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Money Work, Formal and Informal Sector Employment

Survey findings contained in this release are based on information reported by a representative sample of 5,000 households. The details represent the situation in the estimated 186,236 conventional households in Fiji where 856,325 persons live. Persons living in Non-Private Dwellings such as Boarding Schools, Hospitals, Prisons, Work Site Accommodation and Single Officers Barracks were excluded from the survey.

The release contains employment estimates of the formal and informal sector with the following breakdown;

- 1) Formal and Informal Employment by Industry
- 2) Formal and Informal Sector Employment by Occupation Sex
- 3) Formal and Informal Sector Employment by Industry by Sex
- 4) Formal and Informal Sector Employment by Occupation and Industry by Sex

1.0 Money Work

A total of 263,463 persons aged 15 and over were earning money through the sale of goods and services or were engaged in paid employment.

The dominant Industry Groups in terms of employment numbers were;

- 1) Wholesale and Retail Trade – 45,792 money earners accounting for 17.4% of the total.
- 2) Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – 45,482 money earners accounting for 17.3% of the total.
- 3) Construction – 23,293 money earners accounting for 8.9% of the total.
- 4) Manufacturing – 21,444 money earners accounting for 8.2% of the total.
- 5) Accommodation and Food Service – 19,151 money earners accounting for 7.3% of the total.

The majority (57.8%) of those Employed in Money Earning activities are Urban Dwellers while Males account for around two thirds of these workers.

Details are provided in Table 1.0 that follows;

Table 1.0 Money Workers by Industry and Sex

Industry	Total	% to Total	% Urban	Male	Female	% Female
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	45,734	17.4%	15.6%	39,470	6,265	13.7%
Mining and Quarrying	2,137	0.8%	65.1%	2,019	118	5.5%
Manufacturing	21,552	8.2%	70.2%	12,422	9,130	42.4%
Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning	904	0.3%	86.5%	792	111	12.3%
Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management	1,541	0.6%	63.3%	1,368	174	11.3%
Construction	23,293	8.8%	62.8%	21,919	1,374	5.9%
Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Vehicle	45,848	17.4%	65.2%	27,873	17,975	39.2%
Transportation and Storage	21,298	8.1%	66.7%	19,199	2,098	9.9%
Accommodation and Food Service	19,333	7.3%	52.8%	10,491	8,842	46.2%
Information and Communication	1,664	0.6%	87.5%	1,057	608	35.1%
Financial and Insurance Activities	4,559	1.7%	89.2%	2,297	2,262	49.5%
Real Estate Activities	1,633	0.6%	74.3%	1,091	542	32.4%
Professional, Scientific and Technical	6,249	2.4%	87.6%	3,743	2,506	40.2%
Administrative and Support Service	8,661	3.3%	69.6%	5,552	3,109	34.4%
Public Administration and Defence	17,289	6.6%	78.7%	11,935	5,355	30.9%
Education	16,066	6.1%	60.1%	6,038	10,027	62.4%
Human Health and Social Work Activities	6,091	2.3%	80.4%	1,687	4,404	72.3%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	1,537	0.6%	53.0%	659	878	57.1%
Other Service Activities	6,103	2.3%	59.3%	4,169	1,934	31.7%
Activities of Households as Employers	10,625	4.0%	54.1%	2,971	7,653	72.0%
Activities of Extraterritorial Organization	1,346	0.5%	97.2%	438	908	67.5%
Total	263,463	100.0%	57.8%	177,188	86,275	32.7%

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding errors.

2.0 Formal and Informal Sector Breakdown

Money workers who contributed to the Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF) were included in the Formal Sector.

The Formal Sector accounted for 64.6% of persons engaged in money work. The top three Formal Sector industries in terms of employment numbers are as follows;

- 1) Wholesale and Retail Trade with 32,937 workers.
- 2) Manufacturing with 18,671 workers.
- 3) Public Administration and Defence with 17,289 workers.

The Informal Sector accounted for 35.4% of persons engaged in money work. The top three Informal Sector industries in terms of employment numbers are as follows;

- 1) Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing with 38,887 workers.
- 2) Wholesale and Retail Trade with 12,911 workers.
- 3) Construction with 10,703 workers.

Details are provided in Table 2.0 that follows;

Table 2.0 Formal and Informal Sector employment by Industry

Industry Group	Formal	%	Informal	%	Total
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	6,848	15.0	38,887	85.0	45,735
Mining and Quarrying	2,137	100.0			2,137
Manufacturing	18,671	86.6	2,881	13.4	21,552
Electricity	904	100.0			904
Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management	1,541	100.0			1,541
Construction	12,590	54.1	10,703	45.9	23,293
Wholesale and Retail Trade	32,937	71.8	12,911	28.2	45,848
Transportation and Storage	12,730	59.8	8,568	40.2	21,298
Accommodation and Food Service	16,702	86.4	2,631	13.6	19,333
Information and Communication	1,664	100.0			1,664
Financial and Insurance Activities	4,559	100.0			4,559
Real Estate Activities	995	60.9	638	39.1	1,633
Professional, Scientific and Technical	6,249	100.0	100		6,249
Administrative and Support Service	8,166	94.3	495	5.7	8,661
Public Administration and Defence	17,289	100.0			17,289
Education	16,066	100.0			16,066
Human Health and Social Work	5,615	92.2	476	7.8	6,091
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	582	37.9	954	62.1	1,537
Other Service Activities	2,534	41.5	3,569	58.5	6,103
Activities of Households		0.0	10,625	100.0	10,625
Extraterritorial Organization	1,346	100.0			1,346
Total	170,124	64.6	93,339	35.4	263,463

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding errors.

3.0 Employment by Major Occupation Groups

Table 3.0 that follows presents the distribution of Money Workers by Major Occupation and Broad Industry Grouping. The top three Occupation Groups in terms of employment numbers is as follows;

- 1) Services and Sales with 44,897 workers.
- 2) Craft and Related Trade with 37,065 workers.
- 3) Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery with 36,607 workers.

Further details are provided in Table 3.0 that follows;

Table 3.0 Money Workers by Major Occupation and Broad Industry Group

Major Occupation Groups	Total											
	Total				Male				Female			
	Total	Agric- culture	Industry	Service	Total	Agric- culture	Industry	Service	Total	Agric- culture	Industry	Service
Managers	18,558	179	1,850	16,530	11,318	179	1,454	9,685	7,240	0	395	6,845
Professionals	27,436	223	1,599	25,614	12,963	145	1,341	11,478	14,472	78	259	14,135
Technicians and Associate Professionals	15,883	201	2,246	13,436	10,061	164	1,573	8,324	5,822	37	673	5,112
Clerical Support Workers	21,963	181	2,742	19,040	8,020	152	1,370	6,497	13,943	29	1,372	12,543
Services and Sales Workers	44,897	3,660	1,932	39,305	25,503	2,572	1,408	21,523	19,394	1,087	524	17,782
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery	36,607	30,469	764	5,374	31,143	26,608	734	3,801	5,464	3,861	30	1,573
Craft and Related Trades Workers	37,065	684	25,383	10,998	30,464	620	20,099	9,745	6,601	64	5,284	1,254
Plant and Machine Operators and Assembler	25,605	1,195	5,307	19,102	23,157	1,118	3,832	18,207	2,448	77	1,475	895
Elementary Occupations	35,448	8,943	7,604	18,901	24,559	7,912	6,709	9,938	10,889	1,031	895	8,963
Total	263,463	45,734	49,427	168,301	177,188	39,470	38,520	99,199	86,275	6,265	10,907	69,102

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding errors.

4.0 Formal Sector Employment by Major Occupation and Broad Industry Groups

Table 4.0 on the following page presents the distribution of Money Workers in the Formal Sector by Major Occupation and Broad Industry Grouping. The top three Occupation Groups in terms of employment numbers is as follows;

- 1) Services and Sales with 44,897 workers.
- 2) Craft and Related Trade with 37,065 workers.
- 3) Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery with 36,607 workers.

Close to three quarters of the workers are engaged in activities grouped under the Broad Industry Category of Services, which also accounted for 84.1% of Female workers.

Further details are provided in Table 4.0 that follows;

5.0 Informal Sector Employment by Major Occupation and Broad Industry Groups

Table 5.0 on Page 7 presents the distribution of Money Workers in the Informal Sector by Major Occupation and Broad Industry Grouping. The top three Occupation Groups in terms of employment numbers is as follows;

- 4) Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fisheries with 31,888 workers.
- 5) Elementary Occupations with 19,952 workers.
- 6) Craft and Related Trade with 14,639 workers.

The majority (43.8%) of workers in the informal sector are engaged in activities grouped under the Broad Industry Category of Services, which also accounted for 71.9% of Female workers.

Further details are provided in Table 5.0;

Table 4.0 Formal Sector Employment by Major Occupation and Broad Industry Group

Major Occupation Groups	Formal Sector Total											
	Total				Male				Female			
	Total	Agriculture	Industry	Service	Total	Agriculture	Industry	Service	Total	Agriculture	Industry	Service
Managers	13,382	179	1,850	11,354	9,445	179	1,454	7,812	3,937	0	395	3,542
Professionals	25,997	223	1,599	24,175	11,808	145	1,341	10,323	14,189	78	259	13,852
Technicians and Associate Professionals	15,095	201	2,246	12,648	9,348	164	1,573	7,611	5,747	37	673	5,037
Clerical Support	21,392	181	2,742	18,469	7,943	152	1,370	6,420	13,449	29	1,372	12,049
Services and Sales	34,526	1,898	1,932	30,696	22,047	1,710	1,408	18,929	12,479	189	524	11,767
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery	4,720	1,227	764	2,729	3,797	1,109	734	1,954	923	118	30	775
Craft and Related Trades	22,427	294	13,696	8,436	18,361	258	10,475	7,628	4,065	36	3,221	808
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	17,090	780	5,307	11,003	14,810	732	3,832	10,246	2,280	48	1,475	757
Elementary Occupations	15,496	1,865	5,706	7,924	12,648	1,649	4,880	6,119	2,847	216	826	1,805
Total	170,124	6,848	35,842	127,434	110,206	6,097	27,067	77,042	59,918	751	8,775	50,391
Percent	100.0	4.0	21.1	74.9	100.0	5.5	24.6	69.9	100.0	1.3	14.6	84.1

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding errors.

Table 5.0 Informal Sector Employment by Major Occupation and Broad Industry Group

Major Occupation Groups	Informal Sector Total											
	Total				Male				Female			
	Total	Agriculture	Industry	Service	Total	Agriculture	Industry	Service	Total	Agriculture	Industry	Service
Managers	5,176	0	0	5,176	1,873	0	0	1,873	3,303	0	0	3,303
Professionals	1,439	0	0	1,439	1,156	0	0	1,156	283	0	0	283
Technicians and Associate Professionals	788	0	0	788	713	0	0	713	75	0	0	75
Clerical Support Workers	571	0	0	571	77	0	0	77	494	0	0	494
Services and Sales Workers	10,370	1,761	0	8,609	3,456	863	0	2,593	6,914	899	0	6,016
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fisheries	31,888	29,242	0	2,645	27,347	25,499	0	1,847	4,541	3,743	0	798
Craft and Related Trades Workers	14,639	389	11,687	2,563	12,103	362	9,624	2,117	2,536	27	2,063	445
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	8,515	415	0	8,099	8,347	386	0	7,961	168	30	0	139
Elementary Occupations	19,952	7,078	1,898	10,977	11,911	6,263	1,829	3,819	8,042	815	69	7,158
Total	93,338	38,887	13,585	40,867	66,982	33,373	11,453	22,156	26,357	5,514	2,132	18,711
Percent	100.0	41.7	14.6	43.8	100.0	49.8	17.1	33.1	100.0	20.9	8.1	71.9

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