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689,974 voters registered



A total of 689,974 Fijians are currently registered to vote in the 2022 General Election with voter registration still ongoing as the nation awaits the announcement of the Election Date.

Based on the latest voter statistics as at 03 September 2022, 346,129 males and 343,845 females are registered on the National Register of Voters.

"26,542 voters are registered in the Eastern Division, 99,636 voters in the Northern division, 258,496 voters in the Western Division, and 296,031 voters in the Central Division," said the Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem.

"Interestingly, we have managed to register a lot of people that previously

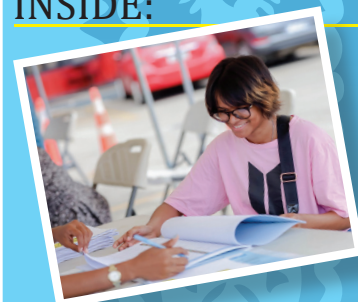
did not register and this may be due to the Know Your Election Bonanza, as well as the fact that the Fijian Elections Office ['FEO'] outreach teams actually reached all the locations all over the country," he added.

"Based on these numbers, we have 593,134 Fijians who are on the Blue colored VoterCard while 96,840 are on the Green-colored VoterCard."

To further encourage the upgrade to the Blue VoterCard, the FEO rolled out voter registration drives in targeted urban hotspots in the last week of September.

Over 110 teams were deployed in 70 locations in the Central and Western Divisions as part of the drive.

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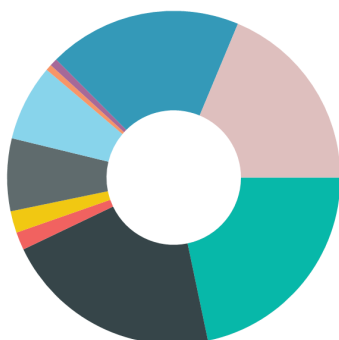
Age Cohorts

Age Cohort Distribution by Division and Gender

Division	Gender	18-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81+
Central	Male	8438	36556	34968	26223	20195	13141	5280	1451
Central	Female	8800	36605	34053	25856	20852	14763	6596	2254
Eastern	Male	691	2918	3332	2630	2406	1659	719	208
Eastern	Female	542	2229	2854	2121	1952	1330	705	246
Northern	Male	2627	11145	11427	9735	8434	5222	1882	579
Northern	Female	2856	10417	10001	8449	7811	5381	2758	912
Western	Male	6358	27235	30523	25062	20122	13185	5156	1428
Western	Female	6710	27783	28765	23178	19613	14311	6745	2322
Overseas	Male	18	579	1143	1358	1069	698	270	59
Overseas	Female	23	345	803	1036	947	648	238	35
Total		37063	155812	157869	125648	103401	70338	30349	9494

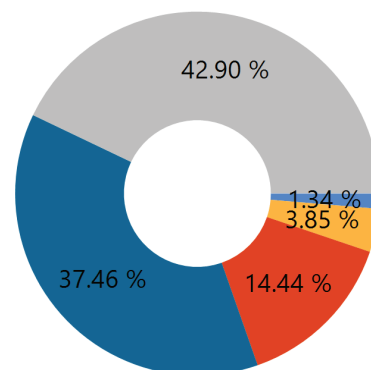
Voter Count by Gender By Division

- Central - Female - 21.71 %
- Central - Male - 21.20 %
- Eastern - Female - 1.74 %
- Eastern - Male - 2.11 %
- Northern - Female - 7.04 %
- Northern - Male - 7.40 %
- Overseas - Female - 0.59 %
- Overseas - Male - 0.75 %
- Western - Female - 18.76 %
- Western - Male - 18.71 %



Voter Count by Division

- Overseas - 9269
- Eastern - 26542
- Northern - 99636
- Western - 258496
- Central - 296031



Gender Summary

Gender	Totals
Male	346129
Female	343845
Total	689974

Gender Distribution By Division

Division	Gender	Totals
Central	Male	146252
	Female	149779
Eastern	Male	14563
	Female	11979
Northern	Male	51051
	Female	48585
Western	Male	129069
	Female	129427
Overseas	Male	5194
	Female	4075
Total		689974

FEO commences Provisional Voter List Display



After conducting three (3) rounds of Provisional Voter List [PVL] verification in rural areas, the islands and highlands, the FEO embarked on Provisional Voter List Display in urban areas in September.

“While the Blue-colored VoterCard actually states the exact Polling Venue a person will be voting in during the election, our PVL display in urban centers will allow

An FEO staff serves a voter during the PVL Verification Drive

interested voters to confirm that they are on the Voter List,” said Mr Saneem.

“Voters will not be able to vote anywhere else during election once the Writ is issued and hence the time for them to change their personal details is now.

“The FEO has set up voter registration teams at each of these venues so that the services are provided seamlessly,” said Mr Saneem.

During the exercise, 19,138 voters verified their names on the List.

Targeted Voter Registration Drive for the Central and Western Divisions

The FEO rolled out an extensive voter registration drive for the Central and Western Divisions in the last two (2) weeks of September to ensure that Fijians who had not yet upgraded to the Blue VoterCard could do so before the issue of Writ.

“We would like to give opportunity to Fijians who had work commitments or other reasons and had not been able to access voter services, by bringing our teams directly to your streets,” said the Supervisor of Elections.

“Following our analysis we were able to identify the areas where we had a high number of voters who were still on the Green VoterCard. These are the areas we are targeting with this drive to enable the remaining 96,840 voters to upgrade.”

The teams also managed to distribute awareness materials such as the Election Information Booklet and Brochure during the exercise.

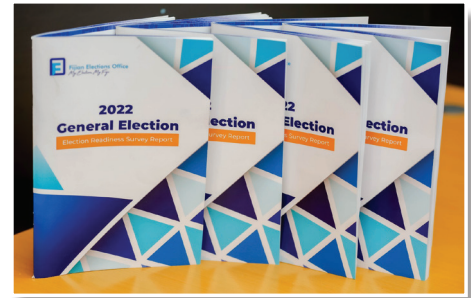


An FEO staff serves a voter during FEO's targeted Urban Voter Registration Drive

FEO publishes second Survey Report ahead of the 2022 Polls

The FEO published its second voter survey report for the 2022 General Election on 15 September.

Speaking at the launch, the Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem said the Election Readiness Survey Report presented an exciting set of data for enthusiasts and analysts to gauge the trends building up to the 2022 General Election.



“The survey has allowed the FEO to understand key trends that augur positively for the general election, particularly in terms of voter interest in voting, level of knowledge and access to information and at the same time presents insights into areas that the FEO still needs to work on,” Mr Saneem said.

“The survey has also provided useful insights for political parties and other stakeholders in terms of the areas in which there are possibilities and opportunities for them.”

The Elections Readiness Survey was designed to gauge voter preparedness and its findings were analyzed based on the responses collected from 8,154 registered voters.

The full Report can be accessed on the FEO website at feo.org.fj.

Schools Receive Election-related Training



Students and teachers with the SoE and EC Chairperson during the SEA workshop

139 secondary schools in Fiji have undergone the School Elections Advocate [‘SEA’] Training.

The purpose of this project was to train and certify participants in the knowledge of elections, namely; How to Vote, When to Vote, Voter Registration and other important election information in Fiji.

Through this initiative, the FEO has trained and certified 276 students and teachers. The FEO envisages these students and teachers will reach at least 11,040 eligible voters.

The schools were enlisted through the assistance and approval of the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts to engage a Social Science Teacher and a Year 13 Student to attend a one (1) full day training workshop.

The workshops were conducted from 17 August 2022 until 12 September 2022 for majority of the schools in the Eastern, Central, Western and the Northern Division.

Polling Stations to have Voting Steps in Braille

Polling Stations in Fiji for the first time will be providing Voting Steps in Braille in the upcoming 2022 General Election.

This is after 2,100 copies of the Assisted Voting Guide in Braille were received by the FEO from USAID and partner agency, the Pacific Community, in July.

"The Guide was yet another step towards building electoral processes in Fiji that were inclusive and promoted greater access and participation," said the Electoral Commission, Mr Mukesh Nand.

"The Assisted Voting Guide is designed to empower persons with disabilities to participate in the election on their own as well as understand the electoral process better."

The milestone achievement was also attributed to the Elections Disability Access Working Group ['EDAWG'] which consists of the FEO and various Organisations for Persons with Disabilities in Fiji.

The EDAWG under the leadership of the FEO Director Operations Ms Anaseini Senimoli aspires to build on its current strengths by developing new ways and processes which would enable

persons with disabilities to fully exercise their political will and right.

The FEO has announced the following new initiatives for voter inclusion in the 2022 General Election:

- A4 sized Voter Instruction Booklet for visually impaired persons.
- Fiji Society for the Blind to be provided with a list of all the candidates for the general election with their candidate numbers for it to be published in Braille for all their members.
- Community Elections Advocates Training of Trainers with members of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities, so that they can conduct community level awareness with their own members.



Ms Anaseini Senimoli receives a token of appreciation from the Electoral Commission Chairperson.

Team Medicine Wins IDD Quiz

As has been the tradition for the past two (2) years, the FEO commemorated the International Day of Democracy, with a marathon quiz competition on 15 September 2022.

Team Medicine bagged the first prize of \$1,000 cash after scoring 96.7% in the quiz.

A total of 1,045 teams registered for the quiz

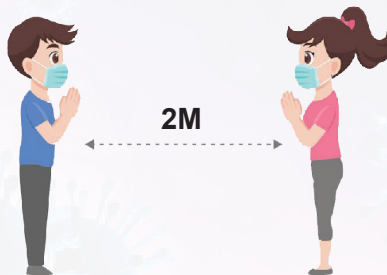
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Quizzard .	86.7%	<div></div>	130 / 150	00:54:36
Quizme .	86.7%	<div></div>	130 / 150	00:59:26
Team Ali .	83.3%	<div></div>	125 / 150	00:43:31
NINJA .	83.3%	<div></div>	125 / 150	00:59:13

The top five winners of the 2022 IDD Quiz

COVID PREVENTION TIPS



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SOAP AND WATER**



MAINTAIN DISTANCE



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GET VACCINATED

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