



# SOUTH AFRICA

## Fact Sheet

### General Information

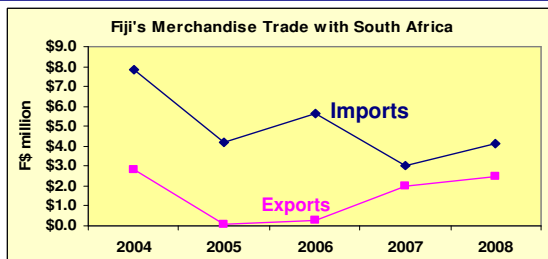
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<b>Capital</b>	Pretoria (administrative); Cape Town (legislative); Bloemfontein (judicial)	<b>Export Commodities</b>	gold, diamonds, platinum, other metals and minerals, machinery and equipment
<b>Head of State and Head of Government</b>	President The Hon Mr Thabo Mbeki	<b>Import Commodities</b>	machinery & equipment, chemicals, petroleum products, scientific instruments, foodstuffs
<b>Official Language</b>	Afrikaans, English, IsiZulu, isiXhosa, Sepedi, Setswana, Ssotho, Xitsonga, Swazi, Tshivenda, IsiNdebele	<b>Agriculture Products</b>	Corn, wheat, sugarcane, fruits, vegetables; beef, poultry, mutton, wool, dairy products
<b>Population</b>	48.7 million (2008)	<b>Major Industries</b>	mining (world's largest producer of platinum, gold, chromium), automobile assembly, metalworking, machinery, textiles, iron and steel, chemicals, fertilizer, foodstuffs, commercial ship repair
<b>Literacy Rate</b>	86.4%		
<b>Exchange Rate</b>	1 FJD = 3.91720 Rand (June09)		

### South Africa Economic Indicators

	2009 <sup>1</sup>	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices)	243.3	277.2	283.4	257.9	242.7	216.3
GDP per Capita (US\$)	4,943	5,693	5,922	5,442	5,176	4,656
GDP per capita PPP <sup>2</sup> (US\$)	10,070	10,119	9,778	9,147	8,504	7,887
Real GDP growth (% change YOY)	-0.3	3.1	5.1	5.3	5.0	4.9
Current Account Balance (US\$m)	-6,920	-20,530	-20,707	-16,284	-9,773	-6,920
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	-5.8	-7.4	-7.3	-6.3	-4.0	-3.2
Goods & Services Exports (% GDP)	34.1	35.4	31.6	29.5	27.4	26.8
Inflation (% Change YOY)	6.1	11.5	7.1	4.7	3.4	1.4

### Fiji's Merchandise Trade with South Africa



### Fiji/South Africa Balance of Trade (BOT) - (F\$ million)

	Total Imports	Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Balance On Trade
2004	\$7.8	\$2.8	\$0.0	\$2.8	-\$5.0
2005	\$4.2	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.1	-\$4.1
2006	\$5.6	\$0.1	\$0.2	\$0.3	-\$5.3
2007	\$3.0	\$2.0	\$0.0	\$2.0	-\$1.0
2008	\$4.1	\$2.5	\$0.0	\$2.5	-\$1.6

Adapted from the Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics (FBOS)

### Fiji's Merchandise Trade with South Africa, 2008

Fiji's Major Domestic Exports to South Africa (FJD\$ million)		Fiji's Major Imports from South Africa (FJD\$ million)	
Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses,	\$1.3	Frozen Fish	\$2.8
Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared	\$1.1	Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or preserved, (mainly prepared or preserved Pears, Peaches and mixture of fruits)	\$0.4
Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm	\$0.06	Essential oils for use on the hair	\$0.3
Hydrometers and similar floating instruments, (thermometers, pyrometers, barometers, hygrometers)	\$0.05	Pumps (for Inuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances)	\$0.2
Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; caskets and cases for jewellery or cutlery, and similar articles, of wood; statuettes and other ornaments, of wood; wooden articles of furniture	\$0.001	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	\$0.1

### South Africa's Global Merchandise Trade, 2008

Major South African Exports (%) (Total exports US\$86.1bn)		SA's main merchandise export destination, (%)		Major South African Imports (Total imports US\$90.5bn)		SA's main merchandise import source, (%)	
1. Platinum	12.7	1. Japan	11.0	1. Petrochemicals	11.2	1. Germany	11.3
2. Gold	8.1	2. US	10.8	2. Equipment components for cars	6.5	2. China	11.3
3. Coal	4.9	3. Germany	7.8	3. Motor cars & other components	5.0	3. US	8.0

[June09] - Compiled using the latest data from the Department of Customs & Excise, South Africa, Market Information & Analysis Section, DFAT, CIA & FIBOS. All data are subject to revisions

<sup>1</sup> IMF April 09 forecast

<sup>2</sup> Purchasing Power Parity