



COOK ISLANDS

Fact Sheet

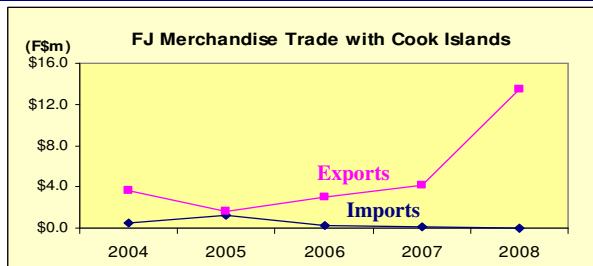
General Information

Capital	Avarua	Official Language	English
Surface Area	240 sq km	Population	11,870 (July 2009 est.)
Head of State	H.M. Queen ELIZABETH II represented by H.E Sir Frederick Goodwin	Major Exports	Pearls and pearl shells, copra, papayas, fresh and canned citrus fruit, coffee, fish, clothing
Head of Government	Prime Minister The Hon. Jim Marurai	Major Imports	Foodstuffs, textiles, fuels, timber, capital goods
Literacy Rate	95%	Key Industries	Pearl industry, fruit processing, tourism, fishing, clothing, handicrafts
Exchange Rate	1 FJD = 0.759495 NZD (Jun09)		

Economic Indicators*

	2008 (b)	2007	2006	2005	2004
GDP (US\$ bn) (current prices)	n.a	211.0	180.3	184.1	171.6
GDP per Capita (US\$)	n.a	16,884	15,282	14,847	12,711
Current Account Balance (US\$m)	-15	-14	26	24	12
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	-6.6	-6.4	14.1	13.3	7.0
Goods & Services Exports(% of GDP)	n.a	93.8	80.9	73.2	68.4
Inflation (%)	3.0	2.4	3.4	2.5	0.9

Fiji Balance of Trade with Cook Islands (2004 – 2008)



These figures do not include re-exports

Balance of Trade (BOT) (F\$ million)

	Imports	Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	BOT
2004	\$0.5	\$1.4	\$2.2	\$3.6	\$3.1
2005	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$0.3	\$1.6	\$0.3
2006	\$0.2	\$2.5	\$0.5	\$3.0	\$2.8
2007	\$0.1	\$2.1	\$2.0	\$4.1	\$4.0
2008	\$0.1	\$2.1	\$11.4	\$13.5	\$13.4

Adapted from the Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics (FBOS)

Fiji's Merchandise Trade with Cook Islands, 2008

Fiji's Major Exports to Cook Is		Fiji's Major Imports from Cook Is	
Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, supersulphate cement & similar hydraulic cements.	\$312,605	Aluminium bars, rods and profiles	\$16,474
Paints and varnishes	\$218,845	Fishing vessels for processing or preserving fishery products	\$10,000
Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances)	\$182,448	Parts and accessories suitable for automatic data processing machines	\$7,095
Toilet paper and similar paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres, of a kind used for household or sanitary purposes.	\$147,054	Printing machinery used for printing blocks, plates, cylinders.	\$6,589
Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses.	\$126,033	Electrical transformers, static converters (for example, rectifiers) and inductors	\$2,000

Cook Islands Global Merchandise Trade, 2008

Cook Islands Major Exports (% of total exports)		Cook Islands main merchandise export destination (%)		Cook Islands Major Imports (% of Imports)		Cook Islands main merchandise import source (%)	
• Pearls	34%	1. Japan	48%	• Fuels	27%	1. New Zealand	66%
• Fish fresh or chilled	33%	2. New Zealand	12%	• Machines	19%	2. Fiji	17%
• Live Fish	3%	3. Australia	2%	• Food	15%	3. USA	5%
• Pear Shells	2%	4. USA	1%	• Manufactured products	13%	4. Japan	2%

Date Compiled: June09 - All data are subject to revision. Compiled using the latest data from the DFAT, CIA, ADB and FBOS

* Data from ADB forecast