



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)

Fact Sheet

General Information

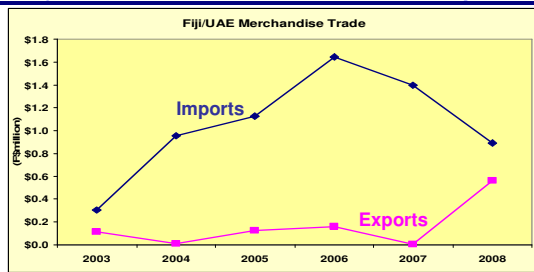
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Capital	Abu Dhabi	Export Commodities	crude oil, natural gas, re-exports, dried fish, dates
Surface Area	84 thousand sq km	Import Commodities	machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, food
Head of State	HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan	Agriculture Products Industries	Dates, vegetables, watermelons; poultry, eggs, dairy products; fish Petroleum and petrochemicals; fishing, aluminum, cement, fertilizers, commercial ship repair, construction materials, some boat building, handicrafts, textiles
Head of Government	HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum		
Official Language	Arabic		
Population	4.8 million (2008)		
Exchange Rate	1 FJD = 1.75243 UAE Dirhams (June09)		
Literacy Rate	77.9%		

Economic Indicators

	2009 ¹	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices)	215.2	260.1	180.2	164.2	135.2	107.3
GDP per Capita (US\$)	43,857	54,607	40,147	38,819	32,927	28,531
GDP per capita PPP (US\$)	37,820	38,830	37,556	36,498	33,293	32,003
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	-0.6	7.4	6.3	9.4	8.2	9.7
Current Account Balance (US\$m)	-12,032	41,090	28,986	37,079	24,291	9,801
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	-5.6	15.8	16.1	22.6	18.0	9.1
Goods & Services Exports(% of GDP)	69.4	93.4	91.0	87.8	93.2	88.6
Inflation (% change YOY)	2.0	11.5	11.1	9.3	6.2	5.0

Fiji's Trade and Investment relationship with UAE



Adapted from FIBOS

Fiji's Merchandise Trade with UAE (F\$)

	Total Imports	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	BOT
2003	\$304,167	\$23,788	\$92,127	\$115,915	(\$188,252)
2004	\$954,348	\$10,000	\$191	\$10,191	(\$944,157)
2005	\$1,128,131	\$123,210	\$1,079	\$124,289	(\$1,003,842)
2006	\$1,646,923	\$158,759	-	\$158,759	(\$1,488,164)
2007	\$1,396,541	\$4,616	-	\$4,616	(\$1,391,925)
2008	\$888,819	\$563,588	-	\$563,588	(\$325,231)

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Fiji's Merchandise Trade with UAE 2008(\$F)

Major Domestic Exports (by 2HSC) to UAE		Major Imports from UAE (by 8HSC)	
Other beams, planks, board, laths and the like of non-coniferous wood	\$361,588	Petroleum oils	\$208,262
Personal and household effects	\$202,000	Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	\$206,674
<i>Only 2 commodities was exported to the UAE in 2008.</i> <i>(Source: Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics)</i>		Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares,	\$172,813
		New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	\$135,031
		Hydraulic brake fluids and other prepared liquids for hydraulic transmission,	\$39,725

UAE's Global Merchandise Trade Relationship 2007

Major UAE Exports(% of Total Exports) (Total Exports= US\$140bn)		UAE's main export destination, (%)		Major UAE Imports (A\$m)		UAE's main import source, (%)	
1. Crude Oil	39.6	1. Japan	25.4	1. machinery and transport equipment	18.5	1. China	9.7
2. Re-exports	32.3	2. India	6.0	2. Precious stones & precious metals	14.6	2. India	9.6
3. Natural Gas	5.0	3. Iran	4.2	3. Vehicles & other transport equipment	10.2	3. US	6.6

(June09) - All data are subject to revision. Compiled using the latest data from the DFAT, FIBOS & RBF and various international sources

¹ IMF April 09 forecast