

# High Commission of India

Suva

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## FIJI – FACTSHEET

<b>GENERAL</b>	
<b>Official Name</b>	Republic of Fiji
<b>Capital</b>	Suva
<b>Area</b>	18,333 sq. kms
<b>Weather (in degree C)</b>	Maximum temperature: 31 °C Minimum temperature: 22 °C
<b>Population</b>	908,012 population (2022 census) - UN
<b>Independence Day</b>	10 October (1970)
<b>Forest Cover (% of total area)</b>	62.39 %
<b>CO2 emissions</b>	1.8 million MT (2019)
<b>Tourists Arrivals (Year)</b>	31,618 (2021), 636,312 (2022) & 929,740 (2023) – Fiji Bureau of Statistics
<b>Age profile</b>	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%
<b>Life Expectancy</b>	67.78 years
<b>Languages (with % age of speakers, if available)</b>	English, iTaukei (Fijian) and Hindi
<b>Ethnic Groups (2021)</b>	iTaukei (56.8%), Indo-Fijian (37.5%)
<b>Main Religions (with %, if available)</b>	Christians 64.5%, Hindus 27.9%, Muslims 6.3% and others 1.3% (as per 2007 census)
<b>Internet Penetration</b>	70.5 % (January 2021)
<b>Mobile Phones</b>	1.25 million (January 2021)
<b>Urbanization</b>	57.2% of total population, Rate of Urbanization 1.62% annual
<b>ECONOMY</b>	
<b>Currency</b>	Fiji Dollar
<b>Exchange rate with US\$ &amp; Rs.</b>	FJ\$ 1 = US\$ 0.0261 (January 2024) FJ\$ 1 = Rs. 37.31 (January 2024)
<b>GDP</b>	US\$4.3 bn (2021)*
<b>GDP Growth Rate</b>	-5.1% (2021)*
<b>Major Sectors (% of GDP)</b>	<b>Agriculture:</b> 13.4% (2020 est.) <b>Industry:</b> 19.4% (2020 est.) <b>Services:</b> 58.8% (2020 est.)
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	5.2% (2021)*

<b>Inflation (%)</b>	5.2% (November 2022) <a href="https://tradingeconomics.com/fiji/inflation-cpi">https://tradingeconomics.com/fiji/inflation-cpi</a>
<b>GDP Per Capita</b>	US\$ 5356.2 (2022)
<b>Total Trade (Goods &amp; Services)</b>	US\$ 5.33 bn (2022)
<b>Exports (Goods &amp; Services)</b>	US\$ 2.25 bn (2022)
<b>Imports (Goods and Services)</b>	US\$ 3.08 bn (2022)
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	-US\$ 08.3 bn (2022) *Source - <a href="https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/FJI/fiji/imports">https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/FJI/fiji/imports</a>
<b>Major Trading Partners</b>	<b>Exports:</b> 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) <b>Imports:</b> Australia 19.2%, NZ 17.2%, Singapore 17%, China 13.8% (2017)
<b>POLITICAL</b>	
<b>Political Structure</b>	Parliamentary System
<b>Head of State (President)</b>	H.E. Ratu Wiliame Maivalili Katonivere
<b>Head of Government (Prime Minister)</b>	Hon. Mr. Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka
<b>Minister for Foreign Affairs</b>	Hon. Mr. Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka
<b>Political Issues</b>	Since return to Democracy in 2014, Fiji has held three General Elections. In December 2022 elections, the 16-year-old rule of Bainimarama came to an end.
<b>BILATERAL</b>	
<b>Bilateral Trade</b>	US\$ 58.45 mn (2021-22) *
<b>Indian Exports</b>	US\$ 57.96 mn (2021-22) *
<b>Imports into India</b>	US\$ 0.49 mn (2021-22) * *Source: Department of Commerce, Govt of India
<b>Major Items of Export and Import</b>	Exports: Mineral Water, Sugar, Fish, Timber, Gold, Coconut oil. Imports: Manufactured Goods, Machinery /Transport equipment, Petroleum products, Food and Beverages, Chemicals and Tobacco
<b>Indian Investments in the Country</b>	Nothing significant to report.

<b>Country's Investments in India</b>	Nothing significant to report.
<b>Indian Origin/Prs/Indian Students</b>	Total: 313,798 (37% of the total population as per 2007 population as 2017 census did not declare ethnicity data)
<b>Indian diaspora (composition and any pertinent information that may be of interest)</b>	Total: 1130 (Registered with Mission) 1400 (Total Estimate)
<b>Indian Organisations</b>	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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