



# FIJI

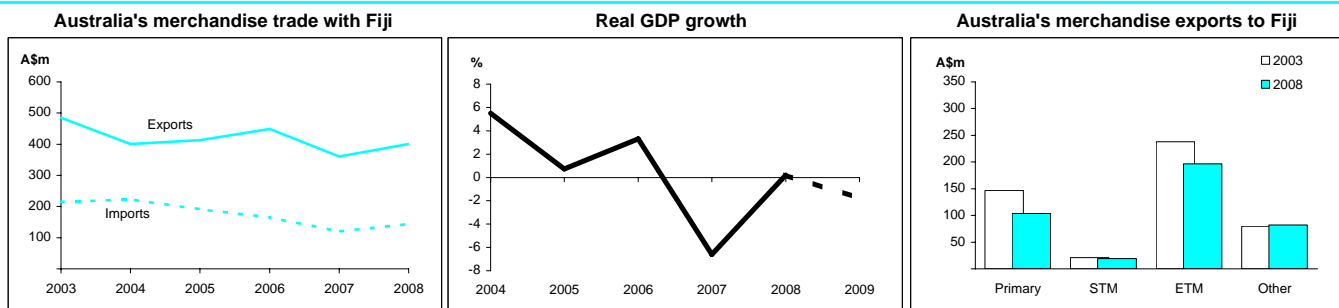
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Suva	<b>Head of State:</b>	
<b>Surface area:</b>	18.3 thousand sq km	<b>President HE Ratu Josefa Iloilovatu Uluivuda</b>	
<b>Official language:</b>	English	<b>Head of Government:</b>	
<b>Population:</b>	877,000 (2008)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = F\$1.2090 (Dec 2008)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	2.7	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.5
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.6
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	3,221	3,467	3,674	3,884	4,095	3,959
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	3,882	4,100	4,334	4,121	4,185	4,116
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	5.5	0.7	3.3	-6.6	0.2	-1.8
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	-352	-358	-782	-584	-937	-741
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	-12.9	-12.1	-24.7	-17.3	-26.1	-21.2
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	56.1	58.8	56.7	55.9	54.6	na
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	2.8	2.4	2.5	4.8	8.0	4.0



## Australia's trade relationship with Fiji (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Fiji, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Fiji (A\$m):	401	0.2%	38th	11.3%
Imports from Fiji (A\$m):	144	0.1%	55th	19.9%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	545	0.1%	46th	13.4%

### Major Australian exports, 2008\* (A\$m):

Wheat	18
Liquefied propane & butane	16
Man-made fabrics, woven	9
Cotton fabrics, woven	9

### Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$m):

Clothing	75
Gold	24
Cereal preparations	15
Vegetables	5

\*Includes A\$82m of confidential items and special transactions, 20% of total exports.

### Australia's trade in services with Fiji, 2008:

		Total share:
Exports of services to Fiji (A\$m):	173	0.3%
Imports of services from Fiji (A\$m):	877	1.6%

### Major Australian service exports, 2008 (A\$m):

Personal travel excl education	64
Transportation	32

### Major Australian service imports, 2008 (A\$m):

Personal travel excl education	700
Transportation	93

## Fiji's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Fiji's principal export destinations, 2007:

1	Singapore	18.6%
2	United States	14.7%
3	United Kingdom	14.2%
4	Australia	13.3%

### Fiji's principal import sources, 2007:

1	Singapore	34.2%
2	Australia	22.8%
3	New Zealand	17.7%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding.