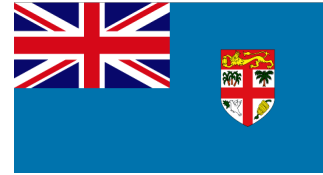


# COUNTRY PROFILE

**FIJI**



**Location:** Oceania, island group in the South Pacific Ocean, about two-thirds of the way from Hawaii to New Zealand

**Capital:** Suva

**Government Type:** Parliamentary Republic

**Area:**

Total: 18,274 sq km

Land: 18,274 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

**Population:** 915,303 (July 2016 est.)

**Population Density:** (per sq KM) 49 (2015)

**Population Growth Rate:** 0.63% (2016 est.)

**Population below Poverty Line:** 31% (2009 est.)

**Ethnic Groups:** iTaukei 56.8%, Indian 37.5%, Rotuman 1.2%, other 4.5%

**Climate:** Tropical marine; only slight seasonal temperature variation

**Natural Resources:** Timber, fish, gold, copper, offshore oil potential, hydropower

**Languages:** English (official), Fijian (official), Hindustani

**Religions:** Protestant 45%, 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.)

**Land use:**

Agricultural Land: 23.3% (arable 9%; permanent crops 4.7%; permanent pasture 9.6%)

Forest: 55.7%

Other: 21% (2011 est.)

**Natural Hazards:** Cyclonic storms can occur from November to January

**Literacy:** 93.7% (2015 est.)

**GDP - Real Growth Rate:** 2.5% (2016 est.)

**GDP - Per Capita (PPP):** \$9,400 (2016 est.)

**Exports:** \$986.3 million (2016 est.)

**Export Commodities:** Sugar, garments, gold, timber, fish, molasses, coconut oil, mineral water

**Improved Drinking Water Source:** 95.7% of population.

**Improved Sanitation Facility Access:** 91.1% of population.