

**POPULATION**

**2.3 SUMMARY OF KEY DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS FOR FIJI BY SEX AND ETHNICITY FROM THE POPULATION CENSUS OF 1986 AND 1996**

Demographic Indicators	Unit	1996									1986								
		Total Population			Fijians			Indians			Total Population			Fijians			Indians		
		Person	Male	Female	Person	Male	Female	Person	Male	Female	Person	Male	Female	Person	Male	Female	Person	Male	Female
Census Pop. [de-facto]	Nr	775,077	393,931	381,146	393,575	199,895	193,680	338,818	171,796	167,022	715,375	362,568	352,807	329,305	167,256	162,049	348,704	175,829	172,875
Av. Interc.Rate of Growth	%	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.4	-	2.3	1.8	1.8	1.7
Doubling Time *	Yrs	86	-	-	39	-	-	-241	-	-	35	-	-	29	-	-	40	-	-
Prop. Under age 15	%	35.4	35.8	34.9	37.9	38.6	37.2	32.6	32.9	32.3	38.4	38.8	37.9	39.3	39.9	38.8	37.7	38.1	37.2
Prop. Under age 15 - 64	%	61.5	61.3	61.7	58.7	58.2	59.1	64.7	64.7	64.7	58.7	58.3	59.1	57.2	56.8	57.6	60.0	59.5	60.5
Prop. age 65 and over	%	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.7	2.7	2.4	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.6	2.3	2.4	2.3
Dependency Ratio *	%	62.6	63.2	62.1	70.5	71.7	69.2	54.6	54.6	54.6	70.4	71.6	69.1	74.8	76.1	73.5	66.7	68.1	65.3
Sex Ratio *	⊗	103.4	-	-	103.2	-	-	102.9	-	-	102.8	-	-	103.2	-	-	101.7	-	-
Median Age *	Yrs	21.2	20.9	21.6	20.1	19.6	20.5	22.4	22.1	22.7	20.6	20.5	20.8	20.2	19.9	20.4	20.9	20.8	21.1
Child - Woman Ratio *	%	46.7	-	-	55.4	-	-	37.4	-	-	55.5	-	-	61.5	-	-	50.4	-	-
Urban Population	%	46.4	45.7	47.1	41.0	40.1	42.0	49.6	49.2	50.0	38.7	38.1	39.3	32.7	31.9	33.6	41.4	41.0	41.9
Population Density *	Km <sup>2</sup>	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Never married [Pop.15+]	%	-	36.1	26.8	-	39.4	30.1	-	32.3	22.5	-	35.7	26.7	-	39.8	30.1	-	31.5	23.2
Married [Pop.15+]	%	-	60.8	63.0	-	57.1	60.0	-	65.2	66.9	-	61.5	63.5	-	56.8	59.9	-	66.4	67.2
Widowed [Pop.15+]	%	-	1.9	8.1	-	2.2	7.6	-	1.6	8.8	-	1.6	7.4	-	1.9	7.4	-	1.3	7.6
Divorced/Sep [Pop.15+]	%	-	1.2	2.1	-	1.4	2.3	-	0.9	1.9	-	1.2	2.3	-	1.4	2.7	-	0.8	2.0
Mean age at Marriage	Yrs	-	26.1	22.9	-	27.0	23.9	-	25.2	21.6	-	25.3	22.5	-	26.6	23.4	-	24.3	21.6
Infant Mortality Rates <sup>s</sup>	0/00	22	22	23	25	25	26	18	18	19	22	25	20	26	27	25	19	22	16
Child Mortality Rates <sup>s</sup>	0/00	5	5	5	6	6	6	4	3	4	5	6	5	6	7	6	4	4	4
Av. Life Exp. at Birth <sup>⊗</sup>	Yrs	66.6	64.5	68.7	66.5	64.8	68.1	66.5	64.0	69.0	66.9	64.8	69.0	67.0	64.9	69.0	67.1	65.2	68.9
Av. Life Exp. at age 25 <sup>⊗</sup>	Yrs	44.4	42.4	46.4	44.5	42.9	46.0	44.0	41.7	46.2	44.7	42.9	46.4	45.1	43.2	46.9	44.6	43.0	46.1
Av. Life Exp. at age 65 <sup>⊗</sup>	Yrs	11.8	10.7	13.0	12.0	11.0	12.9	11.5	10.3	12.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fertility Rate*	⊕	3.26	-	-	3.90	-	-	2.45	-	-	3.51	-	-	4.19	-	-	2.94	-	-
Gross Reproduction Rate*	⊕	1.59	-	-	1.90	-	-	1.20	-	-	1.75	-	-	2.04	-	-	1.43	-	-
Mean Age Moth. at Childb.	Yrs	27.1	-	-	27.9	-	-	25.8	-	-	26.3	-	-	27.1	-	-	25.3	-	-
Mean Age Fath. at Childb.	Yrs	30.3	-	-	31.0	-	-	29.4	-	-	29.1	-	-	30.3	-	-	28.0	-	-
Interdiv. Lifet.Migrants+	%	22.8	22.0	23.6	27.7	26.8	28.6	13.9	13.0	14.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interdiv. Rec.Migrants+	%	10.0	10.1	9.9	12.1	12.4	11.9	5.7	5.6	5.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interprov. Lifet.Migrants+	%	36.5	34.0	39.1	41.2	-	-	28.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interprov. Rec.Migrants+	%	16.2	16.0	16.4	19.5	-	-	10.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Literacy Rate*	%	92.9	94.5	91.4	96.5	96.9	96.1	88.7	91.6	85.8	87	90	84	93	94	92	80	85	74

⊗ Number of males per 100 females.

<sup>s</sup> These are probabilities of dying under age 1 and between age 1 and 4 respectively.

⊗ These are maximum estimates of life expectancy.

⊕ Per woman.

+ Population age five and over.

\* Definitions are provided on page 5.

Av. - Average

Interc. - Intercensal

Prop. - Proportion

Exp. - Expectancy

Interdiv. - Inter divisional

Interprov. - Inter provincial

Lifet. - Lifetime

Rec. - Recent

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### DEFINITIONS RELATED TO TABLE 2.3 ON PAGE 5

**Doubling Time.** Growth expressed as a percentage is not always very informative. Sometimes a more vivid way of showing population growth is to calculate how long, at its current growth rate, a population would take to double in size. A country with a constant growth rate of 1 percent would double its population in 70 years; 2 percent in 35 years; 3 percent, in 23 years. A short way to estimate doubling time is to divide 70 by the growth rate expressed as a percent.

**Dependency Ratio.** The ratio of the economically dependent part of the population to the productive part; arbitrarily defined as the ratio of the elderly [those 65 years and over] plus the young [those under 15 years of age] to the population in the “working ages” [those 15-64 years of age].

**Sex Ratio.** The ratio of males to females in a given population, usually expressed as the number of males for every 100 females.

**Median Age.** The age at which exactly half the population is older and half is younger is a population’s median age.

**Child-Woman Ratio.** The number of children under 5 years of age per 1,000 women of child-bearing age in a given year. This measure is used as a rough fertility indicator, especially when detailed data on births are lacking.

**Population Density.** Population per unit of land area; for example persons per square mile, or persons per square kilometre. This may be further divided into crude or refined rates. In this case the crude figure is provided implying total land area while a refined figure would be expressed in terms of arable land.

**Infant Mortality Rate.** The number of deaths to infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births in a given year.

**Average Life Expectancy.** Life expectancy is an estimate of the average number of additional years a person can expect to live, based on the age-specific death rates for a given year. Life expectancy at birth is the most commonly cited life expectancy measure.

**Total Fertility Rate [TFR].** The average number of children that would be born alive to a woman [or group of women] during her lifetime if she were to pass through her childbearing years conforming to the age-specific fertility rates of a given year.

**Gross Reproduction Rate [GRR].** The average number of daughters that would be born to a woman [or group of women] during her lifetime if she passed through her childbearing years conforming to the age specific fertility rates of a given year. This rate is like the TFR except that it counts only daughters and literally measures “reproduction” - a woman reproducing herself by having a daughter.

**Literacy Rate.** Proportion of the population age 15 and over who have completed 4 years of schooling.