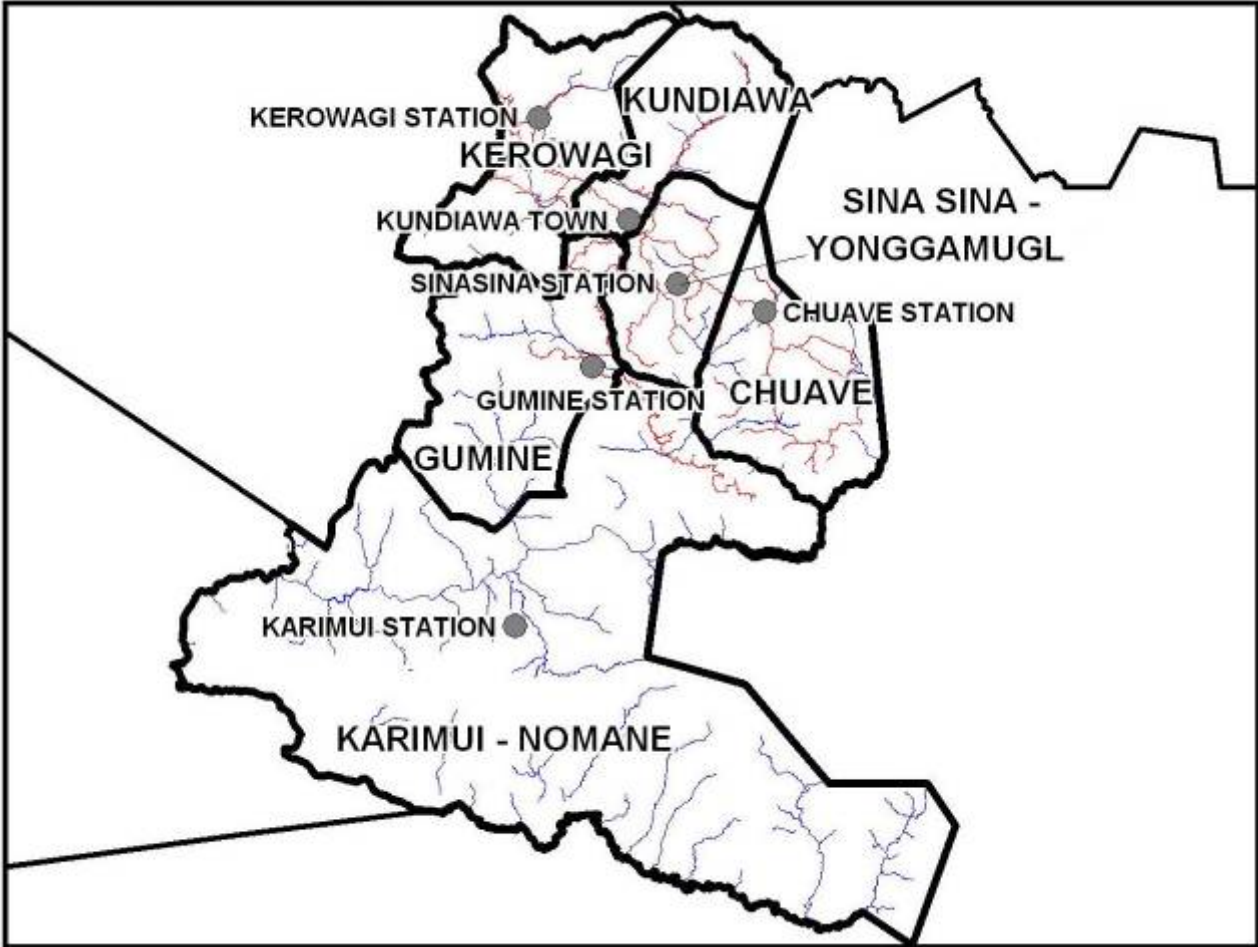


# Simbu Province



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## General Information

### Administration

<b>Provincial headquarters:</b> Kundiawa
<b>Number of districts:</b> 6 - Chuave, Gumine, Karimui Nomane, Kerowagi, Kundiawa, Sinasina Yonggamugl
<b>Number of LLGs:</b> 20
<b>Number of wards:</b> 308

### Population

		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	259703	52.0	48.0
< 15 years	89278	53.3	46.7
15-64 years	160194	50.7	49.3
> 65 years	10231	52.0	48.0
Citizen households	54472		

### Area and population density

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	6112
Occupied area (km <sup>2</sup> )	2575
Population per km <sup>2</sup>	42.5
Population per km <sup>2</sup> of occupied area	100.9

**Average annual population growth rate (1980-2000):** 1.9

## About Simbu

Simbu Province includes the highest mountain in PNG, Mt. Wilhelm, in the Wilhelm Range in the north. The densely settled Wahgi Valley is in the west of the province, and the lowlands near Karimui, and the Purari Valley are in the south.

The provincial member is Fr. John Garia, of the PNG Party. The member between 2002 and 2007 was Mr. Peter K. Launa.

There are pockets of agricultural activity in the north which earn high incomes from the sale of coffee and food. However, the rest of the province earns relatively low incomes. Some income earning opportunities are also available along the Highlands Highway running PMVs and tradestores.

A network of roads, including the Highlands Highway, covers most of the northern areas of Simbu Province. The Wahgi River Gorge divides the province south of Kundiawa. The small township of Karimui, in the centre of Karimui Nomane District is not linked by road to anywhere else in the province. A mostly impassable road also leads north to Usino in Madang.

### Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	155374
Number of votes cast (2002)	443618
2002 Electoral Roll	451775
Number of votes cast (2007)	219385
2007 Electoral Roll	228187

## Education

### Type and number of schools

Elementary	286
Community	36
Primary	105
Provincial high	13
Secondary	3
Vocational	9

### Universal basic education indicators (%)

Net admission rate	30.5%
Gross enrolment rate	71.5%
Net enrolment rate	60.0%

### Literacy rate (%)

Total	Male	Female
41.8	48.7	34.5

## Health

### Number and population per facility

Health centres	31	9619
Aid posts	37	7019

### Number and population per officer

Medical officers	7	37100
Nursing officers	111	2340

### Mortality rates (per 1000)

Under 5 mortality rate	73
Infant mortality rate (under 1 year)	54
Child mortality rate (1-4 years of age)	19

### Life expectancy (years)

Total	Male	Female
56.8	56.8	56.8

## Economic Activity

### Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Coffee	87.8	85.3
Food crops	81.2	7.9
Livestock	72.8	4.9
Poultry	25.6	5.9
Betel nut	3.3	1.6

\*of total citizen households

## Infrastructure

Electricity customers	1721
Percent of population within 5km of a national road	72.3

# Chuave District

## General Information

### Administration

<b>District headquarters:</b> Chuave
<b>Number of LLGs:</b> 3 - Chuave Rural, Elimbari Rural, Siane Rural
<b>Number of wards:</b> 56

### Population

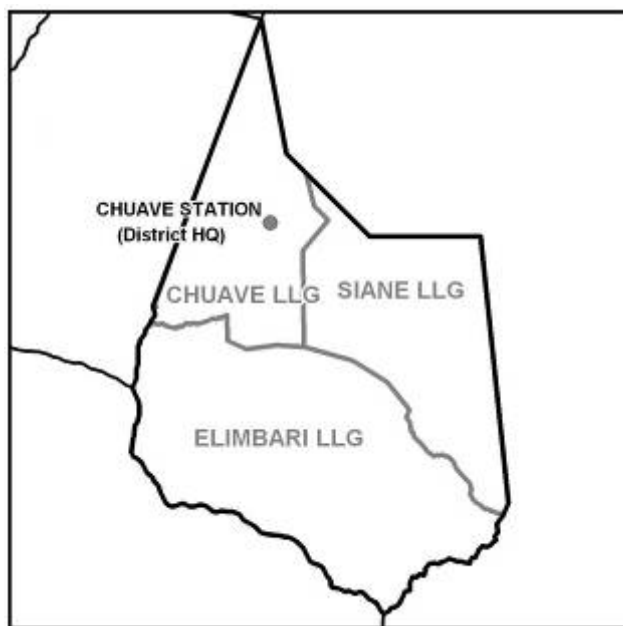
		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	36074	51.3	48.7
< 15 years	11220	53.0	47.0
15-64 years	23035	49.7	50.3
> 65 years	1819	60.9	39.1
Citizen households	9396		

### Area and population density

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	550
Occupied area (km <sup>2</sup> )	458
Population per km <sup>2</sup>	
Population per km <sup>2</sup> of occupied area	

### Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	23147
Number of votes cast (2002)	49971
Number of votes cast (2007)	31066



## About Chuave

Chuave District in the east of Simbu Province shares an eastern border with Eastern Highlands Province. It covers the Elimbari Range and the tributary rivers that flow into the Wahgi River.

The district member is Mr. Jim Nomane, who contested the election with the PNG Country Party, which has now joined the Pangu Party. The member between 2002 and 2007 was Mr. David Ango.

Low and moderate incomes can be earned in the district from coffee and food, with some established small holder activities. The potential for land cultivation is moderate and access to services and markets is good.

## Education

### Type and number of schools

Elementary	35
Community	6
Primary	16
Provincial high school	1
Vocational	1

### Universal basic education indicators

Net admission rate	23.6%
Gross enrolment rate	74.4%
Net enrolment rate	64.5%

### Literacy rate

Total	Male (%)	Female (%)
34.9	43.3	26.1

## Health

### Number and population per officer

Medical officers	0	n/a
Nursing officers	6	6012

### Number and population per facility

Health centres	3	12025
Aid posts	7	5153

## Infrastructure

### Road access

With the Highlands Highway running through the district and another road around Mt. Elimbari, all people in Chauve require less than four hours travel to a major service centre.

## Economic Activity

### Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Coffee	96.7	95.8
Food crops	88.6	4.8
Livestock	75.3	2.2
Poultry	11.8	2.7
Betel nut	2.8	1.8

\*of total citizen households

# Gumine District

## General Information

### Administration

**District headquarters:** Gumine  
**Number of LLGs:** 3 – Bomai Kumai Rural, Gumine Rural, Mt Digne Rural  
**Number of wards:** 46

### Population

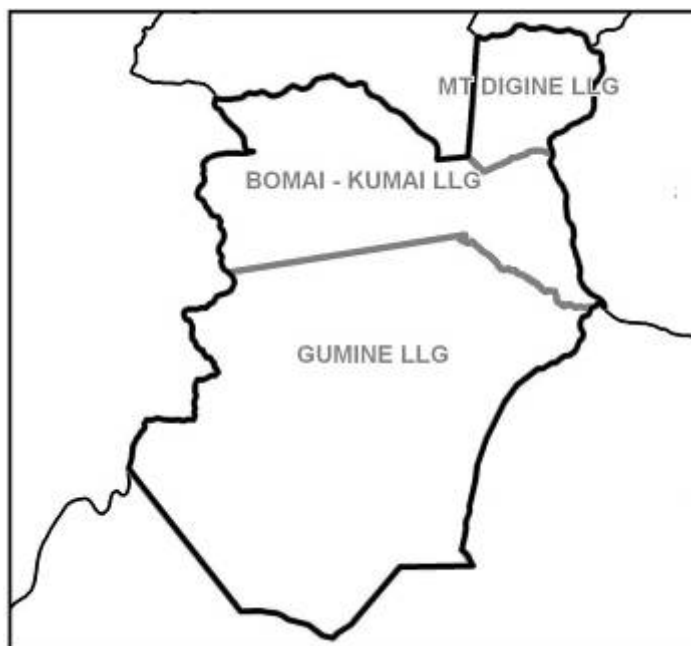
		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	35976	51.9	48.1
< 15 years	11808	53.9	46.1
15-64 years	22695	50.2	49.8
> 65 years	1473	61.7	38.3
Citizen households	7936		

### Area and population density

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	708
Occupied area (km <sup>2</sup> )	373
Population per km <sup>2</sup>	50.8
Population per km <sup>2</sup> of occupied area	96.5

### Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	22013
Number of votes cast (2002)	79584
Number of votes cast (2007)	32732



## About Gumine

Gumine District shares a border with Western Highlands Province and encompasses the Oima-Maril Divide in the south and the Wahgi, Maril and Mon Valleys in the north.

The district member is Mr. Dawa Lucas Dekene, of the National Alliance. The member between 2002 and 2007 was Mr. Nick Kuman.

Low and moderate incomes can be earned in the district from coffee, food, firewood and livestock, with some established small holder activities. Land potential is moderate, however, access to services and markets in the north of the district is good.

## Education

### Type and number of schools

Elementary	31
Community	7
Primary	14
Provincial high school	2
Vocational	1

### Universal basic education indicators

Net admission rate	29.7%
Gross enrolment rate	62.9%
Net enrolment rate	53.1%

### Literacy rate

Total	Male (%)	Female (%)
36.4	41.9	30.6

## Health

### Number and population per officer

Medical officers	0	n/a
Nursing officers	3	11992

### Number and population per facility

Health centres	6	5996
Aid posts	5	7195

## Infrastructure

### Road access

A road links Gumine to Kundiawa giving the north of the district good transport access. However, people living on the Oima-Maril Divide are more remote, needing up to eight hours travel to a service centre.

## Economic Activity

### Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Coffee	92.7	88.8
Food crops	72.1	6.1
Livestock	67.6	5.8
Poultry	21.2	4.7
Fishing	4.8	0.4

\*of total citizen households

# Karimui Nomane District

## General Information

### Administration

**District headquarters:** Karimui  
**Number of LLGs:** 3 - Karimui Rural, Nomane Rural, Salt Rural  
**Number of wards:** 64

### Population

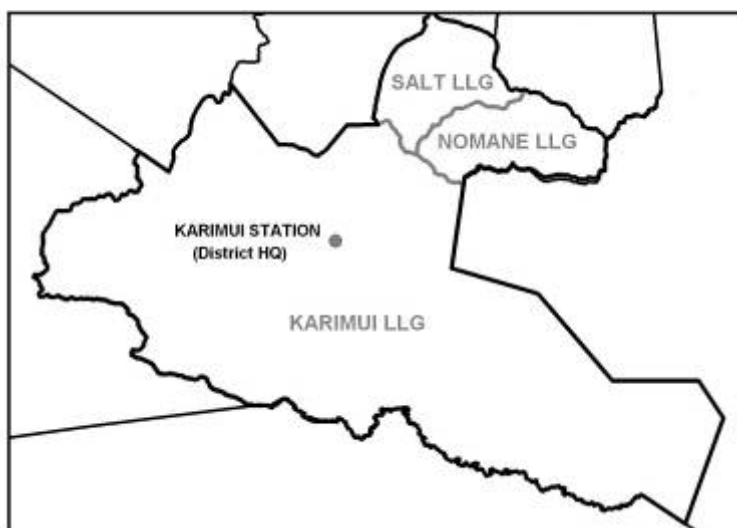
		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	36334	51.9	48.1
< 15 years	13440	53.4	46.6
15-64 years	21998	50.7	49.3
> 65 years	896	60.3	39.7
Citizen households	6682		

### Area and population density

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	3474
Occupied area (km <sup>2</sup> )	860
Population per km <sup>2</sup>	10.5
Population per km <sup>2</sup> of occupied area	42.2

### Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	20716
Number of votes cast (2002)	52344
Number of votes cast (2007)	29966



## About Karimui Nomane

Karimui Nomane District is by far the largest district in Simbu Province, covering the south of the province including the Wahgi, Tua, Oima, Purari, Koma and Pio Valleys and the Karimui Plateau.

The district member is Mr. Posi Menai, a member of the People's Action Party. This is his second term.

Low to very low incomes in the district come from coffee and food, with few opportunities for agricultural development in the province, especially with access to markets being poor.

## Education

### Type and number of schools

Elementary	45
Community	9
Primary	12
Provincial high school	2
Vocational	1

### Universal basic education indicators

Net admission rate	16.2%
Gross enrolment rate	56.4%
Net enrolment rate	48.2%

### Literacy rate

Total	Male (%)	Female (%)
24.2	32.4	14.4

## Health

### Number and population per officer

Medical officers	0	n/a
Nursing officers	7	5191

### Number and population per facility

Health centres	6	6056
Aid posts	5	7267

## Infrastructure

### Road access

A road runs from Gumine District to Nomane. However, the town of Karimui has limited services and is not linked to other service centres by road. The people in the Pio Valley are very remote.

## Economic Activity

### Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Coffee	95.1	92.6
Food crops	88.8	5.8
Livestock	77.5	6.9
Poultry	38.2	7.4
Betel nut	3.6	1.7

\*of total citizen households

# Kerowagi District

## General Information

### Administration

<b>District headquarters:</b> Kerowagi
<b>Number of LLGs:</b> 4 – Gena Waugla Rural, Kerowagi Urban, Kup Rural, Lower Upper Koronigl Rural
<b>Number of wards:</b> 42

### Population

		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	54850	52.2	47.8
< 15 years	19919	53.7	46.3
15-64 years	33333	50.9	49.1
> 65 years	1598	59.6	40.4
Citizen households	10206		

### Area and population density

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	547
Occupied area (km <sup>2</sup> )	349
Population per km <sup>2</sup>	100.3
Population per km <sup>2</sup> of occupied area	157.2

### Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	31399
Number of votes cast (2002)	81107
Number of votes cast (2007)	41414



## About Kerowagi

Kerowagi District shares a border with Western Highlands Province in the north west of Simbu Province. It includes parts of the Kubor Range, the Sepik-Wahgi Divide and the Wahgi, Koronigl, Sinaga, and Omge Valleys.

The district member is Mr. Guma Wau, a member of the United Resources Party. The member between 2002 and 2007 was Mr. Alphonse Willie.

Incomes earned from coffee and fresh food, including small holder activities, are high in the Wahgi Valley. However higher altitude areas have less potential for agriculture and earn only low incomes.

## Education

### Type and number of schools

Elementary	61
Community	8
Primary	26
Provincial high school	2
Vocational	3

### Universal basic education indicators

Net admission rate	20.3%
Gross enrolment rate	65.0%
Net enrolment rate	48.2%

### Literacy rate

Total	Male (%)	Female (%)
49.6	55.0	43.7

## Health

### Number and population per officer

Medical officers	0	n/a
Nursing officers	29	1891

### Number and population per facility

Health centres	6	9142
Aid posts	8	6856

## Infrastructure

### Road access

The Highlands Highway, which runs through the Wahgi Valley, links to roads covering much of the district. All people in the district have good transport access to a major service centre.

## Economic Activity

### Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Coffee	87.8	84.0
Food crops	83.0	9.7
Livestock	75.2	5.8
Poultry	34.9	9.3
Betel nut	4.6	2.5

\*of total citizen households

# Kundiawa District

## General Information

### Administration

**District headquarters:** Kundiawa  
**Number of LLGs:** 4 - Kundiawa Urban, Mt Wilhelm Rural, Niglkande Rural, Waiye Rural  
**Number of wards:** 51

### Population

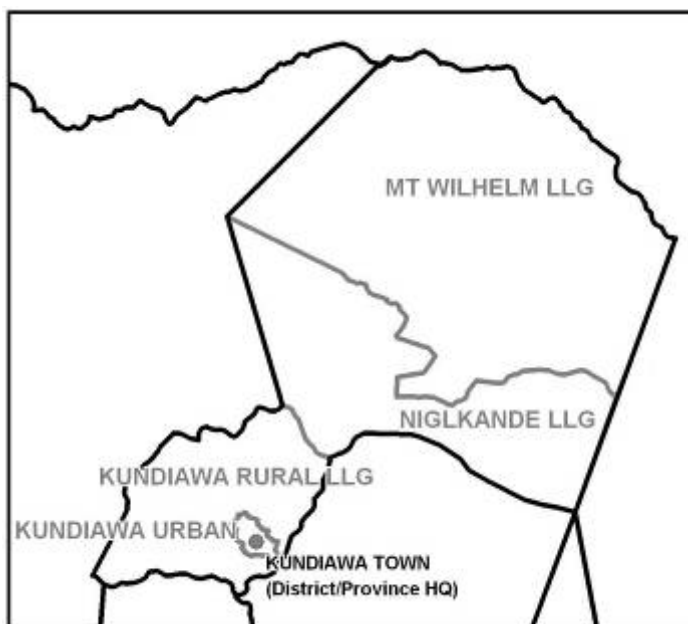
		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	58454	52.4	47.6
< 15 years	20392	52.4	47.6
15-64 years	35570	52.0	48.0
> 65 years	2492	58.3	41.7
Citizen households	11632		

### Area and population density

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	475
Occupied area (km <sup>2</sup> )	231
Population per km <sup>2</sup>	123.1
Population per km <sup>2</sup> of occupied area	253.0

### Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	34440
Number of votes cast (2002)	99642
Number of votes cast (2007)	53303



## About Kundiawa

Kundiawa District is in the northeast corner of Simbu Province and covers parts of the Wahgi Valley, the Simbu Valley and the Sepik-Wahgi Divide including the highest peak in Papua New Guinea, Mt Wilhelm.

The district member is Mr. Joe Teine, a member of the People's National Party. The member between 2002 and 2007 was Mr. Matthew Siune.

High incomes can be earned from coffee and food in the Wahgi and lower Simbu Valleys, with some established small holder activities. However, people in the upper Simbu Valley earn low incomes due to the steep slopes and weather conditions, which limit the agricultural potential of the land.

## Education

### Type and number of schools

Elementary	75
Community	3
Primary	24
Provincial high school	3
Vocational	2

### Universal basic education indicators

Net admission rate	49.4%
Gross enrolment rate	92.1%
Net enrolment rate	79.5%

### Literacy rate

Total	Male (%)	Female (%)
55.0	60.7	48.5

## Health

### Number and population per officer

Medical officers	7	8351
Nursing officers	58	1008

### Number and population per facility

Health centres	7	8351
Aid posts	4	14614

## Infrastructure

### Road access

The Highlands Highway runs through the south, and a road also goes up the Simbu Valley, giving the whole district reasonable access to a major service centre. A road to Bundi in Madang Province is barely passable in dry weather.

## Economic Activity

### Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Food crops	75.4	13.4
Livestock	69.6	5.7
Coffee	68.1	66.0
Poultry	29.8	7.0
Betel nut	5.1	2.0

\*of total citizen households

# Sinasina Yonggamugl District

## General Information

### Administration

<b>District headquarters:</b> Yonggomugl
<b>Number of LLGs:</b> 3 - Sinasina Rural, Suwai Rural, Yonggomugl Rural
<b>Number of wards:</b> 49

### Population

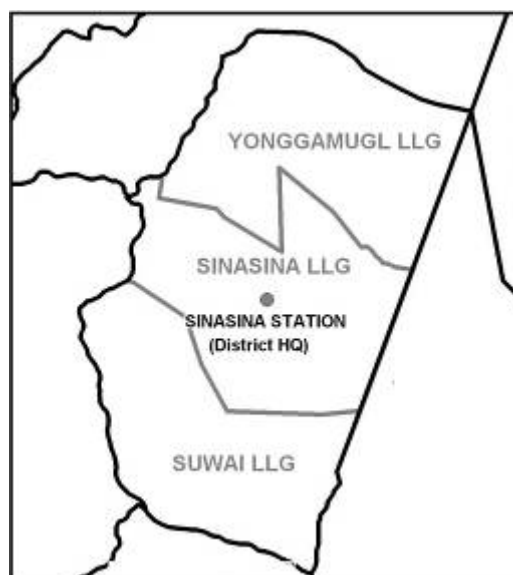
		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	38015	51.7	48.3
< 15 years	12499	53.7	46.3
15-64 years	23563	50.2	49.8
> 65 years	1953	58.6	41.4
Citizen households	8620		

### Area and population density

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	358
Occupied area (km <sup>2</sup> )	304
Population per km <sup>2</sup>	106.2
Population per km <sup>2</sup> of occupied area	125.0

### Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	23659
Number of votes cast (2002)	80032
Number of votes cast (2007)	37503



## About Sinasina Yonggamugl

Sinasina Yonggamugl District is in the centre of Simbu Province and encompasses the eastern tributary valleys of the Simbu River as well as the north eastern tributary valleys of the Wahgi.

The district member is Mr. Jeffery Nape, a member of the National Alliance Party and the current Speaker of Parliament. This is his second term.

High incomes can be earned from coffee and food along the Highlands Highway. The potential for land cultivation is high in the northwest, but low in the area south of Moaina, towards Gunangi, Don-Kagul and Silma and north of the Porol Mountain Ranges.

## Education

### Type and number of schools

Elementary	39
Community	3
Primary	13
Provincial high school	3
Vocational	1

### Universal basic education indicators

Net admission rate	37.3%
Gross enrolment rate	69.1%
Net enrolment rate	60.6%

### Literacy rate

Total	Male (%)	Female (%)
39.0	47.4	30.2

## Health

### Number and population per officer

Medical officers	0	n/a
Nursing officers	8	4752

### Number and population per facility

Health centres	3	12672
Aid posts	8	4752

## Infrastructure

### Road access

The Highlands Highway runs through the middle of the district giving all people reasonable transport access to a major service centre. The rural roads connecting to the highway are impassable in wet weather.

## Economic Activity

### Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Coffee	94.7	92.4
Food crops	81.5	5.1
Livestock	72.4	3.4
Poultry	18.5	3.7
Fishing	2.8	0.4

\*of total citizen households