

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 As per world bank data population in 2023 is 9,24,145.
Independence Day	10 October (1970)
Forest Cover (% of total area)	63.1 % (2022) (Data from World Bank)
CO2 emissions	1.8 million MT (2019). can't find data regarding this.
Tourists Arrivals (Year)	31,618 (2021), 636,312 (2022) & 929,740 (2023) & 9,82,938 (2024) – Fiji Bureau of Statistics
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	68 years (2022) (Data from World Bank)
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	85 % (2022) (https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/IT.NET.USER.ZS?locations=FJ)
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\$ 0.424 (January 2025) FJ\$ 1 = Rs 36.90 (January 2025)
GDP	US\$5.44 bn (2023) (Data from World Bank)
GDP Growth Rate	7.5% (2023) (Data from World Bank)
Major Sectors (% of GDP)	Tourism: 40% Accommodation and Food Administrative and Support

Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3% (2023) (Data from World Bank)
Inflation (%)	6.7 % (2024) (Fiji Bureau of Statistics)
GDP Per Capita	US\$ 5888.7 (2023) (Data from World Bank)
Total Trade (Goods & Services)	US\$ 5.33 bn (2022)
Exports (Goods & Services)	US\$ 2.25 bn (2022)
Imports (Goods and Services)	US\$ 3.08 bn (2022)
Balance of Trade	-US\$ 08.3 bn (2022) *Source - https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/FJI/fiji/imports
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 Naiqama Lalabalavu (President)
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 elections, the 16-year-old rule of Bainimarama came to an end.
BILATERAL	
Bilateral Trade	US\$ 58.58 mn (till Nov 2024) , US\$ 77.47 mn (2023-24)*
Indian Exports	US\$ 57.74 mn (till Nov 2024) , US\$ 76.28 mn (2023-24)*
Imports into India	US\$ 0.84 mn (till Nov 2024) , US\$ 1.19 mn (2023-2024)* *Source: Department of Commerce, Govt of India
Major Items of Export and Import	Exports: Mineral Water, Sugar, Crude Materials, Fish. Imports: Mineral Fuels, Manufacturing Goods, Machinery/Transport equipment, Food items.

Indian Investments in the Country	Following 4 PSUs are established in Fiji: 1. The New India Assurance Ltd. (1954) 2. Life insurance Corporation of India (1956) 3. Bank of Baroda (1961) 4. WAPCOS (since 2015)
Country's 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: 2283 (Registered with Mission) 2300 (Total Estimate)
Indian Organisations	India Fiji Friendship Forum (IFFF) – Established in November 2017 and has been engaged in numerous activities to strengthen Bilateral ties and to promote Indian Culture, religion and traditional Indian art forms in Fiji.

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