

# Fiji

East Asia & Pacific		Lower middle income	
Population (thousands, 2006)	853	Surface area (1,000 sq. km, 2006)	18
Population growth (avg. annual %, 1997–2006)	0.9	GNI (\$ billions, 2006)	3
Population density (people per sq. km, 2006)	47	GNI per capita, Atlas method (\$, 2006)	3,300
Labor force (thousands, 2006)	393	GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2002–2006)	2.7
Urban population (% of pop., 2006)	51.3	Poverty headcount ratio at national	
Age dependency ratio	0.55	poverty line (% of pop., 2004)	..

## Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 148,355
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: 17.5%
- Top 10 destination countries: Australia, United States, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom, New Caledonia, Samoa, India, Solomon Islands, Japan.

## Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated: 58.7%
- Emigration of physicians: 257 or 48.4% of physicians trained in the country

## Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 17,176
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: 2.0%
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 47.9%
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 0.0%
- Top 10 source countries: India, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Papua New Guinea, French Polynesia, Samoa, Guam, Pakistan, Bangladesh.

## Remittances

(US\$ million)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007e
<b>Inward remittance flows</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>165*</b>	<b>165</b>
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	26	37	46	53	55	135	127	..
Compensation of employees	17	40	51	69	116	47	37	..
Migrants' transfer	1	6	0	1	1	2	1	..
<b>Outward remittance flows</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31**</b>	<b>..</b>
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	2	2	2	2	13	5	5	..
Compensation of employees	0	2	2	2	2	2	3	..
Migrants' transfer	23	20	16	22	26	26	23	..

\* 5.8% of GDP in 2006. \*\*1.1% of GDP in 2006. This table reports officially recorded remittances. The true size of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be larger. Total flows may not always equal the sum of the components as they may have been taken from alternative sources. According to a recent news item quoting Barry Whiteside, acting deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF), remittances to Fiji in 2006 amounted to US\$209 million. The discrepancy between this figure and the data reported in the IMF Balance of Payments Statistics needs further investigation.

**Migration and Remittances Factbook** is compiled by Dilip Ratha and Zhimei Xu, Migration and Remittances Team, Development Prospects Group, World Bank. More information on other countries and regions are available at [www.worldbank.org/prospects/migrationandremittances](http://www.worldbank.org/prospects/migrationandremittances).