

High Commission of India

Suva

FIJI – FACTSHEET

GENERAL	
Official Name	Republic of Fiji
Capital	Suva
Area	18,333 sq. kms
Weather (in degree C)	Maximum temperature: 31 °C Minimum temperature: 22 °C
Population	908,012 population (2022 census) - UN
Independence Day	10 October (1970)
Forest Cover (% of total area)	62.39 %
CO2 emissions	1.8 million MT (2019)
Tourists Arrivals (Year)	894,389 (2019) & 168,000 (2020) – World Bank
Age profile	0-14 years: 26.86% 15-24 years: 15.51% 25-54 years: 41.05% 55-64 years: 9.25% 65 years and over: 7.34%
Life Expectancy	67.78 years
Languages (with % age of speakers, if available)	English, iTaukei (Fijian) and Hindi
Ethnic Groups (2021)	iTaukei (56.8%), Indo-Fijian (37.5%)
Main Religions (with %, if available)	Christians 64.5%, Hindus 27.9%, Muslims 6.3% and others 1.3% (as per 2007 census)
Internet Penetration	70.5 % (January 2021)
Mobile Phones	1.25 million (January 2021)
Urbanization	57.2% of total population, Rate of Urbanization 1.62% annual
ECONOMY	
Currency	Fiji Dollar
Exchange rate with US\$ & Rs.	FJ\$ 1 = US\$ 0.451 (04 January 2023) FJ\$ 1 = Rs. 37.46 (04 January 2023)
GDP	US\$4.3 bn (2021)*
GDP Growth Rate	-5.1% (2021)*
Major Sectors (% of GDP)	Agriculture: 13.4% (2020 est.) Industry: 19.4% (2020 est.) Services: 58.8% (2020 est.)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2% (2021)*
Inflation (%)	5.2% (November 2022) https://tradingeconomics.com/fiji/inflation-cpi
GDP Per Capita	US\$ 4646.6 (2021)*

Total Trade (Goods & Services)	US\$ 3767 mn (2020)*
Exports (Goods & Services)	US\$ 1033 mn (2020)*
Imports (Goods and Services)	US\$ 2734 mn (2020)*
Balance of Trade	-US\$ 1,701 mn (2020)* *Source - https://data.worldbank.org/
Major Trading Partners	Exports: US 20.8%, Australia 14.9%, NZ 7.7%, Tonga 5%, Vanuatu 4.6%, China 4.5%, Spain 4.3%, UK 4.3%, Kiribati 4.1% (2017) Imports: Australia 19.2%, NZ 17.2%, Singapore 17%, China 13.8% (2017)
POLITICAL	
Political Structure	Parliamentary System
Head of State (President)	H.E. Ratu Wiliame Maivalili Katonivere
Head of Government (Prime Minister)	Hon. Mr. Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka
Minister for Foreign Affairs	Hon. Mr. Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka
Political Issues	Since return to Democracy in 2014, Fiji has held three General Elections. In December 2022 election, the 16 year old rule of Bainimarama came to an end.
BILATERAL	
Bilateral Trade	US\$ 58.45 mn (2021-22) *
Indian Exports	US\$ 57.96 mn (2021-22) *
Imports into India	US\$ 0.49 mn (2021-22) * * Source: Department of Commerce, Govt of India
Major Items of Export and Import	Exports: Mineral Water, Sugar, Fish, Timber, Gold, Coconut oil. Imports: Manufactured Goods, Machinery /Transport equipment, Petroleum products, Food and Beverages, Chemicals and Tobacco
Indian Investments in the <u>Country</u>	Nothing significant to report.
<u>Country's</u> Investments in India	Nothing significant to report.
Indian Origin/Prs/Indian Students	Total: 313,798 (37% of the total population as per 2007 population as 2017 census did not declare ethnicity data)
Indian diaspora (composition and any pertinent information that may be of interest)	Total: 1130 (Registered with Mission) 1400 (Total Estimate)

Indian Organisations	PSUs 1. The New India Assurance Ltd. (1954) 2. Life insurance Corporation of India (1956) 3. Bank of Baroda (1961) 4. WAPCOS (since 2015)
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