



THAILAND

Fact Sheet

General Information

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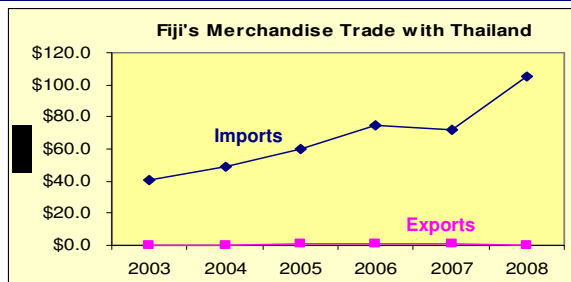
Capital	Bangkok	Export Commodities	textiles and footwear, fishery products, rice, rubber, jewelry, automobiles, computers and electrical appliances.
Surface Area	513 thousand sq km	Import Commodities	capital goods, intermediate goods and raw materials, consumer goods, fuels
Head of State	H.M King Bhumibol Adulyadej	Agriculture Products	rice, cassava, rubber, corn, sugarcane, coconuts, soybeans
Head of Government	Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva	Major Industries	tourism, textiles and garments, agricultural processing, beverages, tobacco, cement, light manufacturing such as jewelry and electric appliances, computers and parts, integrated circuits, furniture, plastics, automobiles and automotive parts
Literacy Rate	92.6%		
Official Language	Thai		
Population	64.4 (2008)		
Exchange Rate	1 FJD = 16.6043 THB (June09)		

Economic Indicators

	2009 (a)	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
GDP (US\$ bn) (current prices)	268.6	273.2	246.1	207.0	176.4	161.3
GDP per Capita (US\$)	4,005	4,115	3,743	3,171	2,709	2,479
GDP per capita PPP* (US\$m)	7,975	8,225	7,926	7,407	6,838	6,350
Current Account Balance (US\$m)	1,624	-178	14,049	2,174	-7,642	2,767
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	0.6	-0.1	5.7	1.1	-4.3	1.7
Goods & Services Exports(% of GDP)	72.4	76.4	73.3	73.8	73.5	70.7
Inflation (%)	0.5	5.5	2.2	4.6	4.5	2.8

*PPP is Purchasing Power Parity

Fiji's Merchandise Trade with Thailand



The graph includes re-exports

Fiji/Thailand Balance of Trade (BOT) (F\$ million)

	Total Imports	Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	BOT
2003	\$40.8	\$0.1	\$0.2	\$0.3	\$(40.5)
2004	\$48.5	\$0.01	\$0.06	\$0.1	\$(48.4)
2005	\$60.2	\$0.6	\$0.1	\$0.7	\$(59.5)
2006	\$74.8	\$0.6	\$0.3	\$0.9	\$(73.9)
2007	\$72.1	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$1.0	\$(71.1)
2008	\$105.0	\$0.0	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$(104.8)

Source: Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics (FIBOS)

Fiji's Merchandise Trade with Thailand, 2008

Fiji's Major Domestic Exports to Thailand (F\$ million)		Fiji's Major Imports from Thailand (F\$ million)	
Frozen Fish (mainly Albacore or long finned tunas (Thunnus alalung))	\$0.39	Polymers of styrene, in primary forms (plastics)	\$27.7
Fresh or Chilled Fish (mainly Yellow fin tunas (Thunnus albacares))	\$0.07	Rice	\$22.6
Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise of a thickness exceeding 6 mm	\$0.02	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	\$6.5
Personal and household effects	\$0.02	Prepared or preserved fish; caviar and caviar substitutes prepared from fish eggs	\$6.5
Organic surface-active agents (other than soap); surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations.	\$0.005	Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	\$1.7

Thailand's global merchandise Trade, 2008

Major Thailand Exports (%)		Thailand's Major export destination (%)		Major Thailand Imports (%)		Thailand's main import source (%)	
1. Machinery & mechanical appliances	14.3	1. USA	11.4	1. Fuel & lubricants	20.8	1. Japan	18.7
2. Vehicles, parts & accessories Electrical apparatus for circuits	9.4	2. Japan	11.3	2. Minerals and metal products	14.9	2. China	11.2
3. Electrical apparatus for circuits	8.8	3. China	9.1	3. Electronic parts	8.4	3. USA	6.4
4. Electrical appliances	6.8	4. Singapore	6.3	4. Industrial machinery, tools & parts	6.5	4. Malaysia	6.2

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(a) IMF April 09 Forecast