



People and culture

- The people of Cebu are called Cebuanos and are of Malay, Chinese, Spanish and Mexican ancestries.
- Cebuano culture is laid back and has preserved a strong Hispanic traditions in its native culture.

Languages

- Cebuano is the indigenous language of Cebu. Cebuanos are conversant in Tagalog, as well as other Visayan languages such Ilonggo and Waray-waray.
- English is also used on education, media, commerce, and the government.

Religion

- Cebu is predominantly Roman Catholic. Other religious minorities include Protestant churches of Iglesia ni Cristo, Jesus Miracle Crusade, Jehovah's Witnesses, God's Kingdom, the Baptists, United Church of Christ in the Philippines, Latter Day Saints (Mormons), Taoists, some Muslims, etc.
- The patron of Cebu is the Santo Niño de Cebu, the Holy Child Jesus. The statue is housed in the country's oldest church, the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño. According to historical accounts, the Santo Niño was given by the Portuguese sea captain and explorer Ferdinand Magellan to the wife of the chief of Cebu. That act is depicted in Cebu's largest, most popular cultural event, the Sinulog where street-dancing and loud drum beats preceded by Mass

Education

- More than 93% of Cebu's population are literate. Cebu is the educational centre for the central and southern Philippines, and many graduates remain to seek employment locally. There are 8 universities in Cebu.

Other Facts

- 6 districts, 2 chartered cities, 47 municipalities
- Population of 2,377,588 and 2,876 households

