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## INTRODUCTION

Nimba County is one of fifteen counties of Liberia.<sup>1</sup> During the nearly three-decade administration of William V.S Tubman (1944–1971), the region now called Nimba County was one of three of Liberia's provinces: Western Province, Eastern Province, and Central Province. In the sixties, Tubman reorganized these provinces into counties. Central Province became what is known as Nimba County.

Before the first Liberian Civil War broke out in 1989, the county had a population of over 310,000 people. The top executive in the county is a county Superintendent, appointed by the president of the county. The main ethnic groups in Nimba County are the Dan and Mano. The Dan, commonly known as the Gio, live closer to the Côte d'Ivoire border. In that French-speaking country, they are known as the Yacouba. The Mano live closer to the Guinea border.

There are also indigenous minority groups, such as Krahn, Gbi, and Doru. Small Kpelle and Bassa settlements are located near the borders of Bong County and Grand Bassa County, respectively. These are the historical indigenous peoples of Nimba County who have settled in towns and villages.



*Nimba County, Liberia (Source: Wikipedia, 2024)*

Various ethnic groups from other parts of Liberia, such as the Mandingo people, have also settled in Nimba. They are indigenous people of Lofa County, Guinea, and Côte d'Ivoire. Other tribal peoples include the Lorma from Lofa. Since the early 20th century, people from all parts of West Africa have settled in Nimba.

The ethnic Dan (Gio) own and live in these areas: Gbehlay-Geh Statutory District, Zoe-Geh Statutory District, and Tappita Statutory District. The main towns are Karnplay City, Bahn City, Tappita City, Baylehglay, Buutuo, Garplay, Toweh Town, Graie, and Gbloulay. The Man (or Mano) ethnic groups own and live in the statutory districts of Sanniquellie Mah, Saclepea Mah, and Yahwin-Mehnsosnoh. The main towns are Sanniquellie City, Ganta City, Saclepea City, Flumpa, Zekepa, Kanwin, and Yekepa, among others.

The ethnic Krahn live along the Côte d'Ivoire border in Kpeahblee District. The main towns are Zoudru, Behwoaloo, Yourpea Old Town, and Yourpea New Town. The other ethnic indigenous groups, the Gbi and Doru, live along the border of Grand Bassa and Rivercess counties. Their main towns are Glann Town, Camp One, Kidka's Town, and Torkpor's Town. The Dan and Mano ethnic groups are closely related tribes. The Dan people also live in Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea. The Dan language is related to the Mande group. Ganta has become the second-largest city in the country.

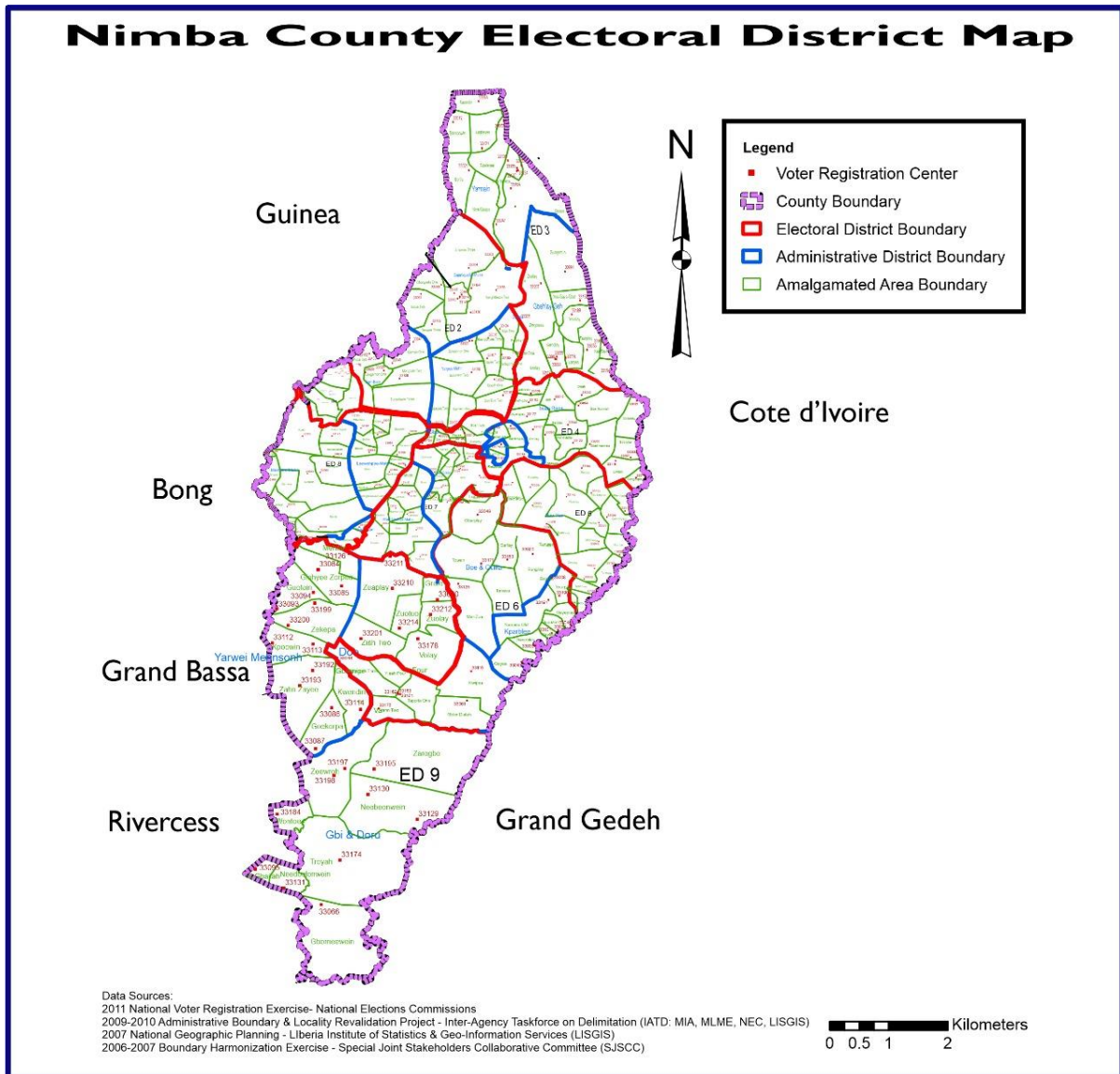
Access to quality healthcare in Nimba is lacking for many residents. As of 2008, the hospital in Yekepa built by LAMCO, is currently being run by Arcelor-Mittal. In Sanniquellie, the County Referral Hospital is the George Way Harley Hospital. It is solely sponsored by the Ministry of Health,

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<sup>1</sup> General background information on Nimba County.

[http://www.necliberia.org/pg\\_img/Nimba\\_Electoral\\_Districts\\_Updated\\_Details.pdf](http://www.necliberia.org/pg_img/Nimba_Electoral_Districts_Updated_Details.pdf)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nimba\\_County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nimba_County)

Nimba County. the county has about seventy-four (74) health centers and a referral hospital, it has a County Health Officer and a Medical Director who heads the Referral Hospital.



**OVERVIEW OF NIMBA COUNTY**

Nimba is a county in the north-central portion of the West African nation of Liberia. Nimba is one of 15 counties that comprise the first level of administrative division in the country. Sanniquellie serves as the capital, with the area of the county measuring 11,551 square kilometers (4,460 sq mi), the largest in the nation.

Named after Neimbaa Tohn Mountain, the tallest mountain in the county, Nimba is bordered by Bong and Grand Bassa counties to the west, Rivercess County to the southwest, and Grand Gedeh County to the southeast. The northern and northeastern parts of Nimba border the nation

of Guinea, while the northeast lies along the border of Côte d'Ivoire. Nimba County was created in 1964.<sup>2</sup>

As of the 2022 Census, Nimba had a population of 621,841, making it the second most populous county in Liberia, after Montserrado.<sup>3</sup> the official head of the county is called superintendent appointed by the president of the country.

## BACKGROUND TO THE 2024 SENATORIAL BY-ELECTION

On October 10, 2023, Liberia headed to the polls to elect a new president and vice-president for a six-year term. The election was highly contested by two main political parties. The Unity Party and The Coalition for Democratic Change. During this election, the Senator of Nimba County Jeremiah Kpan Koon ran as vice-president standard bearer on the Unity Party ticket. The election was won by the Unity Party thereby leaving a vacancy for a by-election, which has been scheduled by the National Elections Commission (NEC) for April 23, 2024.

## NAME OF CONTESTANT 2024 SENATORIAL BY-ELECTION

| S/NO | LAST NAME   | FIRST NAME | MIDDLE NAME | GENDER | PARTY                             |
|------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 1.   | Grupee      | Thomas     | S.          | Male   | Reformers National Congress (RNC) |
| 2.   | Kogar       | Samuel     | Gongben     | Male   | People's Unification Party (PUP)  |
| 3.   | Selekpoh    | Armstrong  | Gobac       | Male   | Liberia National Union (LINU)     |
| 4.   | Twayen, Jr. | Nya        | D.          | Male   | Unity Party (UP)                  |

## BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF NIMBA COUNTY SENATORIAL BY-ELECTIONS CONTESTANTS<sup>4</sup>

**Hon. Thomas S. Grupee** was born in 1957 and is a former junior Senator of Nimba County from 2012 to 2021. He ran on the National Union for Democratic Progress (NUDP) went he contested and won as Senator. Hon. Grupee served as Chair on Social Security, Pension and Insurance, Co-chair - Labor; Transport, Member - Ways, Means, Finance and Budget; Concession and Investment; Public Works and Rural Development, Chairman, Nimba County Legislative Caucus, Member, Nimba County Community College's Board of directors<sup>14</sup>. Hon. Thomas S. Grupee holds a bachelor's in financial management from Suffolk University and is currently studying master's in business administration at Cambridge College of Arts and Technology. Hon Grupee is a businessman (Owner of T and G Financial Services. Hon Grupee is married and is currently running as a senatorial candidate in the upcoming senatorial by-election in Nimba County on the RNC political party.

<sup>2</sup> Overview of Nimba County

<https://www.mia.gov.lr/1content.php?sub=198&related=40&third=198&pg=sp#:~:text=Nimba%20is%20a%20county%20in%20the>

<sup>3</sup>Liberia 2022 Census report <https://www.lisgis.gov.lr/census2022report.php>

<sup>4</sup> Biographical backgrounds were researched and assembled from several online locations, such as LinkedIn, Wikipedia, Facebook, among others. <https://www.facebook.com/samuelpogor/about>

**Hon. Samuel G. Kogar** was born on July 14, 1968, in Nimba County, and is a current member of the 55<sup>th</sup> National Legislature from Nimba County District five (5) Hon. Kogar graduated from St. Mary’s High School in Monrovia and later enrolled and graduated from the African Methodist Episcopal University<sup>15</sup>. Hon. Kogar served as formal chairman of the People’s Unification Party. Hon. Kogar was first elected in 2011 and during the just-ended 2023 general and presidential elections<sup>16</sup>. Hon. Kogar is currently contesting on the People Unification Party ticket for the 2024 senatorial by-election.

**Hon. Armstrong Gobac Selekpah** was born 1985 in Karnplay, Nimba County. Hon. Served as former Deputy Regional Director for the National Social Security & Welfare Corporation. Hon. Selekpah worked at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning. He is married and is contesting in the Nimba County upcoming senatorial elections on the Liberia National Union.

**Hon. Nya D. Twayen** was born in Nimba County. Hon. Nya is the former deputy director general of, the National Social Security & Welfare Corporation, Former Assistant Minister for Youth Services at the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and formal Member of the Board of Directors, of Liberia Electricity Corporation. Hon Nya holds a Master of Arts in International Relations from the University of Liberia, a Master of Public Policy with a specialization in Policy Analysis, and a graduate diploma/degree in Public Administration from the Australian National University<sup>17</sup>. Hon. Nya is contesting in the Nimba County upcoming senatorial elections on the Unity Party ticket.

## PREVIOUS SENATORIAL ELECTION RESULTS (2011–2023)

### 2011 SENATORIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Nimba County in 2011, recorded 174,453 (75.8%) of the total turnout in 566 polling places. Valid vote cast was 163,220 (93.56%) and invalid 11,233 (6.44%) of the 230,146 (100%) registered voters in the county.<sup>5</sup>

| No. | Names                    | Party | Votes  | Gender | Percentage of votes received |
|-----|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|------------------------------|
| 1   | Thomas Semandahn Grupee  | NUDP  | 48,911 | M      | 29.97%                       |
| 2   | Edith Lianue Gongloe-Weh | IND   | 42,061 | F      | 25.77%                       |
| 3   | Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay     | IND   | 22,781 | M      | 13.96%                       |

Source NEC

<sup>5</sup> NEC Liberia 2011 Senatorial Elections  
 Result [https://results.necliberia.org/county\\_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaefbba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D](https://results.necliberia.org/county_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaefbba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D)

### 2014 SENATORIAL ELECTION RESULTS

In 2014 Senate Election six candidates participated. one independent candidate and five political parties' candidates. National Election Commission (NEC) recorded 59,418 (24.6%) of total votes cast in all 598 polling places.<sup>6</sup>

| No. | Names                     | Party | Votes  | Gender | Percentage of votes received |
|-----|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|------------------------------|
| 1   | Prince Yormie Johnson     | IND   | 37,932 | M      | 66.6%                        |
| 2   | Edith Lianue Gongloe- Weh | LP    | 9,471  | F      | 16.6%                        |
| 3   | Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay      | CDC   | 5,941  | M      | 10.4%                        |

Source: NEC

### 2020 SPECIAL SENATORIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Voter's turnout in this election was recorded at 111,516 (36.82%) in 741 polling places. Seven (7) candidates participated in this election with six coming from political party and one independent candidate. Total voters update amounted to 104,924 of which 5.91% were invalid vote cast. Below are top three candidates that participated in the 2020 special senatorial election.<sup>7</sup>

| No. | Names                     | Party | votes  | Gender | Percentage of votes received |
|-----|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|------------------------------|
| 1   | Jeremiah Kpan Koung       | MDR   | 37,899 | M      | 36.12%                       |
| 2   | Edith Lianue Gongloe-Weh  | CPP   | 34,153 | F      | 32.55%                       |
| 3   | Garrison Doldeh Yealeu Jr | PUP   | 15,607 | M      | 14.87%                       |

Source NEC

### 2023 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Voter's turnout in this election was recorded at 247,909 (80.69%) in 736 polling places. Seven (7) candidates participated in this election with five (5) coming from political parties and two as independent candidates. Total valid votes amounted to 233,843 and invalid votes cast were 14,066. Below are the candidates that participated in the 2023 general election.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>6</sup>NEC Liberia Senatorial Election Results [https://results.necliberia.org/senate2014/county\\_33\\_2.html](https://results.necliberia.org/senate2014/county_33_2.html)

<sup>7</sup>NEC Liberia 2020 Senatorial Election Results-  
[https://results.necliberia.org/county\\_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffb51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D](https://results.necliberia.org/county_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffb51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D)

<sup>8</sup>NEC Liberia 2023 Senatorial Election Results  
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| No. | Names                 | Party | Votes   | Gender | Percentage of votes received |
|-----|-----------------------|-------|---------|--------|------------------------------|
| 1   | Prince Yormie Johnson | MDR   | 128,437 | M      | 54.92%                       |
| 2   | Nya Twaywn Jr         | IND   | 56,651  | M      | 24.23%                       |
| 3   | Roland G. Duo         | CDC   | 20,015  | M      | 8.56%                        |
| 4   | James D. Hallowanger  | LPP   | 10,931  | M      | 4.67%                        |
| 5   | Armstrong G. Selekpoh | IND   | 8,626   | M      | 3.69%                        |
| 6   | Lawrence P. Korquoi   | ALCOP | 5,574   | M      | 2.38%                        |
| 7   | Garbie W. Sokpoh      | VOLT  | 3,609   | M      | 1.54%                        |

Source NEC

## 2023 POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT AND CAMPAIGN

On April 4, 2023, the Farmington River Declaration 2023 was signed by 27 leaders of 31 political Parties, and the United Nations (UN) and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) signed the document as witnesses.<sup>9</sup> Liberia's National Election Commissions, ECOWAS, and UN organized the auspices of the signing ceremony in Margibi County. The document aims to commit all to non-violent, free, fair, and transparent legislative and presidential elections. There were no reports of violence. The campaign process was observed by election observation groups both national and international.

## PROFILING THE DISTRICTS 2020 SENATORIAL ELECTIONS

### ELECTORAL DISTRICT ONE (1)

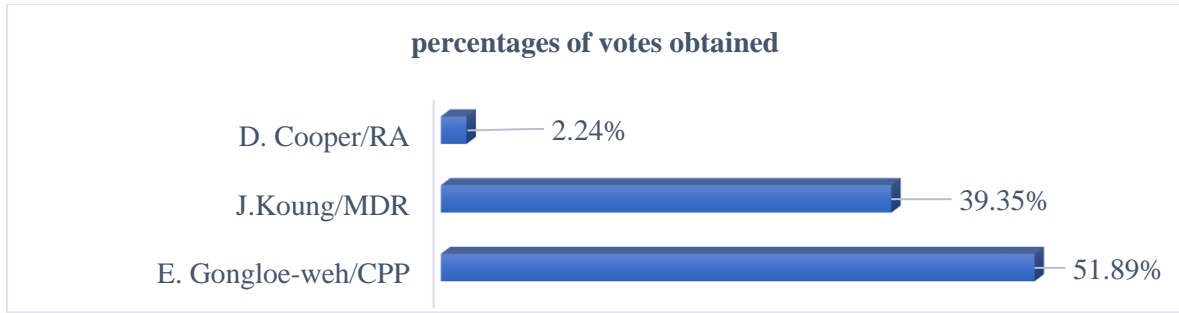
Garr Bain District is one of districts in Nimba county, Liberia. Until the release of the 2022 recent census report, 2008 report place this district population at 60,262 people. The 2023 BVR released by NEC reports that this district has 36,191 registered voters and 18 precinct and 81 polling places. This district is notable for the traditional ceremony of waving handkerchiefs on the first full moon of the year, to appease the gods of harvest. It is 19.40 miles (31.22km) in size. Garr Bain stands as one of the second most populated district in Nimba, Previous election of 2020 shows that this district is a stronghold Independent Candidate and Collaborating Political Parties (CPP). Edith Lianue Gongloe-Weh top the district with 5,873 votes (51.89%) followed by Jeremiah Kpan Koug of the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) with 4,454 votes (39.35%) respectively.

### Figure 1: Distribution of Top Three Senatorial votes / District 1 (2020)<sup>10</sup>

<sup>9</sup>Gradijah Walker Bou Hussein, Liberia's Political Parties Pledge Peaceful Election in 2023, UN in Liberia, April 5, 2023, [Liberia's Political Parties Pledge Peaceful Elections in 2023 | United Nations in Liberia](#)

<sup>10</sup> NEC Liberia 2020 Senatorial District One Results [https://results.necliberia.org/county\\_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D](https://results.necliberia.org/county_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D).

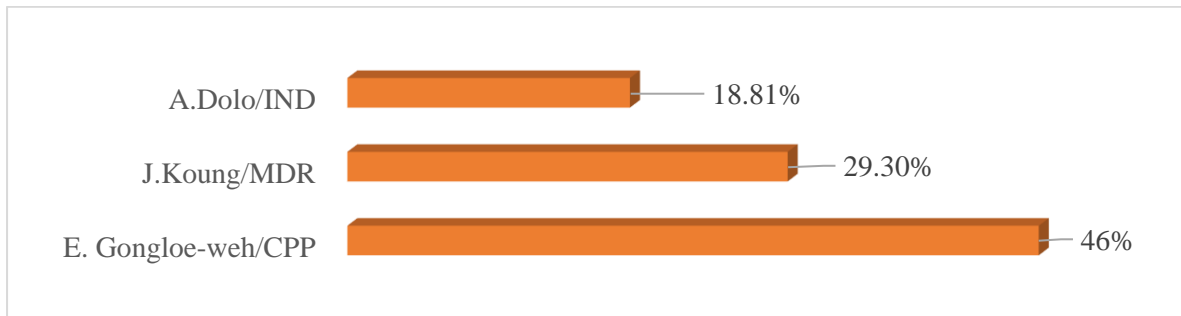




### **ELECTORAL DISTRICT TWO (2)**

This constituency covers Sanniquellie- Mahn and Yerpea Mahn. Until the release of the 2022 recent census report, 2008 report place this district population at 46,695 people. The 2023 BVR released by NEC reports that this district has 38,655 registered voters and 35 precinct and 94 polling places. It is bordering the Republic of Guinea to the west, Yarmein district to the north, Leewehpea-Mahn district to the south and Zorgowee district to the east. 2020 special senatorial result shows that Edith Gongloe-Weh of the Collaborating Political (CPP) won the district seat with 5,828 (46%) follow by Jeremiah Kpan Koung of the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) came second with 3,712 votes (29.3%) and Adolphus Saye-Taylor Dolo an Independent candidate (IND) with 2,383 votes (9.8%)

**Figure 2: Distribution of Top Three Senatorial votes / District 2 (2020)<sup>11</sup>**

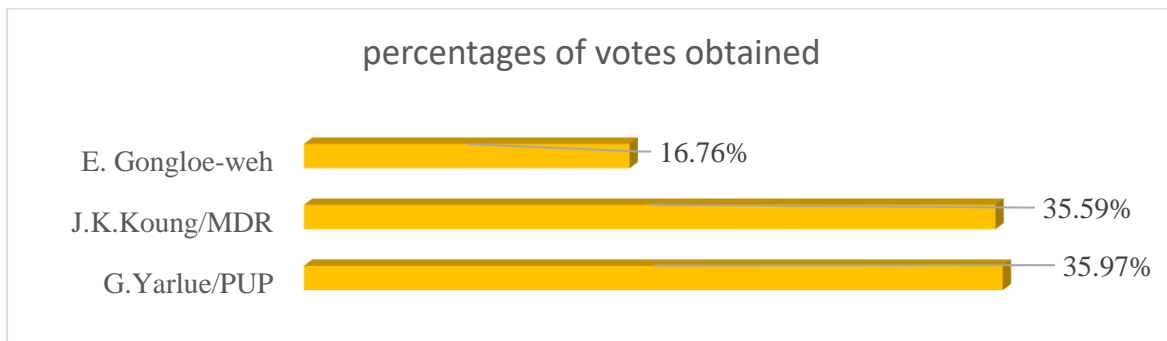


Source NEC

### ELECTORAL DISTRICT THREE (3)

This constituency covers Gbehley-Geh district and Yarmein. It is bordered to the east by the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea to the west, the Geanplay district to the south, and Bololewee district to the north. This district is 27.49 kilometers (17.08 miles) away from Bololewee district.<sup>12</sup> Until the release of the 2022 recent census report, 2008 report place this district population at 58,594 people. The 2023 BVR released by NEC reports that this district has 39,525 registered voters and 30 precinct and 92 polling places. In the recent special senatorial election of 2020, Invalid votes stood at 88 votes (6.15%) while valid votes were 13,559 (93.85%). The 2020 result places Garrison Doldeh Yarlue of the People’s Unification Party (PUP) winner with 4,877 (35.97%) votes, followed by Jeremiah Kpan Koung of the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) with 4,825 votes (35.59%) and thirdly Edith Gongloe-Weh of Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) with 2,272 votes (16.76%).

**Figure 3: Distribution of Top Three Senatorial votes / District 3 (2020)<sup>13</sup>**



<sup>11</sup> NEC Liberia Nimba Senatorial District Two Results- [https://results.necliberia.org/county\\_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D](https://results.necliberia.org/county_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D).

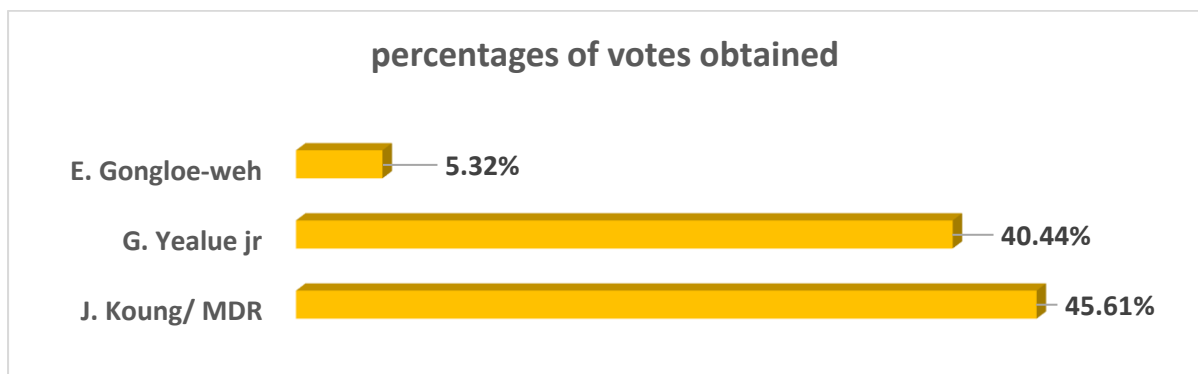
<sup>12</sup> Distance calculator, measuring the distance from Garr Bain to Bololewee in Nimba <https://www.distance.to/Garr-Bain-district,Gbehley-Geh-district-and-Yarmein-district/Bololewee,Nimba,Liberia>

<sup>13</sup> NEC Liberia Nimba Senatorial District Three and Four Results- [https://results.necliberia.org/county\\_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D](https://results.necliberia.org/county_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D).

**ELECTORAL DISTRICT FOUR (4)**

This constituency covers Gbor district and Taweh River. It is boarded to the west by the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, to the north by Karnplay district (around Gbehlay administrative district), to the south by Wea Neatuo and to the northwest by Zuaplay district. Until the release of the 2022 recent census report, 2008 report place this district population at 50,044 people. The 2023 BVR released by NEC reports that this district has 35,350 registered voters and 30 precinct and 84 polling places. Jeremiah Kpan Koung of Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) won this district seat with 6,456 votes (45.61%), followed by Garrison Doldeh Yealue JR of People’s Unification Party (PUP) with 5,724 votes (40.44%) and Edith Gongloe-Weh of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) with 753(5.32%) votes. Valid votes stood at 14,156 (94.20%) and Invalid votes 871 (5.8%).

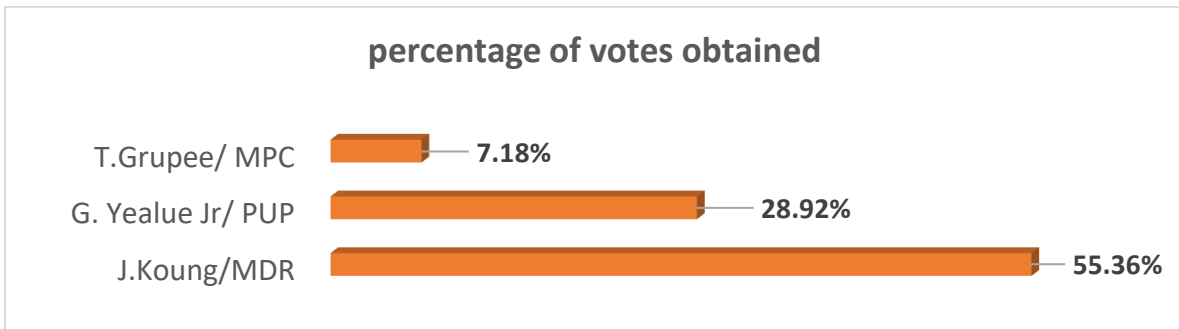
**Figure 4: Distribution of Top Three Senatorial votes / District 4 (2020)**



**ELECTORAL DISTRICT FIVE (5)**

This constituency covers Buu-Yao district. It is bordered by the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire to the East, the Kparblee district to the south, and Zoe-Gbao to the northwest. District five (5) is 42.29 kilometers (26.28miles) away from Zoa-Gbao district. Until the release of the 2022 recent census report, 2008 report place this district population at 38,579 people. The 2023 BVR released by NEC reports that this district has 29,823 registered voters and 21 precinct and 69 polling places. Previous election result has shown that this district stronghold to no independent candidates. Jeremiah Kpan Koung of Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) won the district seat with 4,872 votes (55.36%) follow by Garrison Doldeh Yealue Jr of People’s Unification Party (PUP) with 2,545 votes (28.92%) and third is Thomas S. Grupee of Movement for Progressive Change (MPC) with 632 votes (7.18%).

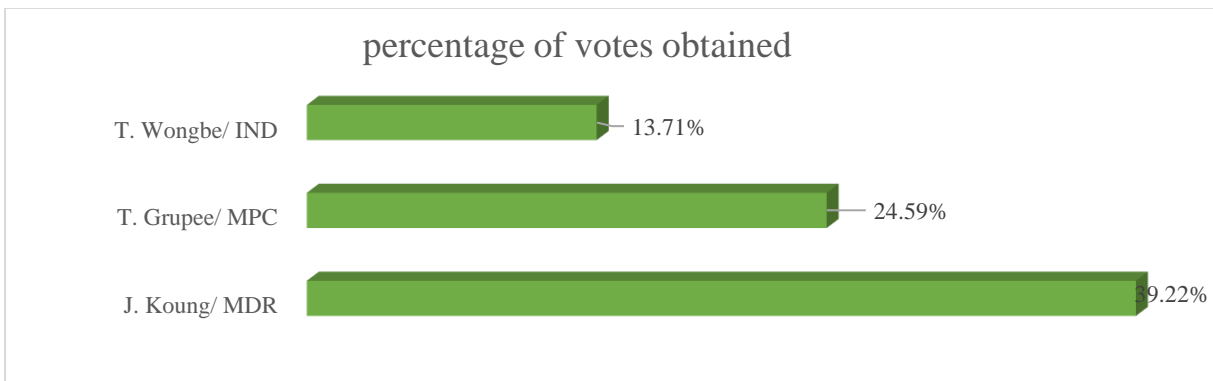
**Figure 5: Distribution of Top Three Senatorial votes / District 5 (2020)<sup>14</sup>**



**ELECTORAL DISTRICT SIX (6)**

This constituency covers Boe and Quilla, Gbor and Kparblee . This district is bordered to the east by Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, Grand Gedeh county to the southeast, Gbolah district to the North and Koaytuo to the West. It is 80.02kilometers (49.72 miles) away from Gblah one of the area boundaries. Until the release of the 2022 recent census report, 2008 report place this district population at 56,973 people. The 2023 BVR released by NEC reports that this district has 29,994 registered voters and 29 precinct and 75 polling places. Jeremiah Kpan Koung of Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) won the district seat with 3,358 votes (55.36%) followed by Thomas S. Grupee of Movement for Progressive Change (MPC) with 2,105 votes (24.59%) and third Taa Z. Wongbe an Independent candidate (IND) with 1,174 votes (7.18%). Previous election result has shown that this district stronghold is to no political party nor independent candidate (IND).

**Figure 6: Distribution of Top Three Senatorial votes / District 6 (2020)<sup>15</sup>**



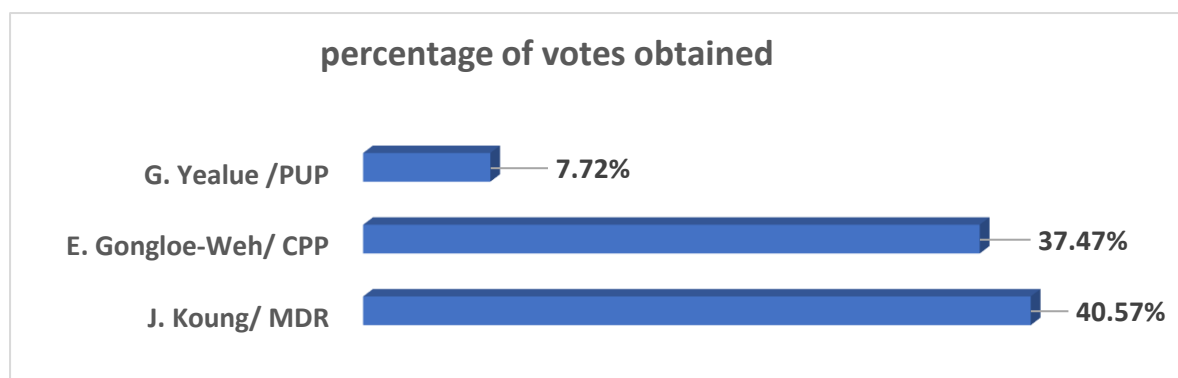
<sup>14</sup>NEC Liberia, 2020 Senatorial District Five Election Results;  
[https://results.necliberia.org/county\\_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffb51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D](https://results.necliberia.org/county_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffb51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D).

<sup>15</sup> NEC Liberia 2020 Senatorial District Six Election Results-  
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### ELECTORAL DISTRICT SEVEN (7)

This constituency covers Zoe-Gbao and Wee-Gbehy- Mahn . It is bordered to the northwest by Gbor district, west by Buu-yao, to the Northeast by Leewehpea-Mahn, and South by Yawei Mensonh Doe. District seven (7) is 183.42 kilometers (113.97miles) away from Buu-yao district. Previous polls have shown that this district is a stronghold of no specific political party. Until the release of the 2022 recent census report, 2008 report place this district population at 60,058 people. The 2023 BVR released by NEC reports that this district has 35,775 registered voters and 29 precinct and 85 polling places. Recent election of 2020 results show that Jeremiah Kpan Koug of Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) came first with 5,363 votes (40.57%) followed by Edith Gongloe-Weh of Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) placed second with 4,953 votes (37.47%) and Garrison Doldeh Yealue Jr of the People’s Unification Party (PUP) placing third with 1,020 votes (7.72%). National Election Commission 2023 BVR report places this district registered voters at 29,994 registrants and 75 polling places.

**Figure: 7 Distribution of Top Three Senatorial votes / District 7 (2020)<sup>16</sup>**



Source NEC

### ELECTORAL DISTRICT EIGHT (8)

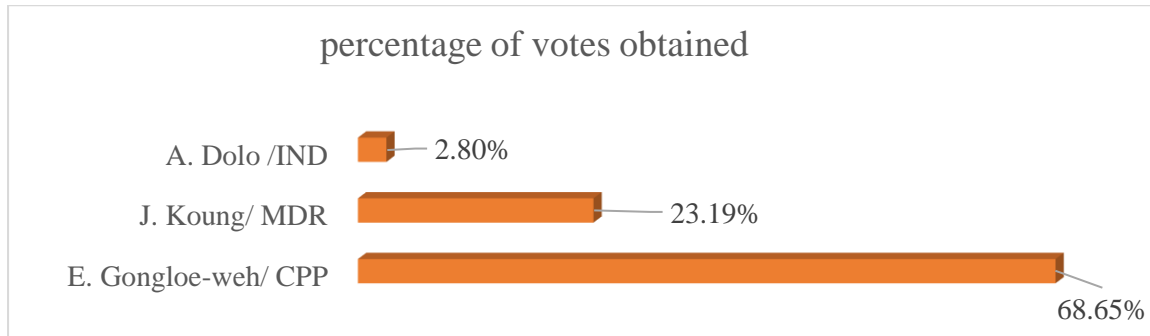
This constituency covers Leewehpea Mahn and Meinpea- Mahn. District eight (8) is bordered by Garr Bain district to the North, Bong County to the East, Zoe- Gbao district to the west and south is Yarwei-Mehnsongh. It is 49.15 Kilometers (30.5miles) away from Garr-Bain district one (1) in Nimba county. Until the release of the 2022 recent census report, 2008 report place this district population at 49,099 people. The 2023 BVR released by NEC reports that this district has 34,283 registered voters and 31 precinct and 81 polling places. In recent election of 2020, Edith Lianue Gongloe-Weh of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) won this district seat with 8,832 votes (68.65%) followed by Jeremiah Kpan Koug of Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) second with 2,984 votes (23.19%) and Dorr D. Cooper of Rainboard Alliance (RA) taking third place with 312 (2.42%) votes previous elections result shows that district eight (8) is a stronghold to independent candidates. For the 2020 election, district 8 had 33,012 registered at all 83 polling places in 31 precincts. Valid votes stood at

<sup>16</sup> NEC Liberia Senatorial District Seven Results

[https://results.necliberia.org/county\\_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D](https://results.necliberia.org/county_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D).

12,866 (93.98%) and invalid votes 824 (6.02%). National Election Commission 2023 BVR report place this district registered voters at 34,283 registrants and 81 polling places.

**Figure 8: Distribution of Top Three Senatorial votes / District 8 (2020)<sup>17</sup>**

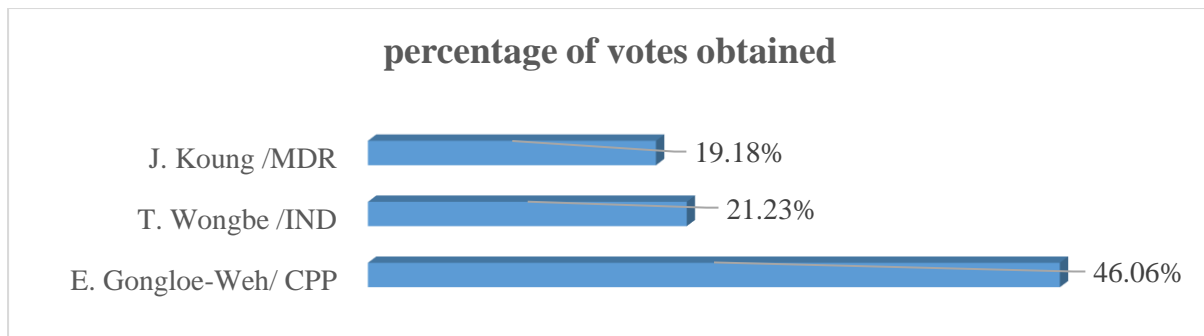


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### ELECTORAL DISTRICT NINE (9)

This constituency covers Gbi & Doru district, Doe & Yarwein- Mehsonoh district. it is notable for the traditional ceremony of waving handkerchiefs on the first full moon of the year, to appease the gods of harvest. This district is bordered by the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire to the west, southwest by Grand Gedeh, south by Rivercess, Southeast of Grand Bassa, and Northeast by Bong County. It is 181.55 kilometers (112.81 miles) away from Bong County. Until the release of the 2022 recent census report, 2008 report place this district population at 47,784 people. The 2023 BVR released by NEC reports that this district has 27,645 registered voters and 39 precinct and 75 polling places. In the recent election of 2020, Edith Lianue Gongloe-Weh of Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) won this district with 4,502 votes (46.06%) followed by Taa Z. Wongbe an Independent Candidate (IND) came second with 2,075 votes (21.23%) and Jeremiah Kpan Koung of Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) taking third place with 1,875 votes (19.18%). previous elections result shows that District Nine is a stronghold for independent candidates.

**Figure 9: Distribution of Top Three Senatorial votes / District 9 (2020)<sup>18</sup>**



<sup>17</sup> NEC Liberia Senatorial District Eight Election Results- [https://results.necliberia.org/county\\_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D](https://results.necliberia.org/county_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D).

<sup>18</sup> NEC Liberia 2020 Senatorial District Nine Election Results- [https://results.necliberia.org/county\\_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D](https://results.necliberia.org/county_senate.php?&4df8f4a95b9ccaeffba51d2193fe766d30fe57c666ac68e0b618687f8a71b989=MzM%3D).

## **NIMBA COUNTY – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

### **Election Snapshot:**

By-Election day: April 23, 2024

2023 Registered voters: 307,254

Number Precincts: 262

Number of polling stations: 736

Seat to be contested for: 1.

Number of aspirants/applicants:7 (as of March 11, 2024)

Donation limit and campaign expenditure: US\$100,000.00

### **Brief overview**

Geographical location: Nimba County is one of the 15 counties in the west-central portion of Liberia.

Number of Electoral Districts: 9

Total population: 621,841 (2022)

Capital: Sanniquellie

### **Facts about the By-Election**

the timeline has been developed in which the Commission plans to conduct both by-elections on 23 April 2024. The Writ of Elections was issued on 9 February 2023 to election magistrates of Lower Nimba, Upper Nimba, Additionally, the Key Dates for the by-elections were published on 9 February 2024, which sets the period for Candidate Nomination from 16-19 March 2024; Replacement of Lost/Damaged Voter ID Card 20-25 March 2024; Political Campaign Period 4-20 April 2024, among activities planned for 23 April 2024 by-elections.

### **Who is eligible to run as a candidate?**

#### **Section 3A 1 of NEL: Qualification of candidates**

A person qualified to be registered to vote may be a candidate in an election for all elected offices if they are: domiciled in the constituency for which they will be a candidate for at least one year, twelve (12) months before the election day, and a regular taxpayer.

### **Who can vote in the election?**

#### **Liberian constitution, chapter VIII: Political Party and Elections**

Article 77 “b” states “All elections shall be by secret ballot as may be determined by the Elections Commission, and every Liberian citizen not less than 18 years of age, shall have the right to be registered as a voter and to vote in public elections and referenda under this Constitution. The Legislature shall enact laws indicating the category of Liberians who shall not form or become members of political parties. Additionally, Article 80 c “Every Liberian citizen shall have the right to be registered in a constituency, and to vote in public elections only in the constituency where registered, either in person or by absentee ballot; provided that such citizen shall have the right to change his voting constituency as may be prescribed by the Legislature.”

### **Number of registered voters?**

To date, there are 307,254 Total registered voters in Nimba County. 262 Voting precinct

### **What are the campaign expenditure and donation limits?**

Chapter 7 NEL: Election Campaign Expensive (amended).

Section 7.5: Election campaign contributions and reports

7.5,1: No artificial person shall contribute more than US\$ 100,000.00 or its equivalent in Liberian dollars in total to a party and its candidates or independent candidates for use in and election campaign.

2. Every registered political party that has nominated a candidate and every independent candidate shall maintain a record of contributions in the form prescribed by the commission. Section 7.6: every registered political party that has nominated a candidate and every independent candidate shall maintain a record for every expense incurred in the party's election campaign or independent candidate in the election campaign in the form prescribed by the commission.

Section 7.7: Every registered political party that has nominated a candidate and every independent candidate shall report to the commission the contributions recorded under Section 7.5 and the expenses recorded under 7.6 in the form presented by the commission.

### **What is the election management body and its power?**

#### **Constitutional Power**

Article 37 of the Liberia Constitution gives exclusive authority to the National Election Commission as the legal government agency clothed with authority to conduct elections for all elective public offices and administer and enforce all elections through the Liberian Republic. Additionally, Article 82 c states “The Elections Commission shall have the power to examine and order certified audits of the financial transactions of political parties and independent candidates and their organizations. The commission shall prescribe the kinds of records to be kept and the way they shall be conducted by a certified chartered public accountant, not a member of any political party .”