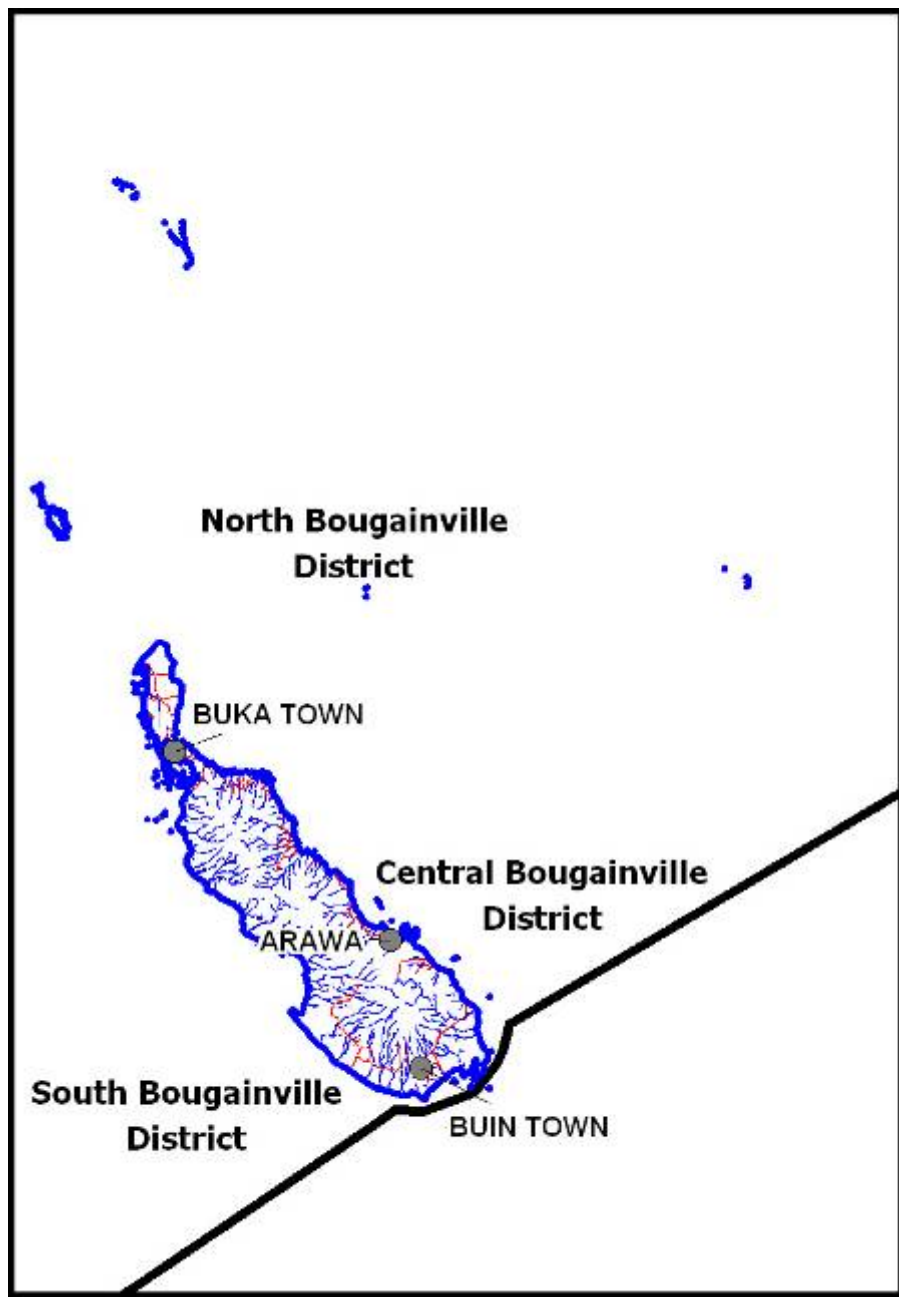


Autonomous Region of Bougainville



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General Information

Administration

Provincial headquarters: Buka
Number of districts: 3 - Central Bougainville, North Bougainville, South Bougainville
Number of LLGs: 12
Number of wards: 71

Population

		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	175160	51.4	48.6
< 15 years	76263	52.2	47.8
15-64 years	92191	52.3	47.7
> 65 years	4464	51.4	48.6
Citizen households	30932		

Area and population density

Area (km ²)	9384
Occupied area (km ²)	5039
Population per km ²	18.7
Population per km ² of occupied area	34.8

Average annual population growth rate (1980-2000): 1.5

About the Autonomous Region of Bougainville

The Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARB) includes the main island of Bougainville, the large island of Buka and the surrounding Nissan, Nuguria, Tulun, Takuu and Nukumanu Islands. The main island has the Emperor and Crown Prince Ranges in the middle, with fertile plains nearer to the coast.

The provincial member is Mr. Fidelis Semoso, who ran for election as an independent but later joined the National Alliance Party. The sitting member was Mr. Leo Hannet, who won a by-election after the resignation of Fr. John Momis. ARB's special governance arrangements are not featured here.

High incomes can be earned in Buka and in the north of Bougainville and moderate incomes can be earned in the south west from the sale of cocoa, copra, food, betel nut and fish. The islands have comparatively low incomes. There is potential for the further development of mining, cocoa plantations and forestry which could provide additional incomes in the future.

Roads cover most of the north coast and parts of the south coast of the main island. However, conditions are variable. Buka Island also has a network of roads. People still rely heavily on water transport along the coast and to the islands.

Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	86539
Number of votes cast (2002)	49636
2002 Electoral Roll	129299
Number of votes cast (2007)	54839
2007 Electoral Roll	126867

Education

Type and number of schools

Elementary	342
Community	8
Primary	199
Provincial high	7
Secondary	3
Vocational	7

Universal basic education indicators (%)

Net admission rate	6.7%
Gross enrolment rate	109.5%
Net enrolment rate	68.4%

Literacy rate (%)

Total	Male	Female
76.7	78.4	75.0

Health

Number and population per facility

Health centres	32	5474
Aid posts	115	1523

Number and population per officer

Medical officers	8	21895
Nursing officers	130	1347

Mortality rates (per 1000)

Under 5 mortality rate	74
Infant mortality rate (under 1 year)	55
Child mortality rate (1-4 years of age)	19

Life expectancy (years)

Total	Male	Female
59.6	58.8	60.4

Economic Activity

Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Coconut	79.5	43.7
Food crops	76.7	14.3
Cocoa	71.0	69.5
Betel nut	64.9	16.5
Poultry	55.8	10.8

*of total citizen households

Infrastructure

Electricity customers	570
Percent of population within 5km of a national road	41.1

Central Bougainville District

General Information

Administration

District headquarters: Arawa/Kieta
Number of LLGs: 2 - Wakunai, Arawa
Number of wards: 19

Population

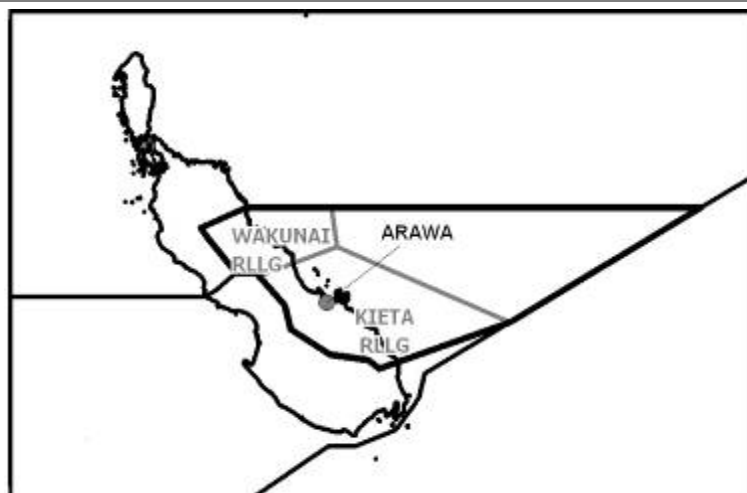
		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	41485	52.1	47.9
< 15 years	17919	52.6	47.4
15-64 years	23568	51.7	48.3
> 65 years	793	57.5	42.5
Citizen households	7722		

Area and population density

Area (km ²)	2592
Occupied area (km ²)	1476
Population per km ²	16.0
Population per km ² of occupied area	28.1

Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	20700
Number of votes cast (2002)	8006
Number of votes cast (2007)	12167



About Central Bougainville

Central Bougainville includes the Crown Prince Mountains and the valleys of the Lalau, Aropa, Pinei, Arakawau, Vito and Wakunai Rivers. Along the coast, it stretches from Cape Nehus to Lalau Point.

The district member is Mr. Jim Miringtoro of the People's Democratic Movement Party. The member between 2002 and 2007 was Mr. Samuel Akoitai.

High incomes from cocoa, copra, food, betel nut and fish can be earned along the coast and in the Wakunai Valley, while in the more distant parts of the district incomes are low. Potential incomes could be derived if mining, forestry and plantation operations were developed.

Education

Type and number of schools

Elementary	83
Community	3
Primary	65
Provincial high school	4
Vocational	3

Universal basic education indicators

Net admission rate	7.7%
Gross enrolment rate	130.8%
Net enrolment rate	76.9%

Literacy rate

Total	Male (%)	Female (%)
74.6	76.8	72.2

Health

Number and population per officer

Medical officers	6	6914
Nursing officers	86	482

Number and population per facility

Health centres	13	3191
Aid posts	46	902

Infrastructure

Road access

Roads cover the coastal areas along the length of the district, and to the Panguna mine site. Water transport is also common in coastal areas. Some areas, particularly near the Crown Prince Mountains, require up to eight hours travel to a service centre.

Economic Activity

Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Food crops	80.2	15.8
Coconut	74.5	38.9
Cocoa	69.6	68.5
Betel nut	64.4	15.0
Poultry	59.5	12.1

*of total citizen households

North Bougainville District

General Information

Administration

District headquarters: Buka
Number of LLGs: 6 - Tinputz, Selau Suir, Kunua, Buka, Nissan Atolls
Number of wards: 27

Population

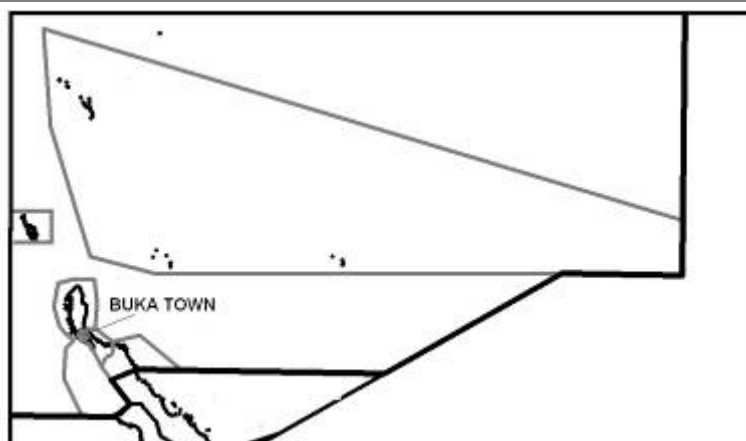
		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	73091	51.2	48.8
< 15 years	32482	51.7	48.3
15-64 years	36075	55.0	45.0
> 65 years	1497	52.5	47.5
Citizen households	11894		

Area and population density

Area (km ²)	3007
Occupied area (km ²)	1645
Population per km ²	24.3
Population per km ² of occupied area	44.4

Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	35382
Number of votes cast (2002)	21832
Number of votes cast (2007)	25370



About North Bougainville

North Bougainville covers Buka Island and the northern end of Bougainville Island as well as the smaller Nissan, Nuguria, Takuu, Nukumanu and Tulun Islands.

The district member is Mr. Michael Ogio, a member of the Peoples' Democratic Movement Party and the Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology. He was a previous member for this district. However, the member between 2002 and 2007 was Mr. James Togel.

People on Buka Island and the north east coast of Bougainville can earn high incomes from copra, cocoa, food, betel nut and fish, while those on the islands earn very low incomes from sales of fish and copra.

Education

Type and number of schools

Elementary	137
Community	3
Primary	65
Provincial high school	1
Vocational	3

Universal basic education indicators

Net admission rate	5.5%
Gross enrolment rate	95.6%
Net enrolment rate	63.5%

Literacy rate

Total	Male (%)	Female (%)
79.8	81.2	78.3

Health

Number and population per officer

Medical officers	2	36546
Nursing officers	13	5622

Number and population per facility

Health centres	5	14618
Aid posts	31	2358

Infrastructure

Road access

Good roads service Buka Island and the north eastern coast of Bougainville. Those on Bougainville Island are up to eight hours travel to a service centre, whereas the more remote islands are over a day away from a service centre.

Economic Activity

Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Coconut	82.9	69.5
Food crops	78.1	12.7
Betel nut	70.7	25.4
Cocoa	64.0	61.6
Fishing	49.8	8.8

*of total citizen households

South Bougainville District

General Information

Administration

District headquarters: Buin
Number of LLGs: 4 - Buin, Siwai, Bana, Torokina
Number of wards: 25

Population

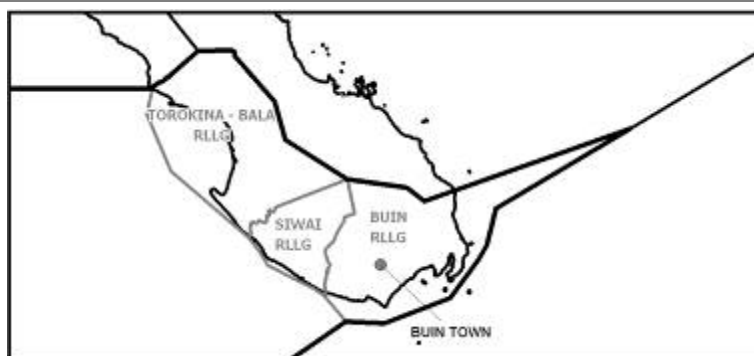
		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	60584	51.1	48.9
< 15 years	25862	52.8	47.2
15-64 years	32548	49.8	50.2
> 65 years	2174	51.9	48.1
Citizen households	11316		

Area and population density

Area (km ²)	3785
Occupied area (km ²)	1918
Population per km ²	16.0
Population per km ² of occupied area	31.6

Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	30457
Number of votes cast (2002)	19830
Number of votes cast (2007)	17921



About South Bougainville

South Bougainville occupies the south western corner of Bougainville Island. It covers the Crown Prince Range and Deuro Range and the coastal areas from Laruma Point to Lalua Point.

The district member is Mr. Steven Kamma of the New Generation Party. His victory came after a recount. Mr. Michael Laimo, the member between 2002 and 2007, had initially been declared the winner.

Incomes are moderate in the district, derived from cocoa and food. However, they have the potential to be greater with the revival of the mining, forestry and or plantation industries.

Education

Type and number of schools

Elementary	122
Community	2
Primary	69
Provincial high school	2
Vocational	1

Universal basic education indicators

Net admission rate	7.5%
Gross enrolment rate	111.7%
Net enrolment rate	68.5%

Literacy rate

Total	Male (%)	Female (%)
74.6	76.3	72.9

Health

Number and population per officer

Medical officers	0	n/a
Nursing officers	31	1954

Number and population per facility

Health centres	14	4327
Aid posts	38	1594

Infrastructure

Road access

Good roads service the southern areas of the district and are improving, while water transport is common in coastal areas. Arawa town is within eight hours travel of all people living in South Bougainville.

Economic Activity

Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Coconut	79.4	19.8
Cocoa	79.1	78.6
Food crops	72.9	14.9
Poultry	68.4	16.4
Livestock	65.3	34.3

*of total citizen households