



GERMANY

Fact Sheet

General Information

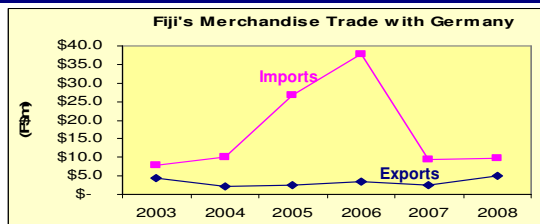
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Capital	Berlin	Export Commodities	Machinery, vehicles, chemicals, metals and manufactures, foodstuffs, textiles
Surface Area	357 thousand sq km	Import Commodities	Machinery, vehicles, chemicals, foodstuffs, textiles, metals.
Head of State	H.E. Federal President Prof Dr Horst Koehler	Agriculture Products	potatoes, wheat, barley, sugar beets, fruit, cabbages; cattle, pigs, poultry.
Head of Government	H.E. Federal Chancellor Dr Angelea Merkel Mdb	Major Industries	iron, steel, coal, cement, chemicals, machinery, vehicles, machine tools, electronics, food and beverages; shipbuilding; textiles
Official Language	German		
Population	82.3 million(2008).		
Literacy Rate	99%		
Exchange Rate	1 FJD = 0.345158 EUR (June09)		

Economic Indicators

	2009 ¹	2008 ²	2007	2006	2005	2004
GDP (US\$bn) (Current Prices)	3,060.3	3,818.5	3,3221.1	2,915.9	2,796.2	2,749.2
GDP per Capita(US\$)	37,307	46,499	40,415	35,433	33,919	33,323
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) ³	33,804	35,442	34,205	32,454	30,486	29,281
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	-5.6	1.9	2.5	2.9	0.8	1.1
Current Account Balance (US\$m)	71,667	279,017	185,033	147,134	128,379	117,988
Current Account Balance (% GDP)	2.3	7.3	5.6	5.0	4.6	4.3
Goods & Services Exports (% GDP)	39.9	48.2	46.7	44.7	40.6	38.1
Inflation (% change YOY)	0.1	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.9	1.8

Fiji's Merchandise Trade with Germany



Fiji/Germany Balance of Trade (BOT) (F\$m)

	Total Imports	Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	BOT
2003	\$8.0	\$4.3	\$0.1	\$4.4	-\$3.6
2004	\$10.1	\$2.2	\$0.0	\$2.2	-\$7.9
2005	\$26.8	\$2.4	\$0.0	\$2.4	-\$24.4
2006	\$37.9	\$3.4	\$0.2	\$3.6	-\$34.3
2007	\$9.6	\$2.4	\$0.2	\$2.6	-\$7.0
2008	\$9.9	\$5.1	\$0.05	\$5.15	-\$4.8

Adapted from the Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics (FBOS)

Fiji's Merchandise Trade with Germany, 2008

Major Domestic Exports to Germany (\$F million)		Major Imports from Germany (\$FJD)	
Ginger	\$1.8	Machinery, plant or laboratory equipment	\$3.8
T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knitted or crocheted	\$1.1	Harvesting or threshing machinery	\$0.4
Coconut (copra), palm kernel or babassu oil and fractions thereof, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified	\$0.5	Tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and toilet articles, of porcelain or china	\$0.4
Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear)	\$0.5	Electrical transformers, static converters (for example, rectifiers) and inductors	\$0.4
Garments	\$0.3	Soya-bean oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified	\$0.3

Germany's global merchandise trade relationship - 2008

Major German Exports (% of total exports (US\$1.4trn))		Germany's main merchandise export destination, (%)		Major German Imports (% of total imports (US\$1.1trn))		Germany's main merchandise import source (%)	
1. Motor vehicles	18.7	1. France	9.7	1. Chemical products	11.7	1. France	8.4
2. Machinery	14.3	2. US	7.6	2. Metals & Metal Products	10.7	2. Netherlands	8.3
3. Chemical products	13.2	3. UK	7.3	3. Vehicles	9.9	3. China	7.1
4. Metals & Metal Products	9.7	4. Italy	6.7	4. Energy Products	7.9	4. US	5.9

[JUNE09] - All data are subject to revision

Compiled using the latest data from DFAT, CIA, FBOS, EIU and other various international sources.

¹ IMF forecast;

² All recent data subject to revision.

³ PPP is purchasing power parity