



SOLOMON ISLANDS

Fact Sheet

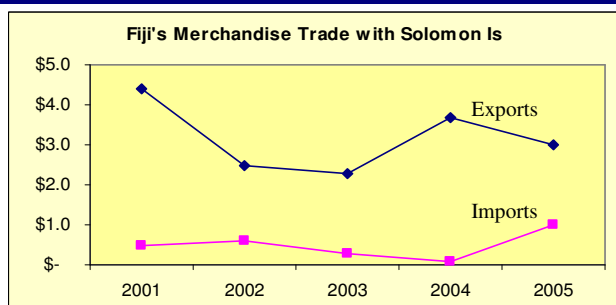
General Information

Capital	Honiara	Official Language	Melanesian Pidgin
Surface Area	28,450 sq km	Population	552,438 (July 2006 est)
Head of State	H.M Queen Elizabeth II, represented by the Governor General Nathaniel Waena	Natural Resources	Fish, forests, gold, bauxite, phosphates, lead, zinc, nickel
Head of Government	Prime Minister Mr Snyder Rini	Agriculture Products	Coca beans, coconuts, palm kernels, rice, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, timber, cattle, pigs, fish
Exchange Rate	FJ\$1 = SBD\$4.20255 (Aug 06)	Literacy Rate	NA

Economic Indicators

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 ¹
GDP	274	226	228	258	288	313
GDP per Capita	637	517	500	551	598	632
Current Account Balance	-34	-16	3	32	-23	-33
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	-12.5	-7.2	1.3	12.5	-7.9	-10.5
Goods & Services Exports	17.2	25.7	32.5	37.6	NA	NA
Inflation (%)	7.6	9.4	10.1	6.9	7.3	7.2

Fiji Merchandise Trade with Solomon Islands



*The export figures exclude re-exports

Balance of Trade (BOT) - (F\$m)

	Imports	Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	BOT
2001	\$0.5	\$4.4	\$1.3	\$5.7	\$5.2
2002	\$0.6	\$2.5	\$1.1	\$3.6	\$3.0
2003	\$0.3	\$2.3	\$0.4	\$2.7	\$2.4
2004	\$0.08	\$3.7	\$1.0	\$4.7	\$4.6
2005	\$1.0	\$4.4	\$0.3	\$4.7	\$3.7

Adapted from the Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics (FBOS)

Fiji's Merchandise Trade with Solomon Is, 2005

Fiji's Major Exports to Solomon Is (FJD) - 2005		Fiji's Major Imports from Solomon Is (FJD) 2005	
Wood Pulp, Paper & Paperboard & Articles thereof	\$ 737,513	Prepared Foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and tobacco	\$ 900,171
Base metals & articles thereof	\$ 409,930	Wood, Cork & Articles thereof & plaiting material	\$ 31,847
Chemicals & Allied Products	\$ 389,730	Others	\$ 29,300
Textiles & Textile Articles	\$ 318,742	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	\$ 9,500
Prepared Foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and tobacco	\$ 264,667	Machinery & Mechanical & Electrical appliances & parts thereof	\$ 6,549

Solomon Island global merchandise trade relationship 2005

Solomon's main merchandise export destination

1. China	39.10%
2. Republic of Korea	15.60%
3. Thailand	6.60%
4. Japan	5.60%
5. Philippines	4.70%

Solomon's main merchandise import source

1. Australia	26%
2. Singapore	24.80%
3. New Zealand	6.40%
4. Fiji	4.30%
5. Papua New Guinea	4.10%