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This chapter presents information collected on nationality, ethnicity and religion. During the census, individuals were asked about their nationality — Gambian or non-Gambian. Non-Gambians were further questioned about their country of origin. Gambians were asked about their place of birth, place of residence, previous residence, ethnicity and religion.

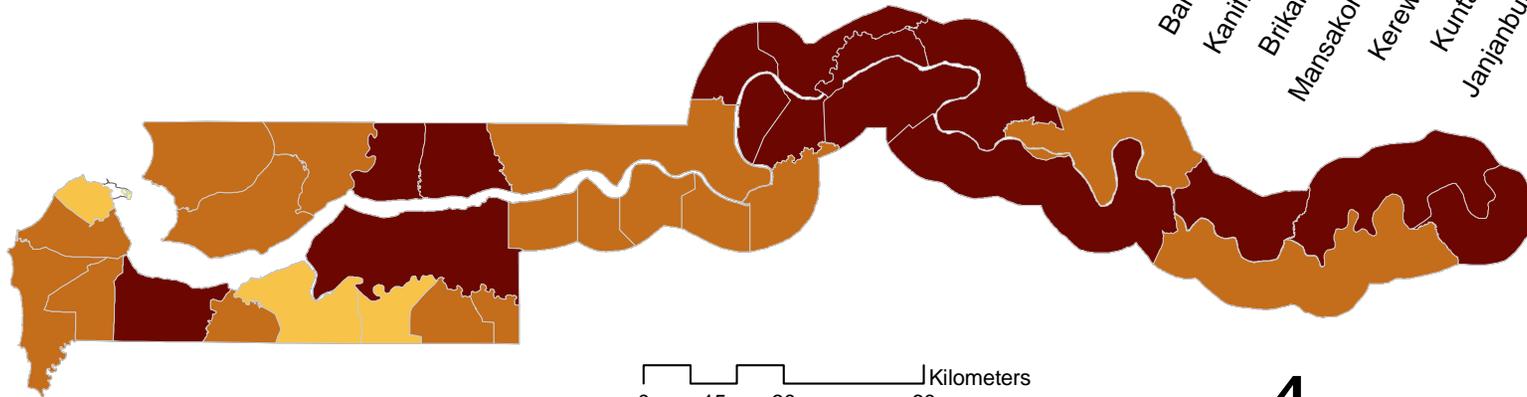
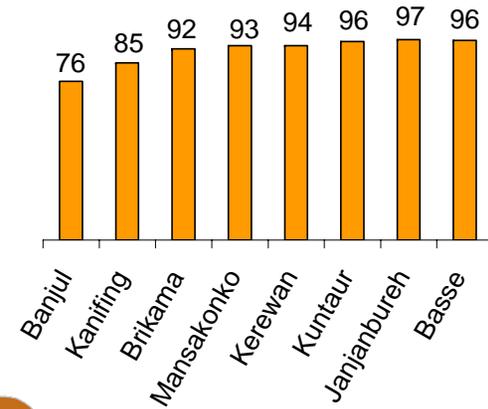
The following pages present information on the proportion of population that are Gambians and the distribution of the 5 main ethnic groups. The chapter concludes by presenting information on non-Gambians, migrants and religious affiliation.

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Population of Gambians in 2003

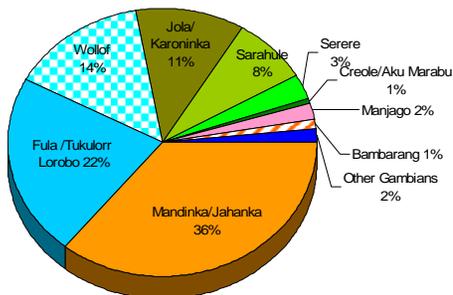
Ninety-one percent of all those enumerated in the census reported to be Gambian nationals. The percentage of Gambians was over 90% in all districts except in Banjul, Foni Bintang Karanai, Foni Kansala and Kanifing Municipality.

Proportion of Gambians by LGA in 2003



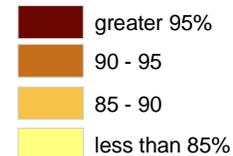
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Ethnicity of Gambians in 2003



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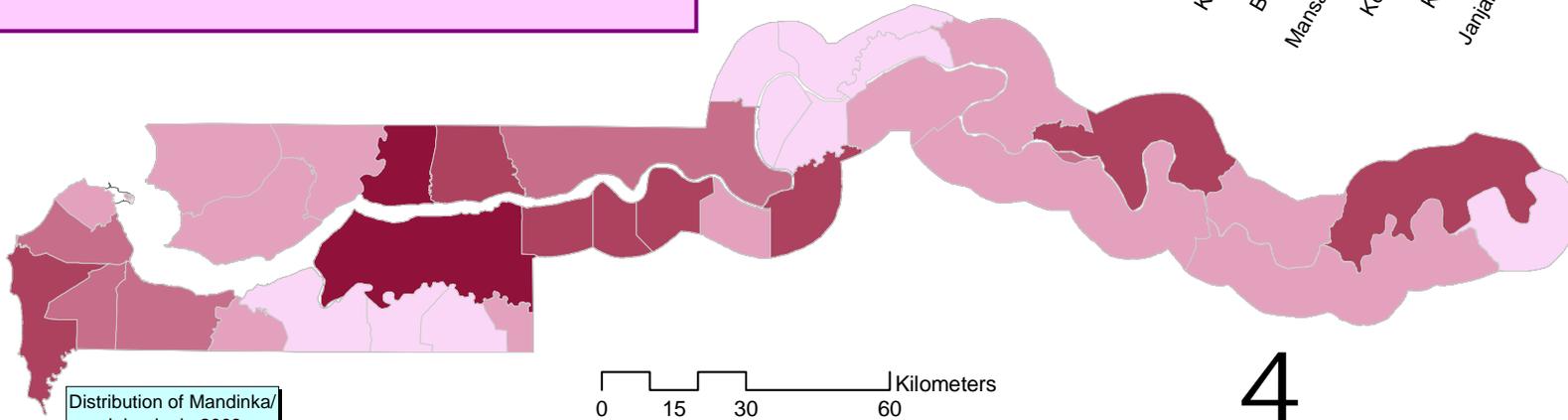
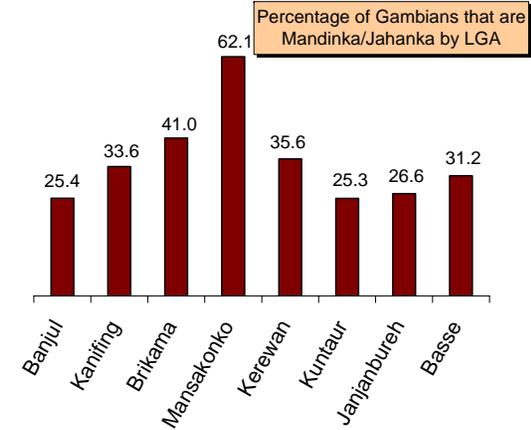
Percentage of the population that are Gambians National total = 91%



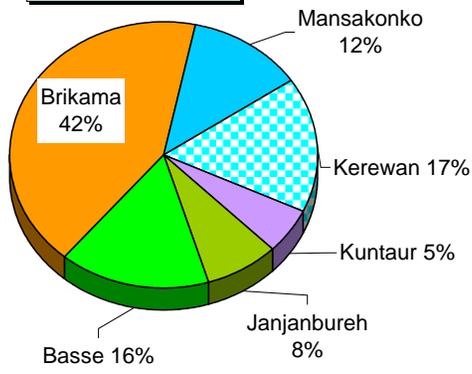
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Distribution of Mandinka/Jahanke population in 2003

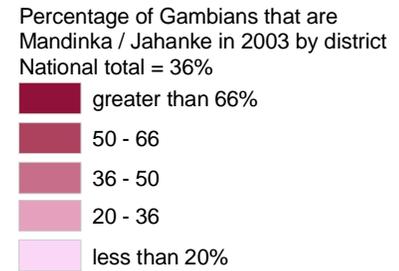
Thirty-six percent of Gambians reported to be Mandinka/Jahanke. Brikama has the largest population of Mandinka/Jahanke, constituting 33% of the national total. Mansakonko had the highest concentration with Mandinka/Jahanke constituting 62% of the LGA population. Thirty-six percent of all Mandinka/Jahanke live in Banjul, Kanifing Municipality and Kombo North.



Distribution of Mandinka/Jahanke in 2003



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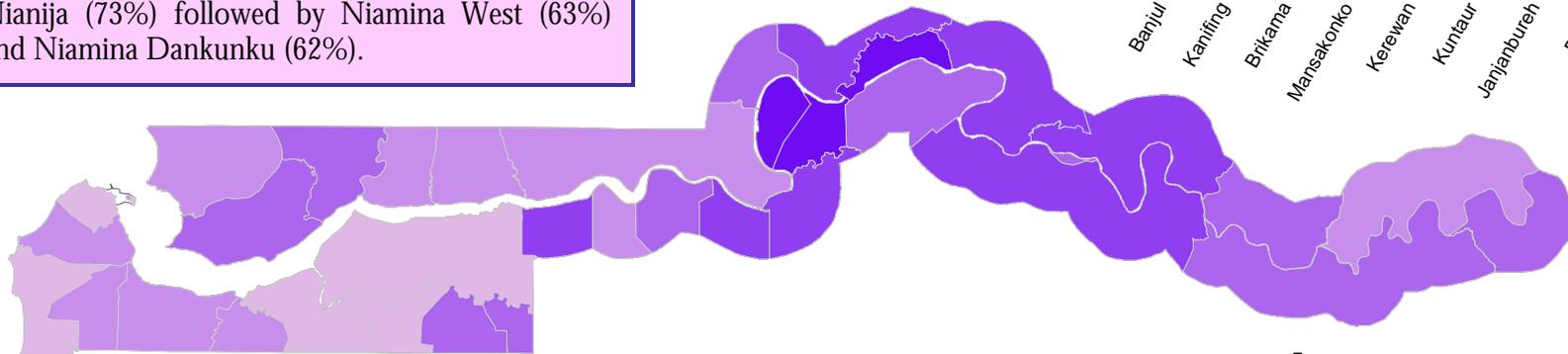
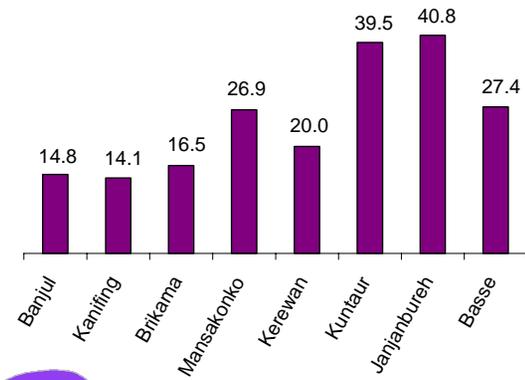


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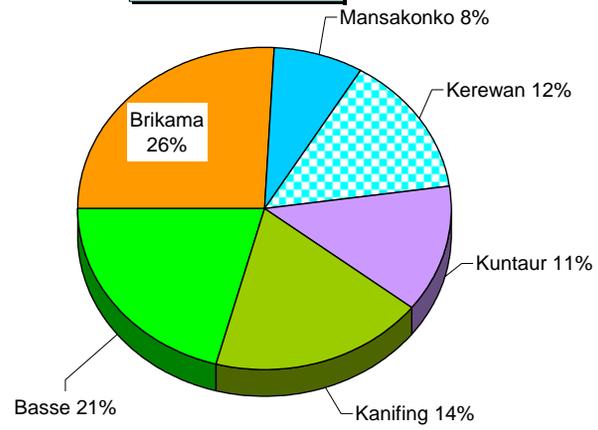
**Distribution of Fula, Tukolor/
Lorobo in 2003**

Twenty-two percent of Gambians reported to be Fula, Tukolor/Lorobo although there was no distinction between the three sub-groups. Brikama has the largest population of the group, 22% of the national total, followed by Basse (15%). Districts with high concentration of Fula/Tukolor include Nianija (73%) followed by Niamina West (63%) and Niamina Dankunku (62%).

Percentage of Gambians that are Fula, Tukolor/Lorobo in 2003

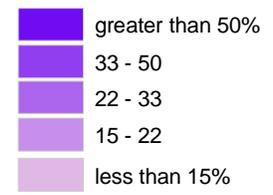


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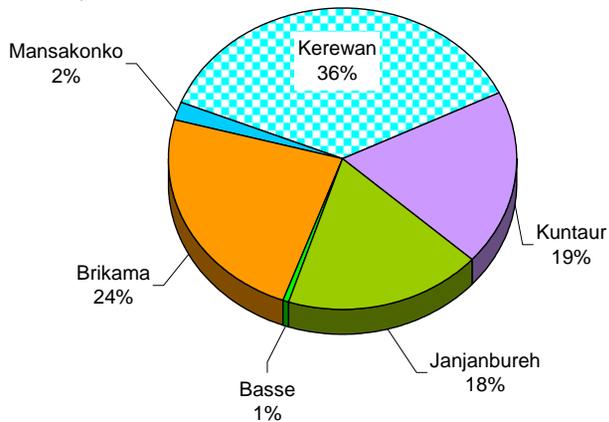
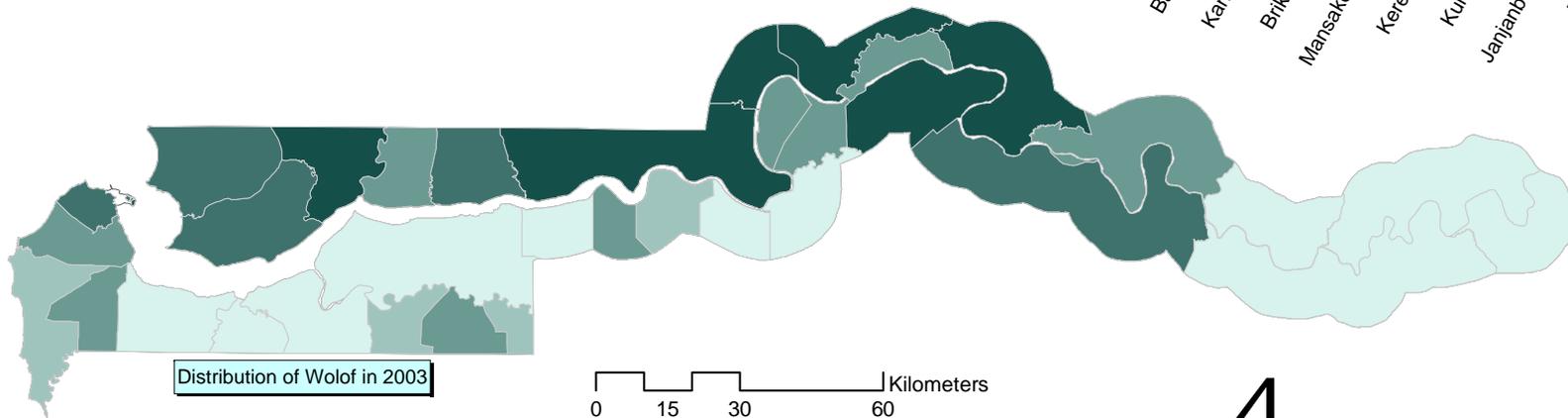
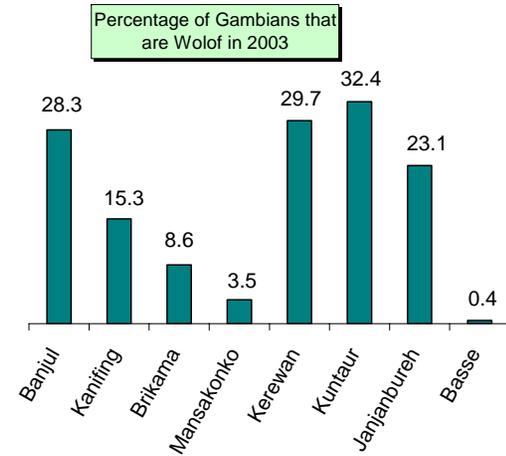
Percentage of Gambians that are Fula/Tukolor in 2003 by district
National total = 22%



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Distribution of Wolof in 2003

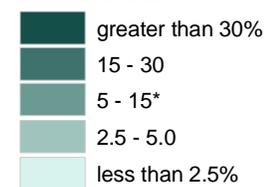
Fifteen percent of Gambians reported to be Wolof in 2003. Of these 28% live in Kerewan primarily, in Upper Baddibu and Lower Niumi districts, 23% in Kanifing Municipality and 17% in Brikama. Highest concentrations of Wolof are Kuntaur (32%), Kerewan (29.7%) and Banjul (28.3%).



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Percentage of Gambians that are Wolof in 2003

* National total = 15%

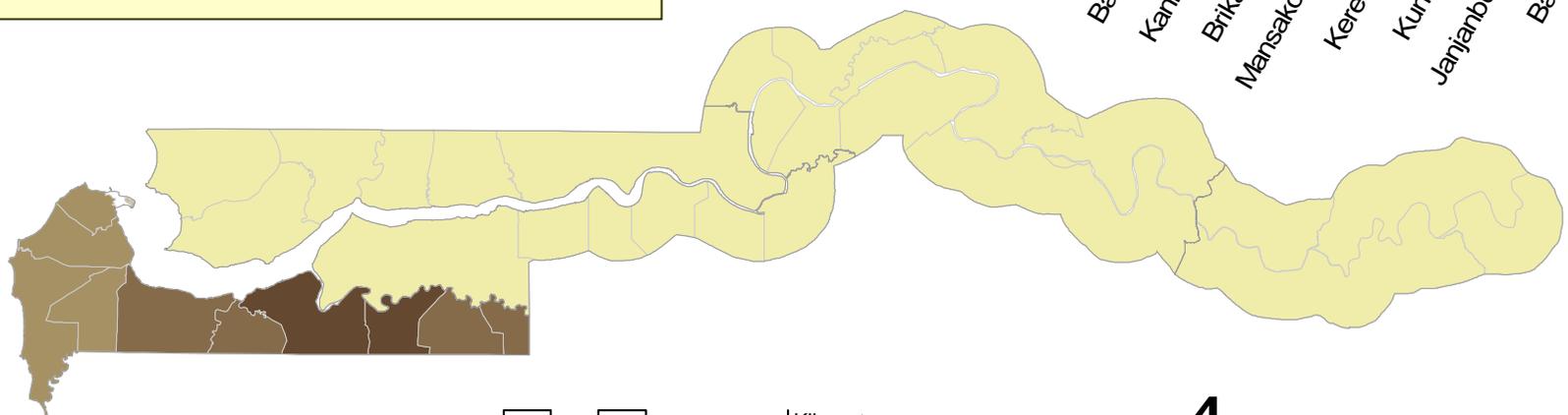
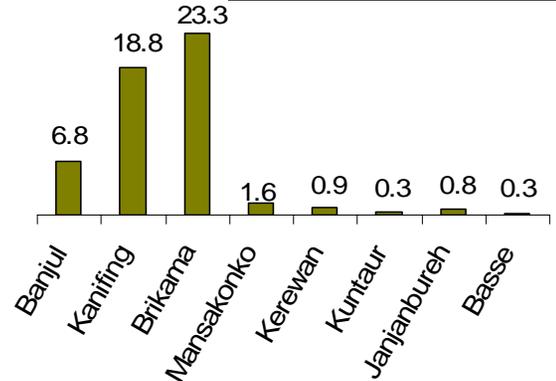


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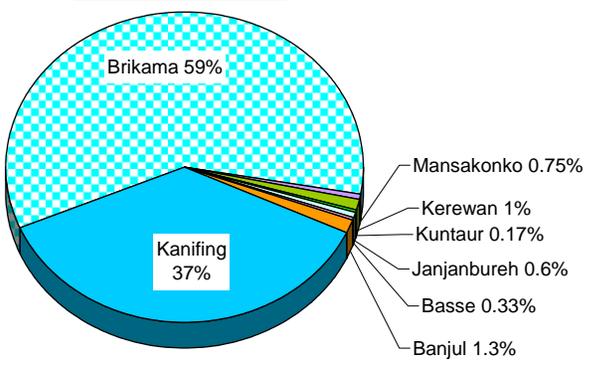
Distribution of Jola/Karoninka in 2003

Eleven percent of Gambians reported to be Jola / Karoninka although there was no distinction between the two sub-groups. Ninety-seven percent of Jola/Karoninka resides in Brikama and Kanifing. Districts with high concentration are Foni Bintang Karanai and Foni Kansala with Jola/Karoninka comprising 49% and 65% of their total population respectively.

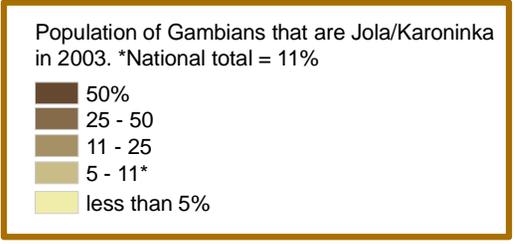
Percentage of Gambians that are Jola/Karoninka by LGA



Distribution of Jola/Karoninka in 2003



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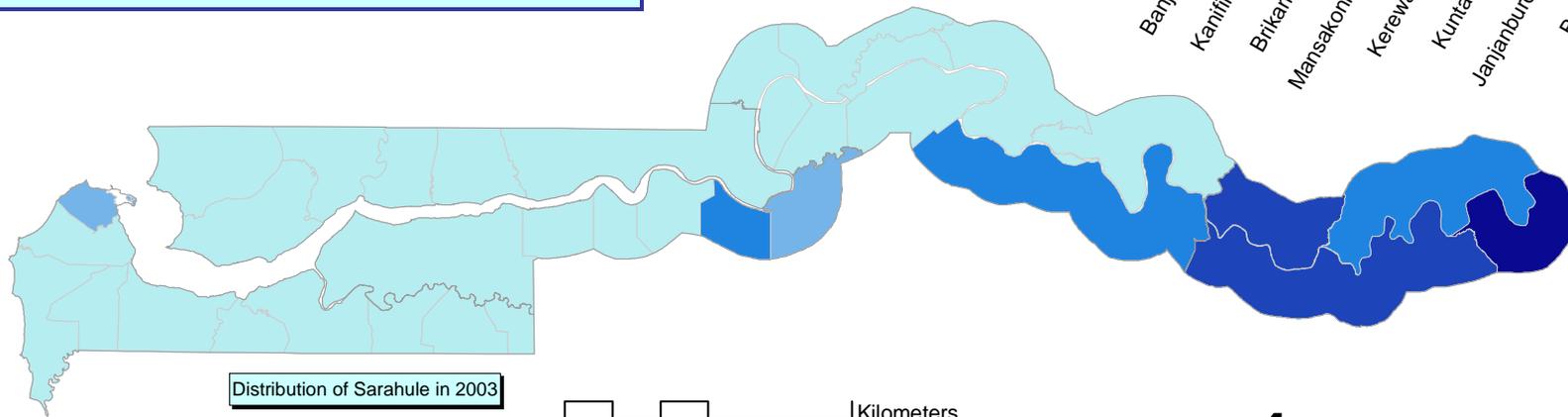
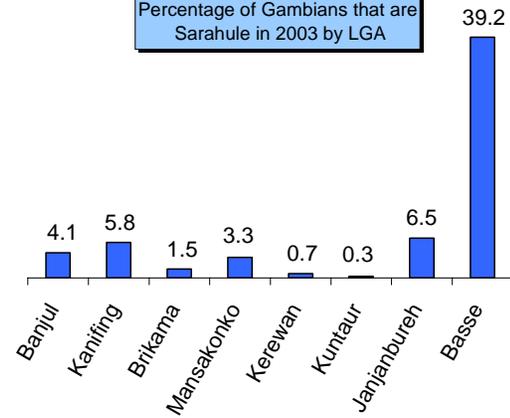


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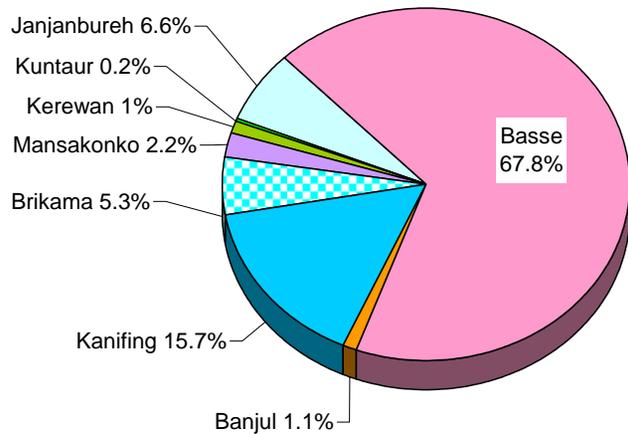
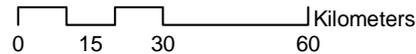
Distribution of Sarahule population in 2003

Eight percent of Gambians reported to be Sarahule in 2003. Over two-thirds of Sarahule (67.8%) reside in Basse followed by Janjanbureh (6.5%). Kantora district has the highest concentration of Sarahule (59%) to the district population.

Percentage of Gambians that are Sarahule in 2003 by LGA



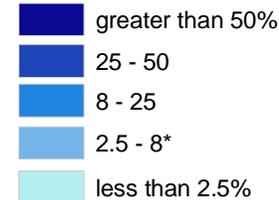
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Percentage of Gambians that are Sarahule in 2003 by district

* National total = 8%



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