

Gender Country Profile



Fiji

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General

Total male population under 15 (2014) (CIA, 2015): 130,013

Total female population under 15 (2014) (CIA, 2015): 124,423

Total male population over 15 (2014) (CIA, 2015): 328,684

Total female population over 15 (2014) (CIA, 2015): 320,087

Health

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live births (2010) (CIA, 2015): 26

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (2014) (CIA, 2015): 10.2

Under-five mortality rate for males per 1,000 live births (2012) (United Nations Gender Statistics, 2015): 24.9

Under-five mortality rate for females per 1,000 live births (2012) (United Nations Gender Statistics, 2015): 19.8

Births attended by a skilled health professional (World Economic Forum, 2013): 100%

Prevalence of HIV among males aged 15–49 (World Economic Forum, 2013): 0.1%

Prevalence of HIV among females aged 15–49 (World Economic Forum, 2013): 0.1%

Life expectancy for men (2012) (WHO, 2014a): 67

Life expectancy for women (2012) (WHO, 2014a): 73

Education

Male youth literacy rate, ages 15–24: NA

Female youth literacy rate, ages 15–24: NA

Male adult literacy rate, ages 15+: NA

Female adult literacy rate, ages 15+: NA

Male adjusted net enrolment rate in primary education (2011) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 97.94%

Female adjusted net enrolment rate in primary education (2011) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 99.78%

Male gross enrolment ratio in secondary education (2011) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 83.86%

Female gross enrolment ratio in secondary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 92.93%

Male gross enrolment ratio in tertiary education (2005) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 14.76%

Female gross enrolment ratio in tertiary education (2005) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 17.62%

Graduates from tertiary education who are female : NA

Students in engineering, construction and manufacturing tertiary education programs who are female: NA

Teachers in primary education who are female (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 59.5%

Teachers in secondary education who are female (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 57.5%

Teachers in tertiary education who are female: NA

Economic Activity

Males over 15 who are active in the labour force (United Nations Statistical Commission, 2010): 78%

Females over 15 who are active in the labour force (United Nations Statistical Commission, 2010): 39%

Men who have an account in a formal financial institution: NA

Women who have an account in a formal financial institution: NA

Decision-Making

Proportion of seats held by women in national parliament: NA

Human Rights

Girls married before 15: NA

Females married between 15 and 19 (World Economic Forum, 2013): 10%

Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime: NA

Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner or a non-partner during their lifetime (UN Women, 2012): 59.9%

Gender Gaps

Health

Only 10% of women in Fiji have been screened for cervical cancer (Ministry of Health, 2011, p. 16).

Education

Women and men reach generally equal levels of education, but this has not materialised into equal employment prospects or equal wages for women (see below).

Economic

According to the World Economic Forum's *Global Gender Gap Report 2013*, only half as many women participate in the workforce as do men (p. 198).

On average, for similar work, women receive only 64% of the wages that men receive (World Economic Forum, 2013, p. 198).

Male-dominated cultural practices concerning inheritance make it next to impossible for women to become landowners. This is despite the fact that women in Fiji are involved in all aspects of the agricultural economy: farming, marketing, food processing as well as distribution (UN Women, n.d.).

Decision-Making

Fiji has experienced four coup d'états since 1970 and is not considered a democratic state; this may impede efforts to encourage women's participation in politics, as security may be prioritised and women's inclusion sidelined along culturally conservative lines. By way of illustration: the president as of 2014 was appointed by military council, and the country's prime minister serves as the national military commodore. Neither are women.

Human Rights

Violence against females is an on-going area of concern. Results from a 2011 national survey on violence against women and girls indicated that 31% of respondents had been "subjected to physical and/or sexual assault since the age of 15 by someone other than their husbands or partners." In addition, 29% of women reported that their first sexual experience was either forced or coerced (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre, 2013, p. 3).

48% of married women have experienced marital rape. Of women outside marriage, 13% have been subjected to rape (UN Women, n.d.).

74% of women subjected to domestic violence do not report it to the police (UN Women, n.d.).

A woman's sexual history may be introduced as evidence in a rape trial (UN Women, n.d.).

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