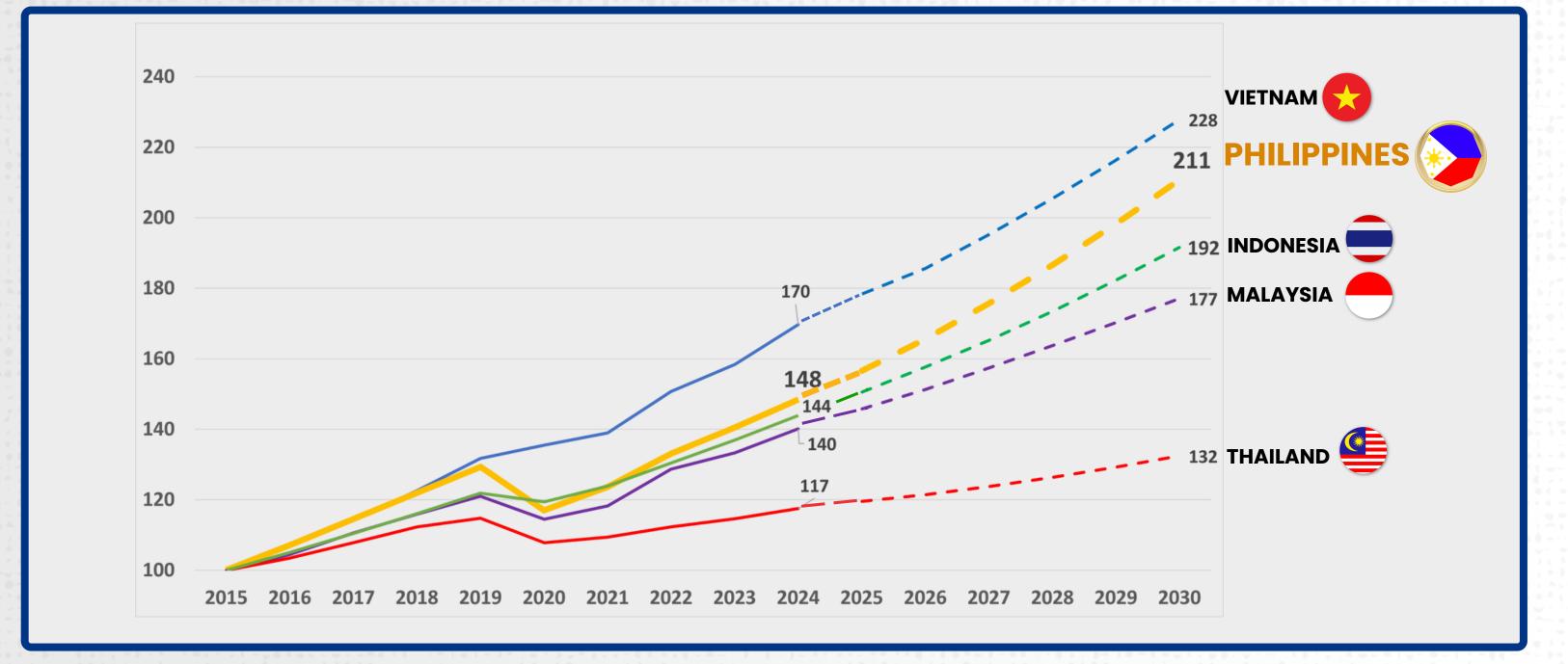
(as of February 2025)

Sources: PSA, Bureau of the Treasury, Development Budget Coordination Committee

Toward the Economic Frontier

With rapid and sustained growth, the Philippines is accelerating its pace toward becoming a regional leader.

GDP OF SEA COMPARATORS, 2015-2030 (2015=100)









Source: World Economic Outlook Database | International Monetary Fund

Outpacing the Region Amid Global Uncertainty

2025 GDP Growth Outlook

The Philippines continues to post **strong economic performance**, standing out as a **regional leader despite global headwind**s.

THA

IMF: 1.8% WB: 1.6% ADB: 2.8% ASIA

IMF: 3.9% WB (EAP): 4.0% ADB: 4.9%



MYS

IMF: 4.1% WB: 3.9% ADB: 4.9%

IDN

IMF: 4.7% WB: 4.7% ADB: 5.0%





PHL IMF: 5.5%

WB: 5.3% ADB: 6.0%



Sources: International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Asian Development Bank

Next-level growth, built on strong foundat

Guided by the Philippine Development Plan, the country is advancing toward inclusive, diversified, and resilient economic transformation.

> **Rapid and Sustained Economic Growth** 6.0-8.0% **GDP Growth Rate (2025-2028)**

More and Better Jobs 2.0-4.0% **Unemployment Rate** (2025 - 2028)

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Low and Stable Prices 2.0 - 4.0%Headline Inflation (2025-2028)



Accelerated Poverty Reduction 8.8-9.0% **Poverty Incidence by 2028**





Enforced Fiscal Discipline 3.0% Nat'l Gov't Deficit-to-GDP Ratio 2028

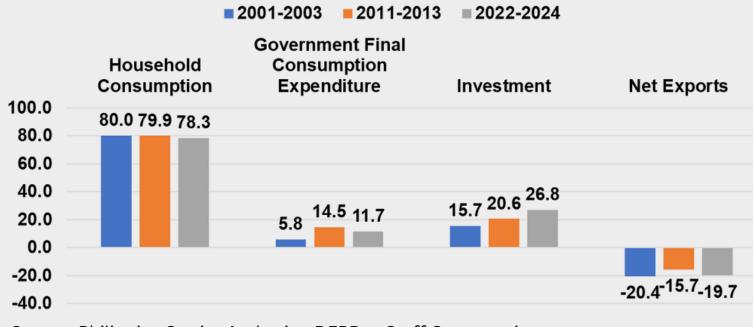
Manageable Debt 48.0-53.0% Debt Stock-to-GDP Ratio by 2028

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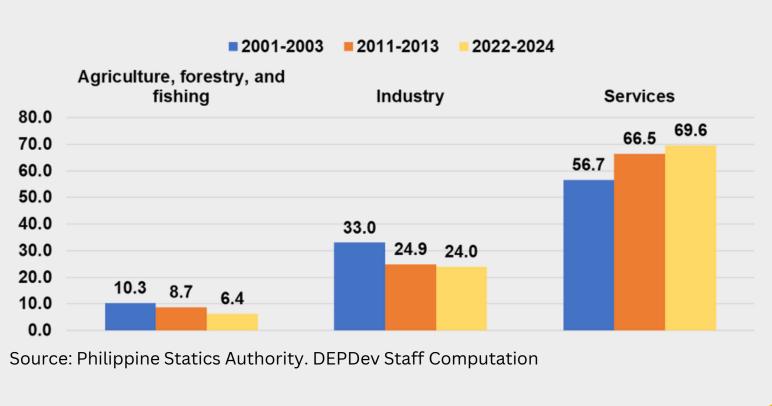
A Strong Base for Growth Now Ready to Evolve

Sustaining momentum while diversifying the country's economic pillars.

Demand-Side Contribution to GDP Growth



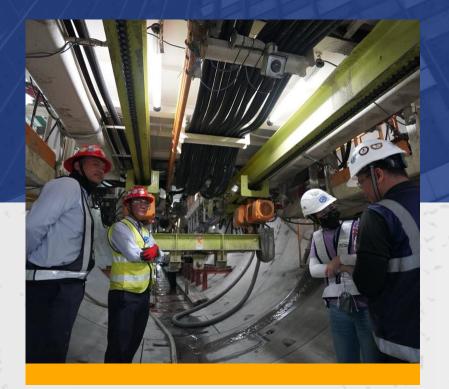
Supply-Side Contribution to GDP Growth



Source: Philippine Statics Authority. DEPDev Staff Computation



Reinforcing the other growth pillars of the PH economy beyond consumption and services is critical to sustained and inclusive growth.



Enabling investments that create quality jobs and industrial growth



Seizing growth opportunities in rapidly-expanding Asian and global markets



Driving innovation and modern processes for sustained productivity







Future-proofing the economy through transformative reforms

We are actively shaping an open, future-ready economy, where your investments can drive lasting impact.

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Sustained Reforms Fueling Private Sector-Led Growth

Amendments to the Retail Trade Liberalization Act (2021)

Lowers minimum paid-up capital requirement for foreign corporations

Amendments to the Foreign Investments Act (2022)

Boosts foreign investment by reducing bureaucracy and easing market entry

Amendments to the Public Service Act (2022)

Allows up to 100 percent foreign ownership in public services, such as telecommunications, railways, airports, expressways, and tollways

Renewable Energy Act IRR (2022) Allows 100 percent foreign ownership in selected renewable energy projects







Lowers trade barriers and *improve market access* for regional businesses

Amendments to the

Sustained Reforms Fueling Private Sector-Led Growth

Philippines – Korea Free Trade Agreement (PH-ROK FTA) (2024)

Offers tariff advantages from South Korea on priority products

Public-Private Partnership Code (2023)

Creates an enabling framework for the private sector to fund, build, and manage high-impact projects

Ease of Paying Taxes Act (2024)

Streamlines tax compliance and ensures fair treatment for all business sizes





CREATE MORE Act (2025)

Further tailor fits incentives to investors



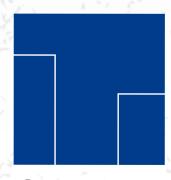


Luzon Economic Corridor

connects Subic, Clark, Manila, and Batangas and aims to boost strategic investments in infrastructure, agribusiness, clean energy, and semiconductors, with strong public-private and development partner support in the country's economic heartland.







WE INVEST WHERE IT MATTERS. **178B USD** Total Worth of Infrastructure Flagship Projects (IFPS)

(as of 30 April 2025)

SECTOR	NO. OF PROJECTS	INDICATIVE TOTAL COST (in Bilion USD)	
Physical Connectivity	139	151.5	
Water Resources	32	14.0	
Other Infrastructure	9	3.0	
Agriculture	9	3.8	
Digital Connectivity	6	1.5	
Health	5	1.7	
Power and Energy	3	1.3	
Housing	2	0.3	
Education	2	0.6	
Total	207	177.7	





Public-Private Partnership Code

This landmark legislation unifies the fragmented PPP legal frameworks in the country, strengthens existing PPP institutional mechanisms, and introduces reforms towards efficient delivery of PPP projects in the Philippines.



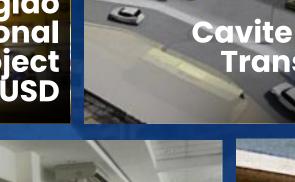




















Source: Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines Conversion rate from Peofso to US Dollars is PhP 56.691 = USD 1 based from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas exchange rate on 23 April 2025.

CREATE MORE ACt

VAT refund enhancements

- Outright VAT zero-rating on local purchases for all export-oriented enterprises
- Expands coverage of the 5% Special Corporate Income Tax
- Grants higher tier classification to cyber-security, artificial intelligence, and data-center facilities
- V Promotes fiscal prudence and discipline
- ✓ Enhanced Deductions Regime







Building a Future-Ready Workforce





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Project



- Republic Act No. 11293: Philippine Innovation Act
- National Innovation and Strategy Document 2023-
- Republic Act No. 11927: Philippine Digital Workforce **Competitiveness Act**
- Republic Act No. 11962: Trabaho Para sa Bayan Act
- The Philippine Skills Framework for Analytics & AI
- Technology for Education, Employment, Entrepreneurs, and Economic Development (Tech4ED) Project
- Smarter Philippines through Data Analytics, Research & Development, Training, and Adoption (SPARTA)

Shaping a New Economic Future, Together We are investing boldly in our future, creating solid foundations for the next waves of growth.





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