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# Country overview

This report provides an overview of Queensland's trade relationship with Fiji. A summary of this trade relationship is below.

- Fiji was the world's 154th largest economy, with an estimated Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of US\$5.1 billion (US\$5,751.7 per capita) in 2018
- Fiji's GDP increased by an estimated 3.2% over 2018
- Fiji's population was estimated at 0.9 million in 2018
- Fiji was Queensland's 51st largest merchandise trading partner (exports plus imports) in 2018–19p
- Queensland's merchandise exports to Fiji totalled A\$62.4 million in 2018–19p
- Queensland's merchandise imports from Fiji totalled A\$18.0 million in 2018–19p
- There were 19,914 international visitors to Queensland from Fiji in 2018–19
- There were 119 international student enrolments to Queensland from Fiji in 2018

All trade data are reported to the nearest hundred thousand dollars. Percentages are based on unrounded figures.

This profile should be read in conjunction with the abbreviations and explanatory notes provided at the rear of the profile.

# Trade profile

## Merchandise exports – top destinations

These data are based on goods originating from Queensland that are exported overseas by country of final destination. The country of final destination is the country to which the goods are consigned and not necessarily the country where the goods are discharged. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

### Fiji

In 2018–19p:

- Queensland's total merchandise export value of \$62.4 million
- 0.1% of Queensland's total merchandise exports and 13.3% of Australia's total merchandise exports with Fiji
- 41st largest export destination for Queensland

In 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise exports trade with Fiji was

**\$62.4 million**

**Table 1** Queensland's top merchandise export destinations, 2013–14 and 2018–19p

Country	2013–14			2018–19p		
	Rank	Value	Share of total Queensland exports	Rank	Value	Share of total Queensland exports
	number	\$m	%	number	\$m	%
China	1	11,569.2	25.8	1	28,658.3	32.9
Japan	2	8,599.1	19.2	2	12,180.8	14.0
India	4	4,663.3	10.4	3	10,693.7	12.3
Korea, Republic of	3	4,692.4	10.5	4	9,481.7	10.9
Taiwan	5	1,703.2	3.8	5	3,278.7	3.8
Fiji	42	47.2	0.1	41	62.4	0.1

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

## Merchandise exports – time series

This topic details the latest six years of overseas exports of goods originating in Queensland. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

Between 2017–18 and 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise exports trade with Fiji increased by

**10.6%**

### Fiji

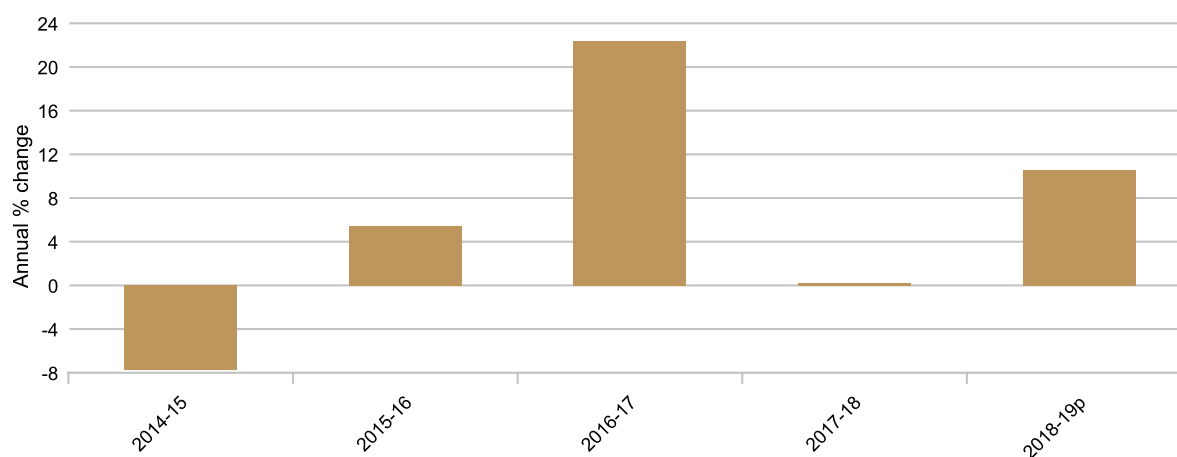
- Queensland's total merchandise exports increased by 10.6% or \$6.0 million, from \$56.4 million in 2017–18
- Queensland's total merchandise exports increased by 32.1% or \$15.2 million, from \$47.2 million in 2013–14

**Table 2 Nominal value of merchandise exports to Fiji**

Financial year	Queensland		Australia		Qld's share of Australia
	Value	Annual change	Value	Annual change	
	\$m	%	\$m	per cent	%
2013–14	47.2	3.2	305.4	0.2	15.5
2014–15	43.6	-7.7	322.4	5.6	13.5
2015–16	46.0	5.4	415.9	29.0	11.1
2016–17	56.3	22.4	412.7	-0.8	13.6
2017–18	56.4	0.3	457.8	10.9	12.3
2018–19p	62.4	10.6	467.6	2.1	13.3

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

**Figure 1 Change in Queensland's merchandise exports, Fiji**

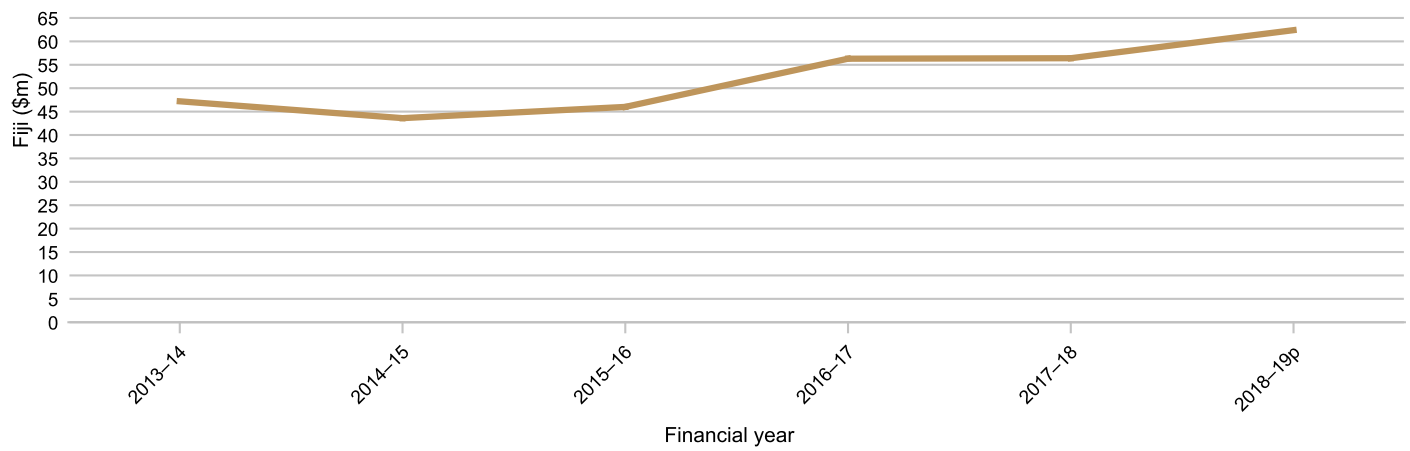


Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)



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**Figure 2 Queensland's merchandise exports, Fiji**



Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

## Merchandise exports – top commodities

These data are based on goods originating from Queensland that are exported overseas by commodity. The commodity classification used is the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) revision 4 at the 2-digit level. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

### Fiji

- Other major export commodities in 2018–19p included Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (\$4.8 million), Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles) (\$3.2 million), Machinery specialised for particular industries (\$3.2 million) and Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp (\$3.1 million)

In 2018–19p, Queensland's top merchandise export commodity to Fiji was

**Special transactions & commodities not classified (\$12.0 million)**

**Table 3 Queensland's top merchandise exports<sup>(a)</sup> to Fiji**

Commodity	Financial year											
	2013–14		2014–15		2015–16		2016–17		2017–18		2018–19p	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Special transactions & commodities not classified	4.8	10.1	6.2	14.3	6.8	14.8	8.0	14.3	7.7	13.6	12.0	19.2
Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts	1.5	3.1	1.4	3.2	2.0	4.3	4.8	8.5	3.1	5.6	4.8	7.7
Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	1.4	2.9	1.2	2.7	3.3	7.1	4.5	7.9	4.8	8.6	3.2	5.1
Machinery specialised for particular industries	1.3	2.8	2.0	4.6	2.1	4.6	2.9	5.1	4.0	7.1	3.2	5.1
Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.8	2.5	5.4	2.9	5.1	2.1	3.6	3.1	5.0
Other	38.1	80.8	32.4	74.3	29.3	63.8	33.2	59.0	34.7	61.5	36.2	58.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Based on overseas goods exports with the largest monetary value as at the latest available time period.

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

## Merchandise imports – top origins

These data are based on goods lodged in Queensland that are imported from overseas by country of origin. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

In 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise imports trade with Fiji was

**\$18.0 million**

### Fiji

In 2018–19p:

- Queensland's total merchandise import value of \$18.0 million
- 0.0% of Queensland's total merchandise imports and 10.3% of Australia's total merchandise imports with Fiji
- 63rd largest origin of imports for Queensland

**Table 4 Queensland's top merchandise import origins, 2013–14 and 2018–19p**

Country	2013–14			2018–19p		
	Rank	Value	Share of total Queensland imports	Rank	Value	Share of total Queensland imports
	number	\$m	%	number	\$m	%
China	1	6,136.0	14.7	1	10,700.7	21.8
United States of America	3	4,229.6	10.1	2	5,734.0	11.7
Japan	2	4,285.5	10.2	3	4,995.7	10.2
Korea, Republic of	4	2,697.4	6.4	4	3,121.2	6.4
Thailand	6	2,390.4	5.7	5	3,065.0	6.3
Fiji	54	24.4	0.1	63	18.0	0.0

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)



## Merchandise imports – time series

This topic details the latest six years of overseas imports of goods lodged in Queensland. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

Between 2017–18 and 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise imports trade with Fiji decreased by

**6.3%**

### Fiji

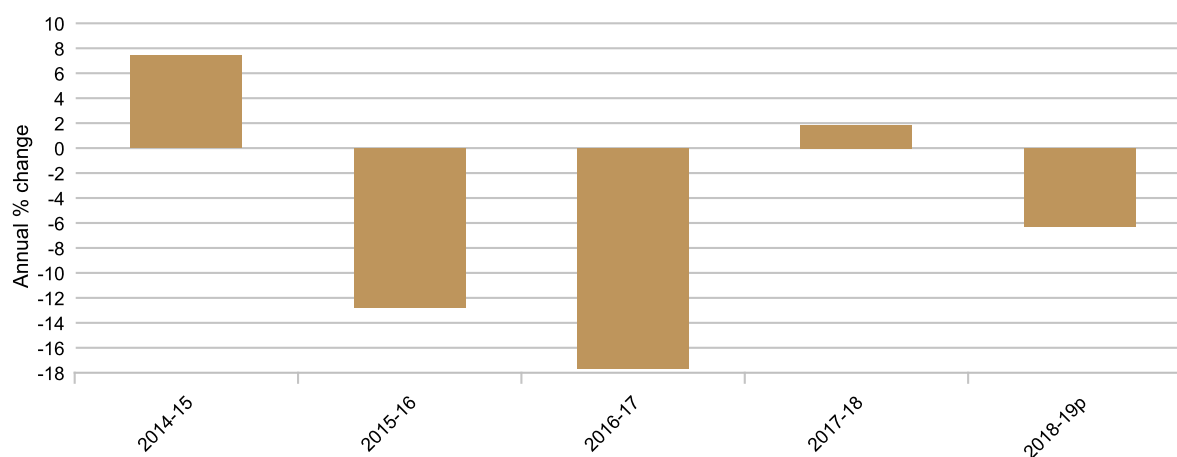
- Queensland's total merchandise imports decreased by 6.3% or \$1.2 million, from \$19.2 million in 2017–18
- Queensland's total merchandise imports decreased by 26.4% or \$6.4 million, from \$24.4 million in 2013–14

**Table 5 Nominal value of merchandise imports from Fiji**

Financial year	Queensland		Australia		Qld's share of Australia
	Value	Annual change	Value	Annual change	
	\$m	%	\$m	per cent	%
2013–14	24.4	-1.4	159.0	-4.5	15.4
2014–15	26.3	7.4	175.0	10.0	15.0
2015–16	22.9	-12.8	188.0	7.4	12.2
2016–17	18.9	-17.7	179.3	-4.7	10.5
2017–18	19.2	1.9	178.4	-0.5	10.8
2018–19p	18.0	-6.3	174.8	-2.1	10.3

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

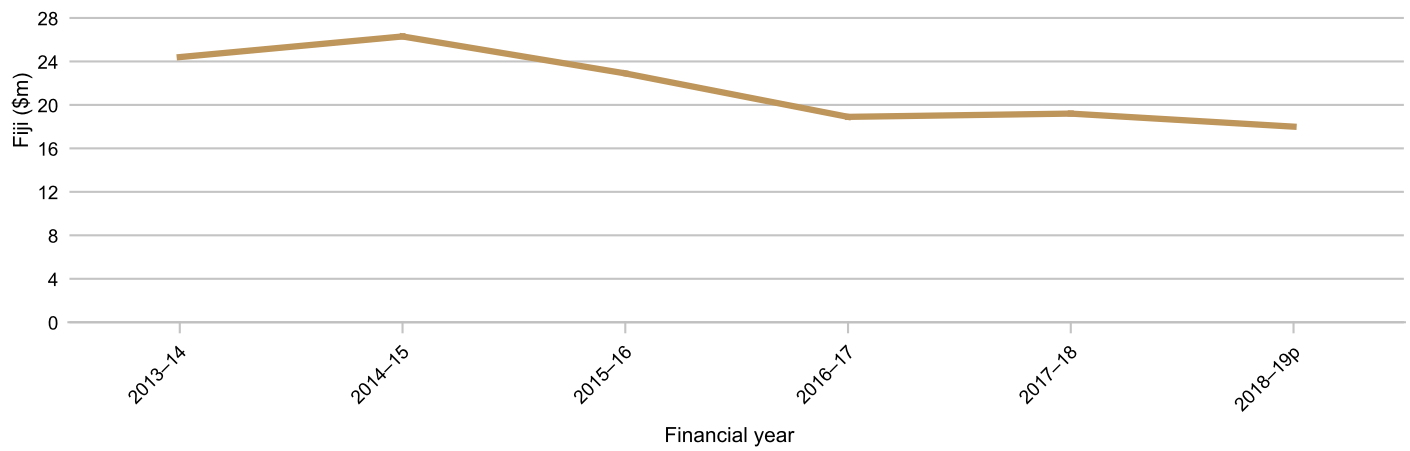
**Figure 3 Change in Queensland's merchandise imports, Fiji**



Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

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**Figure 4 Queensland's merchandise imports, Fiji**



Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

## Merchandise imports – top commodities

These data are based on goods lodged in Queensland that are imported from overseas by commodity. The commodity classification used is the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) revision 4 at the 2-digit level. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

### Fiji

- Other major import commodities in 2018–19p included Vegetables and fruit (\$2.4 million), Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (\$2.3 million), Cereals and cereal preparations (\$1.3 million) and Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes (\$1.0 million)

In 2018–19p, Queensland's top merchandise import commodity from Fiji was

**Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (\$7.8 million)**

**Table 6** Queensland's top merchandise imports<sup>(a)</sup> from Fiji

Commodity	Financial year											
	2013–14		2014–15		2015–16		2016–17		2017–18		2018–19p	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9.1	37.1	12.2	46.4	12.4	54.0	9.0	47.8	8.4	43.6	7.8	43.3
Vegetables and fruit	3.8	15.5	4.4	16.8	3.0	13.0	2.4	12.6	1.9	9.9	2.4	13.6
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	0.3	1.4	0.5	1.9	0.6	2.7	1.7	9.0	2.1	10.9	2.3	12.8
Cereals and cereal preparations	1.7	7.0	1.7	6.6	1.8	7.8	1.4	7.6	1.2	6.4	1.3	7.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes	1.0	4.0	1.0	3.9	1.5	6.6	0.7	3.8	1.1	5.8	1.0	5.8
Other	8.6	35.1	6.4	24.3	3.6	15.9	3.6	19.1	4.5	23.5	3.1	17.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Based on overseas goods imports with the largest monetary value as at the latest available time period.

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

## Service trade - Australia

Service trade statistics are collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in their Survey of International Trade in Services and covers services rendered by Australian residents to non-residents (credits) and by non-residents to residents (debits). For the purposes of this report, service credits are referred to as exports and service debits are referred to as imports to aid users with continuity of terms across topics. The next planned update is in June 2020.

In 2018–19, Australia's total services exports to Fiji was

**\$202 million**

### Fiji

- Service trade exports increased by 25.5% or \$41 million, from \$161 million in 2013–14 to \$202 million in 2018–19
- Service trade imports increased by 24.5% or \$314 million, from \$1,280 million in 2013–14 to \$1,594 million in 2018–19

**Table 7** Australia's total service trade with Fiji, 2013–14 and 2018–19

Service	Exports		Imports	
	2013–14	2018–19	2013–14	2018–19
	— \$m —		— \$m —	
Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Maintenance and repair services n.i.e	1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Transport	34	31	122	143
Travel	99	149	1,139	1,429
Construction	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Insurance and pension services	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Financial services	1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Charges for the use of intellectual property n.i.e.	2	3	n.a.	n.a.
Telecommunication, computer and information services	6	10	5	8
Other business services	11	5	8	2
Personal, cultural and recreation services	6	n.a.	n.a.	1
Government goods and services n.i.e	2	3	6	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>1,594</b>

Source: ABS 5368.0.55.003, *International trade: supplementary information, financial year, 2018-19*

## Service trade - Queensland

Services trade by state is based on state of service provision or consumption. Refer to explanatory notes for details on how state allocations of service trade are estimated. A breakdown of service trade by state and country are not available. The next planned update is in June 2020.

In 2018–19, Queensland's total services exports to all countries was

**\$14,683 million**

### All countries

- Service trade exports to all countries increased by 41.0% or \$4,269 million, from \$10,414 million in 2013–14 to \$14,683 million in 2018–19
- Service trade imports from all countries increased by 21.9% or \$2,685 million, from \$12,264 million in 2013–14 to \$14,949 million in 2018–19

**Table 8 Queensland's total service trade with all countries, 2013–14 and 2018–19**

Service	Exports		Imports	
	2013–14	2018–19	2013–14	2018–19
	— \$m —		— \$m —	
Transport	1,305	1,474	3,159	3,237
Travel	7,289	10,945	6,435	9,272
Business travel	459	493	690	795
Education travel	2,949	5,384	52	78
Insurance and Pension services	35	51	133	116
Financial services	637	793	659	636
Telecommunication, computer and information services	247	494	282	569
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	118	156	10	16
Other	783	770	1,586	1,103
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>14,683</b>	<b>12,264</b>	<b>14,949</b>

Source: ABS 5368.0.55.003, *International trade: supplementary information, financial year, 2018–19*

## International visitors

This data is based on Tourism Research Australia's International Visitor Survey (IVS) which samples 40,000 departing, short-term international travellers aged 15 years and over who have been visiting Australia. The results given in the IVS are based on a sample, rather than a census, of international visitors to Australia. As with all sample surveys, the results are subject to sampling variability, and therefore may differ from figures that would be obtained if all international visitors to Australia had been included in the survey.

### Fiji

- International visitors to Queensland increased by 7.6% or 1,404, from 18,510 international visitors in 2017–18

In 2018–19, Queensland's international visitors from Fiji was

# 19,914 visitors

**Table 9 International visitors<sup>(a)</sup> from Fiji, by reason for journey<sup>(b)</sup>, 2013–14 to 2018–19**

Region / Reason for journey	Financial year					
	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19
	— visitors —					
Queensland <sup>(c)</sup>						
Holiday	2,997	4,147	3,652	2,532	5,078	4,637
Visiting friends and relatives	10,450	8,665	10,301	11,555	9,090	11,616
Business	2,663	2,663	2,889	2,017	2,296	1,029
Employment	177	690	449	523	448	0
Education	176	507	540	325	710	583
Other reason	929	3,222	1,823	126	887	2,049
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,392</b>	<b>19,893</b>	<b>19,655</b>	<b>17,080</b>	<b>18,510</b>	<b>19,914</b>
Australia						
Holiday	12,845	13,023	14,915	9,430	14,585	12,099
Visiting friends and relatives	42,836	41,855	39,832	43,689	47,336	50,242
Business	9,227	8,000	8,151	6,944	6,267	4,936
Employment	630	1,655	1,144	2,249	1,474	1,061
Education	485	1,489	1,802	1,234	1,486	1,617
Other reason	3,346	6,676	4,302	3,150	1,774	3,454
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,368</b>	<b>72,697</b>	<b>70,145</b>	<b>66,697</b>	<b>72,922</b>	<b>73,409</b>

(a) Based on visitors aged 15 years and over.

(b) Respondent's primary reason for visiting Australia.

(c) Persons who visited Queensland and spent at least one night.

Source: Tourism Research Australia, *International Visitors in Australia*, unpublished data



## International student enrolments

This data is derived from the Commonwealth Provider Registration and International Student Management System (PRISMS) database. Data is initially uploaded into PRISMS by educational providers when an enrolment is offered to a prospective student before a visa is granted, and again when a student obtains and uses their visa to enter Australia and starts studying. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) updates PRISMS as students enter or leave Australia or change their visa or residence status. International student enrolment data generally does not represent the number of overseas students in Australia or the number of student visas issued in different countries but instead counts actual course enrolments. The next planned update is in March 2020.

### Fiji

- International student enrolments increased by 21.4% or 21, from 98 student enrolments in 2017

In 2018, Queensland's international student enrolments from Fiji was

**119 enrolments**

**Table 10 International student enrolments from Fiji, by sector, 2013 to 2018**

Region / Sector	Calendar year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	— enrolments —					
Queensland						
Higher Education	61	52	51	44	43	48
VET	24	19	20	28	42	56
Schools	7	5	6	7	9	5
ELICOS	3	1	1	1	2	7
Non-award	3	1	1	3	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>119</b>
Australia						
Higher Education	239	233	224	223	241	266
VET	89	91	123	136	211	352
Schools	10	7	8	8	13	18
ELICOS	16	19	14	10	19	30
Non-award	10	7	6	11	11	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>677</b>

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Source: Australian Education International (AEI), January 2019 pivot table

# Abbreviations

..	not applicable
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ELICOS	English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students
n.a.	not available
nes	not elsewhere stated
n.i.e	not included elsewhere
p	preliminary (as at June 2019 release)
VET	Vocational Education and Training

# Explanatory notes

## Profile explanatory notes

### Data confidentialisation

The release of statistics for certain merchandise trade commodities are restricted in order to prevent the identification of the activities of an individual business. These restrictions do not affect the total value of exports and imports, but they can affect statistics at the country, state and commodity levels. Further details on confidentialised trade commodities can be found in the ABS' [Confidential Commodities List](#).

### Scope of international merchandise trade statistics

This profile provides details on international merchandise trade statistics. It does not include interstate trade.

### Rounding

Figures are rounded to nearest whole number. Calculations (such as percentages and rates) are based on pre-rounded figures.

### Value

Values reported are nominal meaning these figures represent the monetary value at the time of trade. Exports value are based on Free On Board (F.O.B.) and imports value are based on Australian Customs Value.

## Topic explanatory notes

### Merchandise exports and imports

#### Time series

Values are not adjusted to consistent dollar basis.

### Service trade

Services credits are classified by the state of provision, while services debits are classified by the state of consumption. The state allocations for transportation, travel, freight insurance and telecommunication services are based on a number of indicators including merchandise trade statistics by state, overseas passenger arrivals and departures by state of clearance and data provided by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. The allocation for other services (about 25% of all trade in services) is primarily based on the location of the business reporting the information, which serves as a proxy for the state of provision/consumption of that service. The data should be used with care but are considered suitable for analysis over time.