



Fiji



Background	Fiji became independent in 1970 after nearly a century as a British colony. Coups and a 1990 constitution that cemented native iTaukei control of Fiji led to heavy Indian emigration. The population loss resulted in economic difficulties but ensured that ethnic iTaukei became the majority. A new constitution enacted in 1997 was more equitable.
Capital	name: Suva (on Viti Levu)
Government type	parliamentary republic
Area	total : 18,274 sq km land: 18,274 sq km water: 0 sq km
Climate	tropical marine; only slight seasonal temperature variation
Natural resources	timber, fish, gold, copper, offshore oil potential, hydropower
Population	total: 951,611 (2024 est.)
Population growth rate	0.4% (2024 est.)
Ethnic groups	iTaukei 56.8% (predominantly Melanesian with a Polynesian admixture), Indo-Fijian 37.5%, Rotuman 1.2%, other 4.5% (European, part European, other Pacific Islanders, Chinese) (2007 est.)
Religions	Protestant 45% (Methodist 34.6%, Assembly of God 5.7%, Seventh Day Adventist 3.9%, and Anglican 0.8%), Hindu 27.9%, other Christian 10.4%, Roman Catholic 9.1%, Muslim 6.3%, Sikh 0.3%, other 0.3%, none 0.8% (2007 est.)
Languages	English (official), iTaukei (official), Fiji Hindi (official)
Executive branch	chief of state: President Ratu Naiqama LALABALAVU (since 12 November 2024) head of government: Prime Minister Sitiveni Ligamamada RABUKA (since 24 December 2022)
Diplomatic representation in the US	chief of mission: Ambassador Ilisoni VUIDREKETI (since 17 June 2024)
Diplomatic representation from the US	chief of mission: Ambassador Marie DAMOUR (since 24 November 2022); note - also accredited to Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga, and Tuvalu
Economic overview	upper-middle income, tourism-based Pacific island economy; susceptible to ocean rises; key energy and infrastructure investments; post-pandemic tourism resurgence; improved debt standing; limited workforce
Real GDP (purchasing power parity)	\$12.617 billion (2023 est.) \$11.734 billion (2022 est.) \$9.795 billion (2021 est.)

Real GDP per capita	\$13,700 (2023 est.) \$12,800 (2022 est.) \$10,700 (2021 est.)
Exports	\$2.376 billion (2022 est.) \$1.171 billion (2021 est.) \$1.23 billion (2020 est.)
Exports - partners	USA 32%, Australia 12%, Tonga 6%, NZ 6%, Samoa 4% (2023)
Exports - commodities	water, fish, raw sugar, refined petroleum, garments (2023)
Imports	\$3.434 billion (2022 est.) \$2.344 billion (2021 est.) \$1.977 billion (2020 est.)
Imports - partners	Singapore 25%, China 16%, Australia 15%, NZ 14%, USA 5% (2023)
Imports - commodities	refined petroleum, medical instruments, cars, broadcasting equipment, plastics (2023)