



Vision and Policy Intent

A Fiji Government National Statistics Development Strategy (NSDS) was drafted in 2022 but is pending completion. However, the [Fiji Bureau of Statistics \(FBOS\)](#) has a vision, to achieve an efficient, progressive and Respectable Statistics Office in the Region.

The Fiji Government 5-year and 20-year National Development Plan (2017–2036) includes several goals, policies and objectives relating to data and statistics to achieve by 2036:

- improve availability and consistency of key health data and statistics,
- implement data collection to accelerate renewable energy share in electricity generation,
- cultural statistics framework,
- strengthen capacity for collection of natural resource and environment related data,
- collection of official statistics,
- strengthen statistics and information through the development of a Domestic Food Production Database, and
- strengthen data gathering for baseline studies and analyses on needs of children, elderly, people with disabilities and assessments of poverty.



National Statistical System

The FBOS, guided under the [Statistics Act 1978 revision](#) from the Statistics Act 1961, is the lead statistics agency, managed by the Government Statistician or Chief Executive.

Under the Statistics Act 1978 revision and the [Census Act \(CAP 72\)](#), FBOS is an independent institution, and the principal agency in the collection, compilation, analysis and publication of statistical information on commercial, industrial, agricultural, social, economic and general activities and the condition of the people of Fiji. This includes conducting a census of the population of Fiji.

Other data producers sourced from the Draft revised Act include public sector agencies such as:

- [Reserve Bank of Fiji](#), on banking and exchange-rate data,
- Ministry of Finance, on government, financial and public debt,
- Fiji Visitors Bureau, on visitor surveys, and
- Ministries of Economy, Health, Education, Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry; Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations are primary sources of economic and social statistics in their respective areas.



Key Features

The FBOS, under the Statistics Act 1978 revision is responsible for the collection, compilation, analysis, and publication of certain statistical information and for other matters relating to this role.

Data collection – most recent: [2017 Census of Population and Housing, Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2021](#).

Dissemination – [main publication](#) Economics, social, tourism and migration statistics, census and surveys, other statistics.

FBOS [advanced release calendar](#) on statistics publications in 2024.

Fiji has a general data dissemination system ([e-GDDS SDMX](#)) which provides data linked to a National Summary Data Page for Fiji.

ICT Statistical Infrastructure – FBOS developed its own website and has links to tools such as [Fiji PopGIS3](#).

Other ICT improvement activities:

- statistical analytical software for the analysis of survey data, and
- data visualisation (Dashboards).



Coordination

The FBOS mandated by the Statistics Act 1978 and led by the Chief Executive:

- organise a coordinated scheme of social and economic statistics relating to Fiji, and
- collaborates with government departments in the collection, compilation, analysis and publication of statistical records of administrative data.

FBOS in undertaking the statistics activities:

- adhere to the principles of good governance and provide greater public accountability and transparency in all its activities, and
- respect the multicultural nature of Fiji society.



Challenges, priorities and opportunities

Key challenges affecting FBOS performance as highlighted in the FBOS Chief Executive presentation on strengthening the [NSS of Fiji in 2021](#) include:

- Fiji's NSDS awaiting the review/ finalisation of the Statistics Act before finalising this strategic document, and
- the revised Statistics Act being vetted by the Solicitor General's office, but still awaiting review of the Act.

Key priorities for improvement as highlighted by FBOS Chief Executive presentation on strengthening the NSS of Fiji in 2021 include:

- integration of statistics development with national development policies and plans
 - **finalisation of Fiji NSDS,**
- legislative provisions and institutional mechanisms
 - **review of Fiji Statistics Act,** and
- expanded use of official statistics
 - **use of official statistics in measuring and monitoring SDG goals.**